

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 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, September 1, 2020. The venue is a Zoom videoconferencing facility arranged to comply with the CDC's Social Distancing protocols relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A quorum of 11 directors was present including; Rick Lindsey, Kathrine Pennington, Steve Hoisington, Anna Walther, Jim Wells, Charles Schmidt, Ottis Lewis, Nell Anne Hunt, Michael Basoco, and John DeMarco.

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

Minutes of August 2020 Meeting

Minutes of the August Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated August 14, 2020. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

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

Security Committee

The Security Committee met earlier today and Tom Hopwood summarized the main points of discussion; (i) curb numeral painting project now completed, (ii) landscape lighting article to appear in the October issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine along with articles on smoke detectors, and other matters relating to the safety and security of residents, and (iii) condition of sidewalks in University Hills, a situation which requires attention.

Curb Numeral Painting Project

At the Security Committee Meeting Steve Hoisington reported that all the requests for curb numeral painting have been fulfilled. Jim Wells noted that payment to the contractor has been made.

Steve remarked that he's considering adding an item to the annual Membership Letter to allow residents to request a curb numeral painting because not everyone may be aware of this service from UHAOH.

National Night Out: Tuesday, October 6

Rick Lindsey advised that there was no new information from the City about participation in the event. Rick added that he foresees difficulties in adhering to the present set of requisites for outdoor gatherings were we to stage an event similar to those held in prior years. Rick will liaise with the City and report back later this week at which time the situation will be reviewed and an appropriate decision made.

Throughout the discussion the importance of National Night Out toward enhancing the safety and security of residents in University Hills was reaffirmed. Whether or not the event is staged on Flag Pole Hill, NNO and its benefits will be emphasized in communications to residents including Our Neighborhood Magazine.

Michael Basoco will produce a video clip for distribution to residents emphasizing NNO principles.

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday, November 10

On behalf of Karen Martin, event Chair, Tom Hopwood reviewed the contract with Las Colinas Country Club including the cancellation fee which will become \$2,250 on September 26. The consensus to proceed with the event was unchanged. However, a review is required with LCCC about other dates, availability of the Grand Ball Room, status of the CDC restrictions being implemented by LCCC on visitors, etc.

Anna Walther will assist Karen Martin in developing additional information such that informed decisions about the AGM can be made in a timely manner.

Deck the Hills: Sunday, November 29

Ottis Lewis, event Chair, noted that delivery dates for new lighting displays have become unreliable and recommended we plan on an event similar to that staged last year. In addition, other ideas will be explored including the relocation of the large Christmas Tree closer to the east end of Pea Patch Lake.

Holiday Lighting Committee

Ottis Lewis, committee chair, will proceed with the development of a Lighting Plan for 2021 and beyond to insure that the high quality holiday lighting displayed by UHAOH each year continues. Scott Wilson, LCA Director of Common Property, will be invited to join the committee to achieve better coordination with LCA's own plans for holiday lights in the Rochelle/Northgate area. Rick Lindsey remarked that LCA should be encouraged to consider taking over the responsibility for the lighting, should they be so inclined.

Star Gazing: February 2020

Now that the University of Dallas has started classes for the Fall Semester, Nell Anne Hunt will consult with Dr. Richard Olenick about prospects for a Star Gazing event in 2020.

UHAOH Annual Budget for 2020/2021

Tom Hopwood referred to the draft budget which is attached to the notice of meeting email dated August 24, 2020. Tom observed that the budget, as is, would not be sustainable because the expenditures exceed income. Discussion ensued about the merits of a balanced budget. It was acknowledged, as well, that the coronavirus pandemic has brought about a situation where it's difficult or impossible to determine what events will go forward and in what form. Also, consideration ought to be given to any economies which might be achieved in the staging of events and to the surplus that might be available in the budget for 2019/2020.

Tom will reflect upon the comments and suggestions made and issue a revised draft of the budget for review prior to discussions at the next meeting.

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Michael Basoco, publisher, displayed the story board for the October issue with its many articles focused on measures which residents may implement to increase their safety and security..

Michael remarked that delivery times for the magazines have increased recently, although it's not certain if this situation will be permanent or not.

Neighborhood Association Grant Program

At the July meeting Charles Schmidt was authorized to submit UHAOH's application for the City of Irving's Neighborhood Association Grant Program for FY 2020-2021 in the amount \$1,750. Rather than risk any problems related to the coronavirus pandemic, Charles recommended that the expenditures for reimbursement be listed as \$1,000 for the Great Flag Caper and \$750 for the 40 and 50 Year Home of Distinction Award signs. The latter replaces the expenditures for Star Gazing and Deck the Hills. There was no objection to this change to the application.

Real Estate Report

Nell Anne Hunt presented the Real Estate report for August 30, 2020, in emails of the same date. There were three homes listed for sale in the University Hills area with one of these being located in Alto Vista. Nell Anne stated that, in her recollection, this is the fewest number of homes ever listed for sale in the UH area.

Property Appearance

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised by email that # 709 Rosita (Kathy and Shawn Brookshire) is awarded Yard of the Month for September.

New Business: Nominations for Directors at AGM

Anna Walther, Nominating Committee Chair, advised that the terms of four directors will expire this year. Kathrine Pennington, Jim Wells, and John DeMarco, indicated their willingness to serve another term. Sherrie LeVan will not be able to return for another term, although Sherri wishes to continue her involvement with the Board of Directors though her roles with the Adult Social Mixer and the Little Free Library projects.

Respecting the unfilled Directorship, Anna proposed the endorsement of Nicholette Mason as the candidate for this position at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Nicholette already has served UHAOH well in her roles as Chair of the Communications Committee and as Coordinator of Volunteers. All were in agreement.

October Monthly Meeting

Tom Hopwood polled the board members present and most favored holding the October BOD meeting through Zoom video-conferencing.

There being no other business to conduct, John DeMarco moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Lindsey seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the president at 1:01 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on October 6, 2020 via Zoom videoconferencing.

John DeMarco

Recording Secretary

09/01/2020

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