

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2020

The monthly meeting of the University Hills Association of Homeowners Board of Directors was called to order at 11:30 AM by the president Tom Hopwood on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The venue was a Zoom video-conferencing facility arranged by Tom Hopwood and Michael Basoco to comply with the County of Dallas's Social Distancing requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A quorum of 12 directors was present including; Rick Lindsey, Ottis Lewis, Anna Walther, Sherri LeVan, Steve Hoisington, Jim Wells, Nell Anne Hunt, Michael Basoco, Karen Martin, Charles Schmidt, and John DeMarco.

Others present: Nicholette Mason, Chair of the UHAOH Communications Committee.

Minutes of the March 2020 Meeting

Minutes of the March Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated March 31, 2020. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2020 was distributed by Jim Wells via an email dated March 31, 2020. Responses by the Treasurer to potential questions accompanied the report. There were no comments and the Treasurer's Report was filed for the 2019/2020 fiscal year financial review.

Financial Review Committee Report

The committee's report that the UHAOH financial statements for the fiscal year 2018/2019 were in good order was accepted at the March meeting. However, some of the recommendations by the FRC on procedures still need to be resolved. Anna Walther and Jim Wells will work toward accomplishing this soon.

Security Committee

The Security Committee met earlier today and Tom Hopwood reported on its proceedings. Discussion topics included greater use of Landscape Lighting by residents, more wide-spread display of the LCA's Alarm Monitoring signs, article about the Security Committee to appear in the May issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine, and potential enhancements to street lighting. Respecting the latter, Tom distributed the results of his survey of street lighting in University Hills via an email dated March 17, 2020. Noted therein was a request for everyone to be alert and report instances of lamp outages or dimness.

Affordable Multifamily Housing Project (San Vito)

Tom Hopwood advised the scheduled meeting (March 13) with the developer was canceled. Apparently, the project's ranking with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs was lowered thereby lessening chances this project would receive an allocation of housing tax credits. Tom will continue to liaise with LCA President & CEO Hammond Perot to be certain that the project no longer remains a viable proposition for this site.

2020 Membership Drive

Steve Hoisington, Chair of the Membership Committee, summarized the status and the highlights of the 2020 Membership Campaign in an email dated April 4, 2020. A final letter to non-dues paying members is planned for issue and an article about the Membership Campaign will appear in Our Neighborhood Magazine.

Spring Fling: Postponement

In an exchange of emails dated March 18, 2020, the proposal to postpone the Spring Fling event from May 9 until later in the year was approved. Rick Lindsey, event chair, remarked that most of the vendors understood the situation. Rick asked everyone to think about an appropriate substitute date. Consolidating the event or re-casting the event in another format ought to be considered as well.

Nicholette Mason will send out a notice to inform residents of the postponement.

Adult Social Mixer and Other Events

Sherri LeVan, event chair, recommended that the Social Mixer, scheduled for June 16, be postponed. This was accepted. Tom Hopwood suggested the dates for the other UHAOH events in 2020, i.e. Neighborhood Night Out (October 6), Annual General Meeting (November 10), and Deck the Hills (November 29), remain as scheduled.

Deck the Hills: Additional Light Displays

Tom Hopwood related his recent discussion with Scott Wilson, LCA Director of Common Property, as to the installation of additional electrical connections across the road from Pea Patch Lake. Scott expressed LCA's desire to assume complete control of this area. LCA's intent is to install displays similar to those LCA installed at the intersection of O'Connor Road and John Carpenter Freeway. In this manner UHAOH may concentrate its light display enhancements in the immediate vicinity of Pea Patch Lake.

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Michael Basoco reported that the May issue is set for publication. This edition will have a special cover photo illustrating the Zoom video-conferencing phenomenon brought upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic. Michael went on to note that COVID-19 is having a negative impact on the magazine. Several advertisers have been lost which will reduce the number of text pages in the magazine.

2020-2021 UH Residential Directory

Michael Basoco advised that, although the directory content is set, several advertisers have canceled and publication has been delayed. A review is underway to identify areas where costs might be reduced, e.g. delivery of the directories to residents in UH. More than several board members volunteered to assist with the delivery process.

Real Estate Report

In an email dated March 31, 2020, Nell Anne Hunt noted the precipitous decline in residential property showings since early March as an outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic and stated that there is little to no activity in residential Real Estate.

Property Appearance

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised by email that # 3021 Hidalgo (Gail and Gordon Arnold) was awarded Yard of the Month for April.

New Business: Neighborhood Garage Sale

Several board members indicated their favor toward the development of a community-wide garage sale for UH residents as has been done in Trophy Club and in other communities. Discussion on this item was postponed until the next meeting.

New Business: LCA Architectural Control Committee

Steve Hoisington advised that he's been participating fully in deliberations by the Residential Property Review Committee. His capacity as a voting member, however, is awaiting formal approval at the next LCA Board of Directors meeting.

New Business: Little Free Library

Sherri LeVan expressed her interest in reanimating the proposal for a community lending library in University Hills. For reference, the Little Free Library concept initially was brought up in April 2019. But support from the residents was not evident at that time and the project was dropped. Sherri believes the COVID-19 situation may have changed the community mindset hence the Little Free Library might be more welcome now. Sherri will gather together some thoughts and ideas for consideration at the next board meeting.

New Business: Maturity Date of UHAOH CD.

John DeMarco requested information on the maturity date for the CD held with Bank of the West.

New Business: Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Irving Business

Rick Lindsey shared observations from his attendance at recent meetings of the Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and of the Irving City Council. Presentations at the latter included those of Chris Hillman, Manager of the City of Irving and Maura Gast, Executive Director of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as Beth Bowman, President and CEO of the Irving/ Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce. The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been sudden and wide-spread. The hotel, restaurant, and services industry in Irving has been devastated. Extraordinary and unprecedented are words most often used to describe the situation. Although there is no time-table as to when the situation will be eased, the Mayor, City Manager, and other civic officials are confident that Irving's foundations are strong and that we have the reserves to weather the storm. Rick added that Irving is fortunate to have leaders of such good character, acumen, and fortitude to work through this difficult situation.

Rick will provide a link to the Irving City Council Meeting of March 30, 2020, where the ICVB presentation was made and all the discussions took place. (The email was sent to everyone on April 15, 2020.)

There being no further business to conduct, John DeMarco moved to adjourn the meeting. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the president at 12:59 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on May 5, 2020, with venue to be decided.

John DeMarco

Recording Secretary

04/07/2020

Approved __ or As Corrected _X_ on May 05, 2020