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Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Old Quarry Branch Library, August 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

President Sybesma called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

In attendance: Ty Allen, Wallis Goodman, Dawn Lewis, Noel Stout, Piet Sybesma, George Zwicker

Absent: Chereen Fisher, Jason Lindenschmidt, Rebecca Spratlin

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

Neighbor Communications: There were no neighbor communications.

New Business:

Jim Duncan, a national planning expert and consultant, spoke on Code Next, the ongoing redesign of our neighborhood code. He noted that the last time we revised our code was in . This code revision process has taken five years, thus far, and has cost six million dollars. According to the current proposed maps, the neighborhood that is in HPWBANA is zoned low density medium residential (LMR) and will not have too much direct impact; however, surrounding neighborhoods will bear a stronger impact and the zoning changes will impact our community overall. There is lots of debate in the community about Code Next and its impact on the central neighborhoods.

Aquatic Master Plan:

Dawn Lewis reported that the City of Austin does not have enough money to maintain and operate all of its pools. Almost all of the pools in Austin are between 50-80 years old. The city has been evaluating the aquatic system in Austin since 2012 and has created a master plan that will decommission some pools and consolidate others. They are in the process of finalizing the plan. Pools that are currently recommended for decommissioning include Reed, West Austin, which are ones either close to or in our neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report:

George Zwicker reported that HPWBANA currently has funds of \$14,261. There are currently 245 household members and 12 business members.

President's Report:

Piet Sybesma shared his comments on the Code Next map. His research and analysis supports classifying our neighborhood as LDR, not LDMR, based on topography and established plat and deed restrictions. The major difference is the setback restrictions which would impact our neighborhood. The current LDR requirement establishes a 25-foot recommended setback, while the LDMR cuts that back to 15 feet.

Newsletter: Mr. Sybesma also asked that board and community members submit articles for the newsletter.

Membership Report: The neighborhood survey on issues of concern continues to be updated. Currently, transportation/Safety are the top concern of 45% of neighbors with Neighborhood Preservation the second most concerning issue with 33% of participants.

Transportation and Safety: Ty Allen reported that the City of Austin is evaluating the light at Pecos and 35th and may make changes.

BCRC: Piet Sybesma said that a written report/Site plan has been filed. They are soliciting input on improvement to the Grove Master Parks plan

ANC: Dawn Lewis reported that the ANC made a change to its bylaws that does not allow certain “neighborhood” associations to join if they are not supportive of the overall mission and goals of the Austin Neighborhood Council

Status of Neighborhood Development Projects: Piet Sybesma reported that there are still issues with the construction of 3203 Hancock Drive. The property is not being built up to standard and continues to fail inspections.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Lewis, Secretary