

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 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, June 2, 2020. Once again the venue is a Zoom videoconferencing facility arranged by Tom Hopwood to comply with the CDC's Social Distancing protocols in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Minutes of the May 2020 Meeting

Minutes of the May Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated May 28, 2020. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2020, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email of the same date. A list of responses to potential questions is included with the report. The Treasurer's Report was filed for the 2019/2020 fiscal year financial review.

Security Committee

The Security Committee met earlier today and Tom Hopwood summarized the topics addressed; (i) Safety & Security article authored by Steve Hoisington which will appear in the June issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine, (ii) article on Smoke Detectors/Alarms to appear in the July issue, (iii) other articles on home safety and security planned for subsequent issues, (iv) on-going compilation of information relating to outdoor residential lighting systems, and (v) curb numeral re-painting as a service provided to residents by UHAOH.

Tom also noted that, in response to our request, LCA Security identified several dark places in UH. However, the poor lighting condition in these areas may not be remedied easily because the unsafe condition is often the result of the unchecked growth of trees and shrubs.

Adult Social Mixer

Sherri LeVan, event chair, speculated that the postponement of the Summer Social Mixer event most likely will be carried into the Fall because an outdoor setting is required under the CDC protocols for the coronavirus situation.

Music in the Hills: June 14

Tom Hopwood reviewed plans for the Music in the Hills event. Preparations are coming along well and more features have been added, e.g. motorized cavalcade of dignitaries riding in Classic Cars between the two trailers carrying the ISO musicians. The question about Irving PD presence will be addressed giving preference to the Irving Police Officers resident in University Hills. Tom drew attention to a need for some volunteers to ride "shotgun" in several of the parade vehicles to facilitate communications.

LCA Holiday Lighting Plans

Further to Tom Hopwood's report at the last meeting, Scott Wilson, LCA Director of Common Property now has advised Tom that the LCA holiday lighting project is firm with a start date of July. Tom stated that we may expect to see reindeer and tree lighting displays installed in the area of Northgate and Rochelle for the 2020 Christmas Holiday Season. These will be similar to those LCA installed several years ago in the area of O'Connor Road and John Carpenter Freeway.

LCA Lighting: Rosita Park

At the last meeting Tom Hopwood mentioned that he requested LCA to look at the poor lighting situation in the area of the stone bridge at the head of Pea Patch Lake. Tom is now advised that; (1) LCA has increased the wattage for the light bulbs in the guard lamp(s) near the stone bridge and (2) ONCOR has swapped out the bulbs in the street lights along Northgate Drive in that area. Tom asked for anyone's comment on the improvement.

Deck the Hills: Additional Lighting Displays

Ottis Lewis, event Chair, reported on his research into additional holiday lighting displays for installation around Pea Patch Lake. One striking find is a Christmas Tree, 33 feet high with > 4,000 LED lights. This would provide a spectacular accent to our displays. Fully installed, the cost is about \$3,500 which includes a flag pole.

Ottis went on to note that we need to be mindful of the existing lighting displays. Many of these have been in service for almost 20 years. Not only are they obsolete, but their condition is fragile and mostly beyond repair. Replacement of these displays in the near future is a necessity. The cost as estimated by our Electrician is \$ 10,000 - \$ 15,000.

Discussion ensued and it was deemed appropriate to create a Holiday Lights Committee to evaluate these issues and come forward with a comprehensive proposal for holiday lighting expenditures over the long term. Tom Hopwood appointed Ottis Lewis as committee chair. Other directors volunteered. Also, a request for volunteers to serve on this committee will be sent out to residents.

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Michael Basoco, publisher, advised that the June issue is now arriving at residences. Michael also noted that a tighter schedule for the publication has now been implemented. This new schedule will ensure that the magazine content is more timely and relevant. In addition, Michael advised that Cynthia Hammond, Staff Photographer for Our Neighborhood Magazine ever since day one, has retired. Kelly Williams will be the new Staff Photographer. Kelly and her family are residents of University Hills.

2020-2021 UH Resident Directories

In an email dated May 26, 2020, Michael Basoco reported that a new directory had been delivered to each and every residence in University Hills. Michael added that the directory has been well received and that the directory distribution was accomplished quickly by Board member volunteers who were assisted by the Berry Boys and Anna Walther's grandchildren.

University Hills: Multi-Family Garage Sale

Tom Hopwood reported that the City of Irving is not issuing Garage Sale permits at this time. Accordingly, this item is postponed.

Little Free Library

Sherrie LeVan advised that she's found someone who has graciously volunteered to construct a Little Free Library station for us in accordance with the program's specifications. Flag Pole Hill is thought to be the best site for this facility. Steve Hoisington offered to liaise with the Las Colinas Association inasmuch as FPH is LCA's common property. (For information, there are several outdoor sculptures located at Flag Pole Hill.) Sherri will investigate the cost of materials and other expenditures that might be incurred with this installation for discussion at the next meeting.

University Hills Historical Archive

Following discussions at the last meeting, in an email dated June 1, 2020, Anna Walther reported on her visit to the Irving Archive and Museum (IAM). She found many items of interest related to University Hills and encouraged everyone to "donate" pertinent items to the IAM. (N.B. IAM secured a copy of the May issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine for their purposes.)

Real Estate Report

In an email dated May 29, 2020, Nell Anne Hunt presented a Real Estate report. Seven homes were listed for sale in the University Hills area with one of these in Alto Vista. Realtor offices are now open.

Property Appearance

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised by email that # 3204 Hidalgo (Breanna and Chris Artuso) is awarded Yard of the Month for June.

New Business: Additional Support for the Great Flag Caper

Steve Hoisington proposed that UHAOH make an additional donation to the Great Flag Caper in the amount \$1,000 for this year only. (For information, the 2019/2020 Approved Budget for UHAOH included a donation of \$1,000 to the GFC.) Rick Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business: July Monthly Meeting

At the request of Karen Martin, Tom Hopwood asked for comments on a monthly meeting for July; cancel, zoom, face to face, etc. Sentiment was in favor for holding a July meeting and doing it with Zoom video-conferencing. Venue and facility for the August meeting will be decided later.

There being no other business to conduct, Rick Lindsey moved to adjourn the meeting. John DeMarco seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the president at 1:17 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on July 7, 2020.

John DeMarco

Recording Secretary

06/02/2020

Approved X or As Corrected on