

## MINUTES

Highland Park West Balcones Area NA Board Meeting  
Old Quarry Branch Library, April 3, 2017; 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Wallis Goodman, Dawn Lewis, Jason Lindenschmidt, Noel Stout, Piet Sybesma, George Zwicker,

Absent: Ty Allen, Chereen Fisher, Rebecca Spratlin

**Approval of Minutes:** George Zwicker moved to approve the March minutes and Noel Stout seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Neighborhood Communications:** Alba Sereno, policy advisory for Council Member Alter was in attendance. She will be assisting Council Member Alter with Traffic and Mobility and Economic Development as well as Health and Human Services. Neighbor Mike Levy asked Ms. Sereno about traffic issues, sharing his concerns about the problems we are encountering in our neighborhood and the lack of response from the city.

**Egg Hunt:** Piet Sybesma reported that the egg hunt will be held on April 15th. Volunteers are needed for support.

**Code Next:** Dawn Lewis reported that the Code Next maps would be coming out on April 18th. The neighborhood will most likely be affected.

**Treasurers Report:** George Zwicker reported that our current balance is \$8,514.47. He is in the process of making sure the association files its Form 990.

**Communications:** Newsletter articles are due on the 12th of each month to Tammy Starling.

**Membership:** The membership letters went out this week.

**Beautification:** The Art Park Phase 2 dedication will most likely take place in mid-April. (Now scheduled for May 6)

**Web Master:** There are currently revisions being made to the website. Our three year renewal for the website will \$300.

**Community Liaison:** Camp Mabry will be hosting an event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and wants the neighbors to be aware of possible elevated activity.

**BCRC:** The BCRC is holding meetings to discuss traffic safety and mitigation improvements.

**Transportation:** George Zwicker reported that he has met with Jesse Duncan, transportation analyst at the City of Austin to inquire about the school zone issue. The response is that school zones are not intended to protect all transit areas for students to go to school, but only if they are adjacent to the school property. However, other schools have expanded school safety zones,

such as Bryker Woods and Rosedale. Board members George Zwicker and Noel Stout will meet with the principal of Highland Park to discuss the issue and garner support.

**Zoning and Planning:** Piet Sybesma plans to testify before the Zoning and Platting Committee about issues that will impact our neighborhood.

**3203 Hancock Drive:** The developer has submitted revised plans that are still under review. It is up to the neighbors to enforce plat notes and restrictions.

**New Business:** Neighbor Mike Levy commented that his biggest concern about our neighborhood is the risk of fire. He expressed concern about the lack of funding for public safety and expressed concerns about the lack of fire stations. There are negotiations about the City of Austin Fire Department contracting to provide service to ESD #4, incorporating some of the ESD 4 firefighters into AFD, and AFD utilizing the existing fire stations and equipment of ESD 4.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm