

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the president, Arnold Martin at 11:30AM.

Board members present were: Arnold Martin, Charles (Chuck) Hosler, Jim Wells, Anna Walther, Barbara Hull, and John DeMarco. Committee Chair Pat Andres was present along with Allen Taylor, Deputy Chief of Area B.

Board members not present were: Esther Nachimson, Charles Schmidt, Martin Kahn, Nell Anne Hunt, Jennifer Davis, Garland Sherrod, and Don McGee. Committee Chairs Fred Odell and Margeaux Black and TLCA representative, Katherine Pennington, were not present.

On behalf of Esther Nachimson, Jim Wells distributed copies of the July BOD meeting minutes. These minutes had been posted to the UH website for review by the board members. Some amendments were noted. Jim motioned that the minutes as amended be approved. John DeMarco seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chuck Hosler, UHAOH Treasurer, passed out the UHAOH Balance Sheet and P & L reports as of July 31, 2010. The latter showed a balance in the checking account of \$6, 596. Because Chuck had to leave the meeting, Anna Walther motioned to have these financial reports approved. Allen Taylor seconded the motion and it passed.

John asked about the status of the Directory Ads revenue reconciliation. Chuck advised that this had been done with Marqueax and he would circulate a copy of his report to the board members.

John asked about the status of the payment for the Ms. Biz ad. Arnold advised that \$450 was the agreed amount for the full-page ad. This amount was paid in full via the Ms. Biz credit card payment to MMP. (In other words, the total of the directory ads sold amounted to \$1,800 and not \$1,850 that had been reported previously.)

Jim Wells referred to an email sent to the board members on August 2nd respecting Esther's suggestion for a written statement to be supplied to the Secretary by anyone making a regular report at the board meetings. Such practice will ease the burden on the Secretary. All agreed with the benefit of this procedure and requested it be implemented immediately.

Jim reported on the City of Irving Neighborhood Roundtable meeting that he attended on July 13th. The major topic was the dire need for repairs to the water line system. In this connection UH is one of the neighborhoods on the list of areas for repair. The trash cart program was mentioned at the meeting with the comment being made that this proposal was off the table.....for the time being.

Jim advised that additions had been made to the List of Contractors that appears on the UHAOH website. He continues to improve the site both in the number and type of home improvement contractors and the recommendations of UH residents.

Jim asked about the status of arrangements for observing National Night Out in UH. No one was aware of any progress or developments. Discussion ensued and the consensus was that we forgo the NNO event this year unless something came to the fore soonest possible.

Jim introduced the idea of an informal "swap-meet" for UH. It would be held in the Fall at Wingren Park and fill a gap in our association's calendar of activities. It would be somewhat spontaneous and not involve any large expenditure by UHAOH or require any major organizational efforts. The intent is to create an opportunity for our UH residents to get together for a few hours. Aside from the socializing, the featured purpose would be the buy-sell-exchange of household items, e.g. exercise equipment. Most definitely it would not be a "garage-sale". If some booths associated with NNO-type activities were to be proposed, they would be a welcome addition.

Pat Andres suggested the second Saturday in October as an open date and a time period 8 AM until 12 Noon. Jim will check on any permits required by the City of Irving, etc.

On behalf of Nell Anne Hunt, Jim passed around a copy of her real estate report. The list of properties in UH for sale includes 19 homes with an average list price of \$107/Sq.Ft. There were 9 homes sold in UH over the past six months and these had an average sales price of \$68/Sq. Ft.

Discussion ensued about the “poor image” of Irving in the various media; the July issue of D Magazine ranking Irving #55 being a most recent example. All agreed something ought to be done about this.

Arnold mentioned that the City of Irving maintains a Speakers Bureau and he might be able to arrange for one of them to speak at an up-coming board meeting &/or at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership.

Barbara Hull advised that she will be going over the work required for this year’s Deck the Hills (Festival of Lights) event with Steve the Electrician and will present a budget proposal at the next meeting.

Barbara suggested that the impending hike in postage rates and the association’s large requirements for postage over the next several months, e.g. the President’s Letter, makes for consideration of a pre-purchase of stamps. Arnold will take action on this.

John asked about the status of the President’s Letter as the time for its distribution is almost upon us. Arnold will be getting together with Jen Davis who has offered to draft the letter.

As agreed at an earlier meeting the UHAOH database maintained by our Webmaster will be used to prepare the address labels for the president’s letter envelopes. This will serve to minimize/eliminate the “Return to Sender” responses received on prior mailings.

John asked about the status of the Nominating Committee and the support that ought to be given by the board to this effort. Arnold will be discussing this with Don McGee at the earliest opportunity.

Arnold noted that the dredging at Pea Patch Lake was proceeding albeit at a modest pace. He confirmed that the fish and other marine life had been transferred to other lakes in the system. A 70-lb catfish was one of the creatures so rescued from Pea Patch Lake.

Pat Andres advised that the Yard of the Month for August had been awarded to 4107 Wingren Drive (Susan Doyle). A photo op is scheduled there right after the meeting today.

The next meeting of the UHAOH board of directors will be on Tuesday, September 14th at 11:30 AM at the Las Colinas Country Club. This differs from the first Tuesday because the LCCC is closed on September 7th, the day after the Labor Day Holiday. Those wishing to order lunch should arrive at 11:00 AM; the meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

John DeMarco on behalf of Esther Nachimson

Secretary