## UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 A.M. by the president, Tom Hopwood. Tom noted several board members had appeared on TV and in the newspaper during the past week and thanked them for presenting such a wholesome image for our neighborhood community.

Other board members present: Anna Walther, Charles Schmidt, Jim Wells, Kathrine Pennington, Terri Roan, Eva Klassen, Nell Anne Hunt, Rick Lindsey, and John DeMarco.

Board members absent: Claudia Bracero, Suzannah Cronenwett, and Pat Naylor.

Others present: Arnold Martin, past president of UHAOH.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the June meeting. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Anna Walther seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the YTD period ending June 30, 2016. Total Assets are \$30,022 and Net Income is \$7,003. Jim advised that the Neighborhood Grant for 2016 was included. Tom Hopwood noted that the CD was renewed for a 5 year term at the Bank of the West at an increased rate of interest. (This was approved by the Board in an ad hoc meeting held on June 23, 2016.). Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Anna Walther seconded and the motion was carried.

Tom Hopwood requested as a review of upcoming UHAOH events as follows:

**Great Flag Caper**. Charles Schmidt reported that this year was the best year ever as an unprecedented demand for flags across the city was experienced.

**Summer Adult Mixer/Open House at the Sports Club**. Kathrine Pennington circulated a copy of the invitation she designed for the occasion. These will be sent to residents shortly both via USPS and by email. Charles Schmidt noted a slight change to the event's timing; it's now 6 PM -7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**National Night Out.** Its date is October 4, 2016 and the budget is \$1,000. Rick Lindsey is in the process of vetting candidates to Chair this event and will confirm same at the next meeting.

Annual General Meeting of the Membership. Katrine Pennington is the Chair for this event. Tuesday, November 15 has been confirmed tentatively with the Las Colinas Country Club. Prices indicated are higher than last year. Discussion ensued about possible cost savings, e.g. omit piano accompaniment and the cash bar. Kathrine asked about preferences for the program. Messrs. Rick Bidne, President of TLCA, and Chris Hillman, Manager of the City of Irving, were mentioned as possible speakers at the event.

**Deck the Hills.** Its date is Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Rick Lindsey reported that Steve Schreur will Chair the event again this year. Also, Steve is working on a list of requisites which will be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

**Spring Fling 2017.** The date of May 6, 2017, is confirmed with Leo Hull and the Texas Blues Machine.

Tom Hopwood inquired about the status of the new Welcoming Committee. Anna Walther will report on this at the next meeting.

Anna Walther will provide Tom Hopwood with a set of job descriptions she's collected from Board Members and Committee Chairs in accordance with the resolution made at last month's meeting about creating a catalogue of Volunteer Opportunities.

Tom Hopwood remarked that the recruitment of volunteers to assist in UHAOH's activities and programs will accrue long term benefits. These volunteers will alleviate the burden on the board members. In addition, the services that the volunteers perform will provide them with valuable experience thereby allowing them to assume leadership positions as future Committee Chairs, Officers, and Board Members of UHAOH.

On the matter of UHAOH's tax exempt status, Charles Schmidt reported that, thanks to the efforts of Eva Klassen, he has made contact with a lawyer who's a resident of University Hills and who might be interested in assisting with our preparation of the application form required by the IRS to claim a tax exemption.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Realtors Reports dated July 5th. There are 10 homes currently listed for sale in University Hills. On average, the asking price for these ten homes is \$124/sq. ft.

Nell Anne Hunt expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone for their support of the Great Flag Caper once again this year. Nell Anne circulated a Thank You card with these sentiments.

Tom Hopwood announced that # 400 Balboa Court (Gil & Pat Andres) is awarded Yard of the Month for July.

Tom Hopwood recounted a recent chance meeting with Mr. Jimmy Dammer, Covenant Enforcement Representative at the LCA for the University Hills area. Basis this discussion, Tom believes that a relationship between UHAOH and TLCA could assist in furthering our strategic goal for Architectural Standards and improved property appearance. Eva Klassen cited several examples wherein UH homeowners encountered difficulties with the Architectural Control Committee at the LCA. The services of Mr. Jimmy Dammer might be used to ameliorate such situations.

Charles Schmidt advised that the application for the City of Irving's Neighborhood Grant for 2017 must be filed in August. Discussion ensued about projects or programs that might qualify. Jim Wells made a motion to submit the grant application on the basis of our publication of the Annual Residential Directory. This was done for 2016. John DeMarco seconded and the motion was carried. Charles Schmidt graciously offered to prepare and submit the application.

It being 1:03 PM, and with no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terri Roan seconded and the motion was carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco, Recording Secretary 07/06/2016