

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2021

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, March 2, 2021. The venue is a Zoom videoconferencing platform arranged to comply with the protocols relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

**Minutes of February 2021 BOD Meeting**

Minutes of the February 2021 monthly Board of Directors meeting were distributed by John DeMarco via an email dated February 22, 2021. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2021, was distributed by Jim Wells via an email of the same date. 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.

**Safety and Security Committee**

Tom Hopwood summarized proceedings at the Security Committee meeting held earlier today. Of note was the article appearing in the Rambler Newspapers issue dated February 13, 2021. This item provided a sympathetic viewpoint of our campaign to ameliorate the speeding traffic situation on Rochelle.

Tom also noted that messages were sent to IPD and City of Irving (COI) staff following upon the meeting held at City Hall on January 28, 2021. A response was received from IPD reporting that 121 Citations were issued for traffic infractions along Rochelle Boulevard since January 1, 2021. Further communications are planned to establish benchmarks with IPD and COI for measuring progress on the Rochelle Speeding issue.

**2021 Membership Campaign**

Steve Hoisington, Committee Chair, distributed via an email dated March 1, 2021, a report on the status of the campaign. There is an increase in the number of Platinum Tier members, but essentially the dues collections are on a par with last year at this time.

**St. Valentine's Day Flowers for Homebound Residents**

Nicholette Mason, Committee Chair, reported on the successful arrangement and distribution of the potted tulips, stuffed animal, candy, and greeting card to the elderly and shut-in residents for Valentine's Day with the help of Kathrine Pennington, Tom Hopwood, and Rick Lindsey. Eighteen of these arrangements were delivered and every recipient expressed their appreciation.

### **Electrical System Repairs at Pea Patch Lake**

Ottis Lewis reported on his discussions with the Electrician for the UHAOH light displays at Pea Patch Lake. Mr. Steve Maddux examined the system in detail and advised that every switch, plug, and outlet needed repair or replacement to ensure a smoothly functioning system. Ottis added that this situation is not new. From the time Ottis first assumed responsibility for the Deck the Hills Celebration of Lights event, the condition of the electrical system in that area has been sub-par. These deteriorations were noted to staff at the Las Colinas Association on a number of occasions but, as yet, have not elicited a response.

### **Deck the Hills Lighting Displays**

Ottis Lewis, event Chair, reported on his recent conversation with the brother of Steve Maddux who is retired but who has a demonstrated flair for the creation and the fabrication of out-door light displays. The other Maddox provided an estimate of \$7,000 - \$8,000 for the construction of brand new, state of the art replacements for the antiquated displays currently in UHAOH's inventory. Ottis cautioned that this need not be done at once, but could be spread over several years until all the displays are at a high standard.

### **Our Neighborhood Magazine**

Michael Basoco displayed the February issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine which soon will be arriving at residences. Michael noted that this is the Third Year Anniversary Issue.

Michael also advised that, unfortunately, the February issue is the last. N2 Publications have taken a different route and will no longer support publications with limited circulation. This news was received with great disappointment. Under Michael's direction, Our Neighborhood Magazine has been a boon to our community. A round of applause was given to Michael for all his efforts over the past three years.

### **University Hills Resident Directory**

When questioned about the UH Directory, Michael Basoco explained that the Directory can be published without N2 Publications. Moreover, if requested, Michael would be more than willing to take on the responsibility for the publication of the next Resident Directory. Anna Walther moved that Michael be appointed Directory Coordinator for UHAOH. Kathrine Pennington seconded and the motion was carried by acclamation.

### **Spring Fling: Saturday, May 8, 2021**

In an email dated February 28, 2021, Rick Lindsey, VP of Activities, outlined in considerable detail a revised location and format for this year's Spring Fling. In contrast to prior years with the large tent and the crowded conditions at Wingren Park, Rick and Ottis Lewis propose that the event be held at Flag Pole Hill and that it be conducted two parts; the first on May 8 and the second on July 4. The combined budget would be \$7,000, derived from the \$6,200 already approved combined with the \$700 more or less not disbursed for this year's Star Gazing event. In describing the event and its activities Rick was most emphatic about the unconditional adherence to the COVID-19 Protocols with us having several volunteers with extensive experience in these matters.

Discussion ensued about various aspects of the proposed event. Tom Hopwood suggested that the voting on the proposal be done separately. All were in agreement and the board members voted in favor of going ahead with the revised Spring Fling location and format for May 8, 2021.

Further discussion about the proposed second event for July 4, 2021, resulted in a majority vote to go ahead as well with this part of the proposal.

### **Real Estate Report**

Nell Anne Hunt presented a real estate report via her email dated February 24, 2021. Three homes were listed for sale in University Hills in that issue. As of today, however, Nell Anne advised there is now only one. The other two were sold which gives credence to the current frenzy exhibited by buyers.

### **Property Appearance**

Joyce Guedalia, Chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised that no Yard of the Month was awarded for March. The deep freeze, which occurred in mid-February, wreaked havoc with flowers, plants, and shrubs.

### **New Business: Movie Night Proposal**

Nicholette Mason introduced the idea of a “Movie Night” as an outdoor event for sponsorship by UHAOH. This could be done with minimal cost and it might be attractive to many residents who have been “cooped up” by the pandemic. Northgate Park is thought to be an appropriate location. Consensus was favorable to the proposal. Nicholette will develop more specifics about the proposal.

### **New Business: Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

On February 19, 2021, Tom Hopwood sent a message via Next Door to UH residents referencing the recent deep freeze and its deleterious effects on residents and their homes. The message encouraged neighbors to look after one another during this time of stress. In addition, it offered a means to connect those in need of a service with others who might be able to provide fellow residents with such service. As explained in Tom’s email to the Board Members of the same date, this offer of a helping hand is not sponsored by UHAOH. It is strictly another example of the Good Samaritan who helps others in need, i.e. Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which is why University Hill is a special place.

There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was so adjourned by the president. The time was 1:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on April 6, 2021 via the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

John DeMarco  
Recording Secretary  
03/02/2021

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