

## MINUTES

### Highland Park West Balcones Area NA Board Meeting Yarborough Branch Library, January 9, 2017; 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Ty Allen, Wallis Goodman, Dawn Lewis, Jason Lindenschmidt, Piet Sybesma, George Zwicker, Chereen Fisher

Absent: Rebecca Spratlin, Noel Stout

**Approval of minutes:** George Zwicker moved to approve the October 3, 2016 Board Minutes and the November 7, 2016 Annual Meeting and Board Minutes, Jason Lindenschmidt seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously (7-0-2 absent).

#### **Neighbor Communications:**

Neighbor Kent Johnson presented on traffic concerns regarding the impending Grove development. Mr. Johnson presented slides which showed current traffic problems near the proposed development, and the projected impact of the anticipated 19,400 trips and the resulting gridlock, anticipated 19,400 trips. He noted that within 2-4 years, there will be significant increases in traffic as the Grove becomes developed. He also expressed concerns about erosion's impact on the designated parkland and Shoal Creek.

#### **Perry Art Sculpture Update**

Jessica Winslow of Friends of Perry Park announced that the tentative date for the sculptures to be installed is January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Based on that date, there is a volunteer workday in which folks are asked to come in and put limestone blocks and mulch. That date is January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. In early February, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Ms. Winslow is also developing some interpretive materials for the art park.

#### **Bull Creek Road Coalition (BCRC)**

Grayson Cox, Vice-President of the BCRC presented on the latest news concerning the Grove development. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting of BCRC at the Highland Village Church of Christ at 7 pm to discuss follow up BCRC meetings. Mr. Cox reported on the recent settlement agreement that the BCRC made with the Grove. The two parties had been encouraged by Mayor Adler to enter into mediation and seek some agreement. It was a long, arduous process. It was difficult as the process as there were some extraneous factors impacting the discussions. An agreement was reached, and the BCRC board approved the agreement—it was not what they had hoped for, but they felt that it was the best deal they could get given the obstacles they faced. Information about the agreement can be found at [www.bcrctx.org](http://www.bcrctx.org).

#### **Review, Discussion and Approval of Budget for 2017**

George Zwicker reviewed the 2016 budget and reviewed the potential changes for 2017. Funds were added to do a membership mail out to potential business members. The budget was increased for branding and granite markers and for the constable patrol. There were no additional funds allocated for park art. Chereen Fisher raised concern about the costs of certain services we helped provide, such as constable services. She suggested that we may want to raise dues in the future. Piet Sybesma moved to approve the budget with the changes and Dawn Lewis seconded. It was approved unanimously (7-0-2 absent).

### **Neighborhood Planning Audit**

There was a discussion about the audit with Wallis Goodman expressing concerns about the role of neighborhood associations and neighborhood planning. There was also discussion on the pros and cons of implementing a neighborhood plan.

### **President's Report**

Piet Sybesma reported that there will be a Commander's Forum Meeting on January 10 at McCallum High School and encouraged neighbors to attend.

The electronic mail voting authorization form, in accordance with the HPWBANA Bylaws, Article 4, Section 4.11, will be brought to the next Board meeting for signatures.

### **Events Committee:**

The committee is working on plans for the Annual HPWBANA Easter Egg hunt as well as the Movie in the Park.

### **Zoning Committee:**

A home has been purchased on Hancock, and the developer wants to put in a duplex, although the zoning is SF2. Noel Stout will send them a letter reminding the developer of subdivision plat notes/restrictions.

### **Other Business:**

George Zwicker reported that the City of Austin will not create a school zone on Hancock Drive. He would like to get documentation of other school zones in Austin that are not directly accessible to a school.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Lewis, Secretary and Jason Lindenschmidt, Vice-President