

**Corrected MINUTES**  
**Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**  
**Old Quarry Branch Library, September 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.**

President Sybesma called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**In attendance:** Dawn Lewis, Jason Lindenschmidt, Rebecca Spratlin, Piet Sybesma, George Zwicker, Wallis Goodman

**Absent:** Chereen Fisher, Ty Allen, Noel Stout

**Approval of Minutes:** George Zwicker moved to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes and Rebecca Spratlin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Neighbor Communications:** There were no neighbor communications.

**New Business:**

**Presentation by Shoal Creek Conservancy:** Nina Rinaldi, development coordinator, of the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) provided an overview of future plans the SCC has and ways to get engaged. The Conservancy educates the public about the creek and educates them about how to maintain and improve the trail. Shoal Creek begins north at the Domain area and extends southerly for eleven miles to Lady Bird Lake. The SCC is in the process of designing a watershed protection plan which extends around the area. There is currently only 3 1/4 miles of trail which varies in quality and surfacing. Plans are to extend the trail, adding restrooms and access points. The plan is for the trail to be ten miles in length.

**Code Next Update:**

Dawn Lewis reported that the new CodeNext maps have been released. CodeNEXT's Euclidian code has 11 residential zones, compared to the current code's 16. HPWBANA is labelled R2C—Residential House Scale 2C. This proposed designation would change the setbacks from 25' to 15' and would allow changes regarding accessory dwelling units and duplexes. A group called Community not Commodity is petitioning to have CodeNext put on the ballot so residents will have the opportunity to vote on this code.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer George Zwicker reported that we have \$13,951.00 in the bank. Since ~~last month~~ January 2017, we have 27 new memberships making a total of 139. Today, we have 248 memberships and 15 business memberships.

**Events:** Rebecca Spratlin reported that the 4th of July parade was a success with many participants. However, there is a high need for volunteers. The event was orchestrated by three people, which is not sustainable. There is a need for a committee in order for it to continue.

**Traffic and Safety:** The constable patrolling the neighborhood continues to issue ticket traffic to violators on a regular basis. Most of the activity occurs around Highland Park Elementary and the Hancock Drive area.

**Beautification:** The Eagle Scout is building low slung theater seating for 15-20 people situated towards the sculptures.

**Other Business:**

Piet Sybesma reported that Jan Roberts will no longer be able to serve as webmaster and the association is looking for someone to fill that role.

**Proposed School Zone:** George Zwicker reported that he is working with Highland Park on this issue to try to increase the number of traffic school zones around Highland Park Elementary. The application was forwarded from Highland Park Elementary through AISD to the Austin Transportation Department. The city has now hired a consultant to review this it.

**3203 Hancock Drive:** The builder continues to have problems and issues with the property. In April, they created a revised plan; it was initially rejected but then approved. They moved the building 5 1/2 feet east (although it was supposed to be west). It is still within 71/2 feet of the power line, which is unacceptable. They put windows and doors on it, which failed to win City approval five times. It failed framing five times. It is supposed to be attached to the primary structure with a walkway.

Vice President Lindenschmidt advised the Board that the existing structure at 5206 Valley Oak has been demolished for a new structure to be built by Brohn Homes. No further information is available at this time.

**Signs to notify folks about neighborhood meetings:** George Zwicker suggested we buy yard signs to inform neighbors of Association meetings. Rebecca Spratlin agreed to design signs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Lewis, Secretary