

**MINUTES**  
**Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**  
**Old Quarry Branch Library, October 2, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Ty Allen, Dawn Lewis, Chereen Fisher, Jason Lindenschmidt, Rebecca Spratlin, Noel Stout, Piet Sybesma, George Zwicker

Not in attendance: Wallis Goodman

**Approval of minutes:** George Zwicker moved to approve the October minutes. Rebecca Spratlin seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Citizen Communication:**

Fred Lewis, of Community not Commodity, spoke about Code Next, the redesign of Austin's land development code. He expressed concerns about how the current plan would impact our neighborhood and suggested the neighborhood spend time educating neighbors about the potential impact. He reported that Community not Commodity was initiating a petition to garner signatures that would put CodeNEXT on the ballot so that the citizenry would have a voice on a land code that would have such a strong impact on their community.

**New Business:** There was discussion about the Annual Meeting and where to host it. It was agreed not to host at the Old Quarry Library. La Mancha and Chez Zee were potential locations. Board members Rebecca Spratlin and Dawn Lewis will investigate costs and availability of La Mancha and Chez Zee.

**Review of meeting notice signs:** There was a discussion about the possibility of having signage to promote our meetings and our annual meeting. The board is supportive of this effort and grateful that Lauren Cunningham will assist with these signs. She designed the original signs used by HPWBANA in the past. Rebecca Spratlin will work with Laura on this project.

**Planning for Movie in the Park:** Rebecca Spratlin noted that volunteers are needed for this event. The current scheduled time (once confirmed by Alamo Drafthouse) is Saturday, June 2, 2018.

**Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** George Zwicker reported that there is \$14,235.22 in the bank as of now and that there a total of 255 members with 143 new members.

**President's Report:** Piet Sybesma reported that:  
—Council Member Alison Alter's office will host a CodeNEXT office hour at Russell's Bakery on Wednesday October 4th at 6 pm

—The update on the status of the Bull Creek water line project that will impact Perry Lane and Balcones is that they plan to begin at the intersection of Valley Oak and Perry and go down 45th. The anticipated start date is the spring of 2018. The engineers from BCE are not responding to requests to come to a board meeting to expand on the project so neighbors can be more aware.

—George Zwicker and Piet Sybesma reported that efforts to expand the school zone that would include parts of Hancock and Perry continue. There was a meeting with Amir Emamian, with the City of Austin Public Works Department to make progress on that initiative. HPWBANA are working with the Katie Pena, principal of Highland Park, and the Highland Park CAC to try to ensure that students will have a safer trek to school.

**Membership:** Jason Lindenschmidt reported that the membership team continues to encourage membership via the newsletter

**Events:** Rebecca Spratlin and Chereen Fisher reported that the next neighborhood event will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the spring.

**Traffic and Safety:** Ty Allen and Piet Sybesma reported that there are new signs on Perry Lane that direct people to Mt. Bones. There continue to be problems with traffic on Perry Lane.

**Beautification:** The Eagle Scouts will be putting in stone beds and seating at the Art Park next to Perry playground.

**Webmaster:** Jan Roberts will be leaving her position and HPWBANA is in the process of finding a new webmaster. Any interested persons should contact Piet Sybesma.

**Other Business:**

Neighbor Mike Levy noted that there is now new technology available to help the Austin Fire Department prepare for future wildfires. He also noted that there are concerns about the influx of Norwegian burrowing rats that are invading urban areas and could impact Austin.