

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2010

Milwood Library

I. Call to order

Rodger Barnes, President, called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Jennie Anderson, Ward Boyce, John Bramlett, Marcia Kirkland, Jim Lorange, Chuck Pace, Gaye Thompson, and Deliese Kennedy.

Board members absent: Paul LeBlanc and Dan Wittliff

Residents in attendance: Stacey Peterson

II. Review of minutes

The minutes of September 8, 2010, were reviewed and approved with changes.

III. Finance Report

Jim Lorange presented the treasurer's report:

- Total income this period was 39-cents (interest income);
- Expenses were \$368.05 (Meeting Announcement Signs); and
- The association's cash balance is \$1177.91 (which includes \$11.07 in the petty-cash fund), and a written financial report was filed with the minutes.

IV. Committee Reports

- **Traffic & Safety**

Chuck Pace presented the following crime data for the past one month in Angus Valley:

For the period September 8, 2010 – October 12, 2010, there were eleven (11) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 2 assault family violence
- 1 assault with injury
- 2 disturbances

- 3 family disturbances
- 1 lost property
- 1 public intoxication
- 1 robbery by assault
- 1 suspicious person

For the same time period, only one (1) incident for the rest of Angus Valley:

- 1 theft of auto parts (on Audane)

Additionally, Chuck reported on the progress of our Neighborhood Watch Signs – we received the signs, but they were the wrong type. So, those were returned and the correct signs were reordered and should arrive soon.

Chuck reported that in order to participate in the watch program, a telephone tree should be developed and one additional meeting should be held (for a total of two) to meet the watch program requirements. The coordinator also wants to come out and meet the participants and will arrange for a meeting in the near future. A Neighborhood Watch was passed around for our review.

- Communications (Yahoo Group)

John Bramlett reported that there has been no change in our participation number of 135. We had 20 more messages this past month on a variety of subjects.

John suggested we place the general meeting announcement on our web site along with all the relevant information (including the proposed by-law change and introduction) in the very near future to meet our notice requirements for the annual general meeting. Stacey Peterson agreed to contact Marissa, our web master, to arrange the posting of the relevant documents ASAP. John also agreed to send out an informative e-mail to the AVANA list serve participants as an FYI and additional notice.

- Davis Elementary Liaison

Jennie reported the following Davis Elementary events:

- The crossing guard for the school will have new hours soon: 1:00 – 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 – 3:35 p.m.
- The school is requesting volunteers to be reading assistants to help assist certain students in learning to read. The time slots are for approximately 30-minutes.
- The Dolphin Fest will be held on October 23, 2010.

Jennie also reported a snafu on our reservation for the school cafeteria for our general meeting. Marcia volunteered to talk to the school in hopes of resolving this issue ASAP. (We received a confirmation of our reservation on August 30, 2010.) Marcia will let us know if there continues to be a problem.

- Bike Plan

Gaye doesn't want to meet with the City on this issue as she does not think the meeting will be at all productive. We note that the bond election in early November 2010 is, in part, soliciting funds for the bike plan but that all sorts of projects have been lumped together in the bond vote so as to hide the amounts of money potentially available to separate projects. The board agreed that our efforts would likely be futile given the current circumstances, etc.

- Park Committee

No significant changes to the park have occurred, but it does seem like the train resting tracks are now in use as evidenced by the late night noises from that direction.

- Liaison to Other Neighborhoods – No new news here.

- General Meeting

Jim brought our new signs to the meeting that we approved the purchase of in our last board meeting. They were wonderfully done, and provided the AVANA web site internet address for members to access for additional information about the general meeting.

Jim also requested that we give him the documents that need to go to the printers (for the general meeting) by next week because he will be out of town after that and through the time of our general meeting. We agreed to do so. (These documents include: the ballot, the proposed amended by-laws and introduction, the financial report, and the meeting's agenda.)

We discussed our physical needs for the meeting, as follows:

- Four (4) tables (probably two at each door) for sign-in;
- Annual dues collection box;
- Name tags and writing utensils;
- Ballots (about 200 copies); and
- Locations for placement of our new signs to announce the general meeting (on West Cow Path near 3M, on Mustang Chase at Gateway, on Switch Willow, and on Mustang Chase at Duval). Note: we may need additional signs for next year.

We also discussed the order in which our meeting will be conducted with a mind toward the time constraints we will be operating under as the school will only allow us to be there until 8:00 p.m. Ideally, voting should occur fairly early in the meeting due to the time it takes to count the ballots.

Additionally, we did a final review of the proposed amendments to the by-laws and/or the introduction and found a few more edits to be made. We also discussed the potential ramifications of the ballot which has no one running for the president's spot. Rodger was coerced to at least think of volunteering to run again as our president should no other options present themselves.

Further, we discussed the need, should the proposed amended by-laws be passed, for a signature page to be crafted so that the Board may officially certify the newly amended by-laws.

- Location of our Board Meetings

After discussing the potential change of our meetings to Tuesday nights (from Wednesday nights), as discussed in our last board meeting, we decided to keep the meetings on Wednesdays. The meetings, however, will start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 6:45 p.m. with the understanding that Chuck might be late due to previous time commitments earlier in his day on Wednesdays.

Jennie agreed to stand in line at the library to reserve our spot on November 1, 2010. Gaye agreed to be the contact person if one is needed since Jennie will be out of town for a spell soon after the reservation date.

Jim refreshed our memories on what is required for the reservation (a specific form, time and dates of our meetings, etc.). We were reminded that cancellation of the dates will be easier than getting a date later and requires only a 24-48 hour notice to the library. Therefore, we agreed to reserve the second Wednesday of each month (from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) for all twelve months, but will likely cancel some of these dates as we go through the year because we do not meet in August or December and may meet approximately only once a quarter unless issues arise that need to be addressed.

V. New Business

- National Night Out

This event is held in other parts of the U.S. during August, but is held in October in Texas due to the extreme heat. It is expected that this topic will be raised by someone at the general meeting because we did not schedule or participate as a group in this event. It was suggested that perhaps that person would be interested in chairing a committee for future organization of same for next year.

- Parking in Front Yards

Rodger reminded us that we, as a neighborhood, voted to opt out of the city's code requirement against parking in one's front yard a number of years ago. He asked if we still wanted to take this approach, or alternatively, do we want to bring this up at the general meeting and possibly take another vote on this issue.

We discussed this matter in relation to the past problems related to code enforcement issues and whether or not curbing (or the lack thereof) has an impact on whether one is violating city code or not in this regard. Therefore, we agreed that this issue will not be brought up by the board at the general meeting for the sake of maintaining a peaceful neighborhood.

As an aside, Jim let us know that the Bastrop County Sherriff's car in his driveway belongs to his son-in-law. He reported that the county has a miles requirement for take home cars that would be exceeded if he actually drove it back and forth to his actual domicile in Cedar Park.

- Public Notices

The Board received three public notices since our last meeting, as follows:

- Shoreline access and bulkheads on local lakes;
- Subdivision of Summit Oaks and Tweed Court (near Riata); and
- Linh-Son Buddhist Association, located at 4604 Duval Road (reapplication for its site plan).

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by Deliese Kennedy Robinson, Secretary
Date Approved: _____, 2010