

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting – October 28, 2010

Davis Elementary School Cafeteria

I. Call to order

Rodger Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Board members in attendance: Rodger Barnes, Gaye Thompson, Chuck Pace, Deliese Kennedy, Jennie Anderson, John Bramlett, Marcia Kirkland, Ward Boyd, Paul LeBlanc, and Dan Whitliff. Board member absent: Jim Lorange.

II. Recognize Guests

Patrick McQuiness was introduced as a Republican Candidate for the Legislature. He spoke on his own behalf and encouraged us all to vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Deliese Kennedy, Secretary, provided a summary for the last two General Meetings conducted on October 21, 2008, and October 20, 2009. It was moved and seconded that both sets of the minutes be approved, and the minutes were approved by the group by acclamation.

IV. Finance Report

Deliese Kennedy, Secretary, presented the treasurer's report for Jim Lorange, and presented the following for the period from October 20, 2009 to October 28, 2010. The beginning balance at the last General Meeting on October 21, 2009, was \$1,116.91.

The following total income of \$577.43 was reported: Voluntary Membership Dues \$528.00; Donations \$47.00; Interest \$2.43. The following expenses of \$587.51 were reported: Post Office Box \$40.00; Duplicating Costs for Annual Meeting \$71.08; Austin Neighborhood Council Dues \$35.00; Police Appreciation Snack Costs \$73.38; AVANA Event Announcement signs \$368.05.

The resulting Cash Balance on Hand as of October 28, 2010, was \$1,106.83 and a written financial report was filed with the minutes.

V. Safety Committee Report

Chuck Pace reported that crime is down by 12% from last year in Angus Valley. In the past 30 days there have been zero (0) crimes in Angus Valley.

Chuck reminded everyone to lock their gates, keep their garage doors down, and to lock cars and remove valuables from sight. He also reminded us that we were trying to start

our own Neighborhood Watch groups, and indicated that he is available to conduct unofficial safety audits of our homes and property if anyone is interested.

VI. Call for donations

Jennie Anderson reminded us about the voluntary donations to the Board of \$10.00 per household per year and pointed out that there were donation boxes at the sign-in tables and that she would be circulating throughout the room with a donation box as well.

VII. Old Business

Rodger Barnes reviewed this past year's accomplishments and activities for AVANA including our continued membership in the Austin Neighborhood Council, participation in Davis Elementary mentoring program, an active neighborhood watch program, holding five board meetings, partnering with Mesa Park and Balcones Woods for the Police Appreciation Night, and local representation at APD's Commander Forums. Rodger also thanked everyone who participated in AVANA's survey on the bike path and indicated that the Board would soon publish the results of same on our web site.

Rodger thanked the following people for their service in these areas: Jim Lorange (finance), Deliese Kennedy (secretary), Chuck Pace (traffic, safety, & crime), Marissa Little (maintaining website), Gaye Thompson (parliamentary and legal issues). Rodger also thanked our out-going board members for their service: Jim Lorange, John Bramlett, Paul LeBlanc, and Dan Whitliff.

VIII. Discussions, Questions and Answers

The following topics were discussed during the meeting: door to door soliciting and how to prevent same (call the police); the problem of speeders on West Cow Path and the need for no thru traffic signs on this road; coyotes have been seen on the 3M property and on the streets connecting to West Cow Path (call 3-1-1 for removal via traps); parking on the grass (our neighborhood opted out of making this an enforceable offence several years ago); parked unidentified work type trailers (not in violation of City codes); the bike plan approved by the City and its related funding proposition soon to be on the ballot in November 2010; and the picture of the old Angus Valley sign that used to be at the entrance to the neighborhood.

Related to our discussion about no thru traffic signs, it was moved and seconded for the Board to look into getting some sort of signage from the city, and the motion was passed by acclamation.

IX. Annual Election and Amended By-Laws

- Rodger Barnes presented the ballot and reviewed rules for voting. He asked if there were nominations from the floor to serve as Board Members. Nominations from the floor were taken and motions were made which in effect reconfigured the ballot. Because there were only enough nominations to fill the eleven total positions, the

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membership voted to vote by “Acclamation” as provided for in Robert’s Rules. The new ballot was approved with all yeas and no nos.

The following individuals were elected to the AVANA Board of Directors:

President	Rodger Barnes
Vice President	Gaye Thompson
Secretary	Deliese Kennedy
Treasurer	Marsha Kirkland
Safety Officer	Chuck Pace

Members at Large: Maria Amador-Bauman
Jennie Anderson
Ward Boyce
Marissa Little
Stacey Peterson
Judy Schani

- The proposed amended By-Laws were discussed and the changes were pointed out via handouts and discussion. It was pointed out that the Traffic and Safety Committee was being changed to an officer position which will now include responsibility for overseeing the neighborhood watch program in Angus Valley and attending the Commander’s forum, and all the other things that Chuck has already been doing for us.

We discussed the new provisions, and especially the provision addressing conflict of interests. A motion was made to strike this provision, but not seconded. Another motion was made to restructure the sentence instead, and this motion was seconded, and the new language was approved by acclamation.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended By-Laws, and they were approved, as amended, by the General Membership by acclamation.

X. Announcements

- Davis Elementary needs mentors in reading and math.
- If anyone has any ideas for the AVANA website, please let Marissa Little know.
- No board meeting is planned for December, and the next scheduled AVANA Board Meeting will be in January 2011.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

*Draft Copy Submitted for Review on October 12, 2011
Deliese Kennedy, Secretary*