

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 AM by Anna Walther, Vice-President. Tom Hopwood, President, arrived soonest thereafter and conducted the meeting henceforth.

Other board members present: Charles Schmidt, Sherri LeVan, Jim Wells, Nell Anne Hunt, Suzannah Cronenwett, Claudia Bracero, and John DeMarco.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the December board of directors meeting which were ably prepared by Anna Walther. 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 date of December 31, 2017. Total Assets are \$ 29,141. Net Income for the period since November 1, 2017, is (negative) \$ 2,525. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the report as presented. John DeMarco seconded and the motion was carried.

Tom Hopwood made reference to this year's UHAOH Membership Letter. Prepared by Kavin Schieferdecker, it was approved by Board Members via an exchange of emails dated January 5, 2018. Tom advised that the letter is now at the printers and will be mailed to all residents within the next few days.

Charles Schmidt circulated a timesheet for board members to record their service hours on the Deck the Hills event. This record is in partial requirement of the City of Irving's Neighborhood Grant Program.

Tom Hopwood reported Michael Basoco is unable to attend today's meeting but will proceed with the UHAOH content for the February issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine, as discussed previously.

Tom Hopwood distributed an updated version of the proposed 2018 UHAOH Budget. This prompted discussion on several items as follows:

**UHAOH Non-Profit Status.** Jim Wells presented arguments for (and against) UHAOH attempting to obtain non-profit status with the IRS; 501c (3) or 501c (4). A one-time application fee of \$850 would apply. Jim Wells and Charles Schmidt will convene on this issue and present a recommendation at the next meeting.

**Blanket Liability Insurance Policy.** Charles Schmidt reported on his investigation of using a blanket liability insurance policy for UHAOH events instead of purchasing insurance on an ad hoc basis. Estimated cost for the blanket policy is \$1,000 per annum. Nell Anne Hunt made a motion to go forward with the blanket policy. Anna Walther seconded with a proviso that 3 quotes be obtained to which Charles did not object. The motion was carried.

**Light Displays for Deck the Hills.** The \$3,000 budget amount for Deck the Hills (a.k.a. Celebration of Lights) appears to include funds for the repairs to the light displays but not for the purchase of new ones. Tom Hopwood will liaise with Rick Lindsey and Steve Schreur on this aspect.

**Adult Social Mixer.** No one wished to cancel the possibility of holding an Adult Social Mixer. However, under the balanced budget approach, sufficient funds did not seem to be available to support such an event. It was agreed to allow this item to remain open, subject to review at a later date.

Tom Hopwood will reflect the foregoing in another update of the proposed 2018 UHAOH Budget for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

Anna Walther noted that changes in the Officers of UHAOH will require us to update the information on file with the Secretary of State (Texas) about UHAOH's organization. John DeMarco will pursue this.

Anna Walther remarked that if we wish to explore new sources of revenue for UHAOH, then Wolfgang Walther proposes selling ads at the UH website. Jim Wells added that an accurate count of the number of "hits" at the website will be essential in promoting ad sales.

Tom Hopwood asked for comments, good or bad, about the recent Deck the Hills event. Among those made were; (i) attendance was less than last year, (ii) lighting at the Manger scene was dim, (iii) no ceremonial "turning on" of the light displays, and (iv) over-emphasis on Farine School to the exclusion of other elementary schools serving the children of UH. Anna Walther and Suzannah Cronenwett volunteered to form a committee to address these and other concerns about the Deck the Hills event.

Nell Anne Hunt advised that this year's Star Gazing event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at the Haggerty Science Center on the University of Dallas Campus. In addition to the telescopes, Dr. Richard Olenick, Professor of Physics at UD and an UH resident, will arrange for a children's lab and for several UD students to make presentations on astronomical phenomena.

Nell Anne distributed a Real Estate Report dated January 2, 2018. Currently there are 5 homes listed for sale in the UHOAH area with one of these located in Alto Vista.

Tom Hopwood announced #3704 Wingren (Dean and Becky Crawford) was awarded Yard of the Month for January 2018. Charles Schmidt provided Tom with the name of a candidate to assume the YOTM duties.

Tom Hopwood reported that the Hidalgo, La Vida, Rosita, and Vera Cruz Water & Wastewater Improvement Project will go forward with revised dates. (An email dated January 19, 2018, with full details was sent to all Board Members.)

With reference to discussions at the December BOD meeting, Tom Hopwood reported that the Data Base Committee (Anna Walther, Tom Hopwood, Charles Schmidt, Claudia Bracero, and Jim Wells) met. There will be only one Data Base on resident data and Jim Wells will be in charge of it.

Charles Schmidt commented on the deteriorating condition of commemorative bricks in Wingren Park. These bricks were made of a porous material. Charles brought forth a masonry brick with a hardened surface. These bricks can be purchased for \$20 each including etching and delivery. Installation would be a separate matter. Could this be a potential fund-raising item for UHAOH?

With the time being 1:13 P.M. and with no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on February 6, 2018; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco  
Recording Secretary  
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