

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held on March 27, 2007 at Davis Elementary School Cafeteria


Item	Topic	Activity
0	Call to Order	John Baylor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were the 136 individuals identified on the registration list and 6guests
1	Introductions	John Baylor himself, along with Rod Reames, Brad Arndt, Jim Lorance & Craig Oakes as the initiators of the reinstatement of AVANA; and the members of various committees which were established as a result of the general meeting held on July 25, 2006.
2	Recognize Guests	John Baylor recognized the following guests: APD Officers Joe Maciel and Chris Keen; Madelyn Vertenten and Douglas Hall from Davis Elementary; and Jason Crouch from the City of Austin
3	History & Current State of the Association	John Baylor gave a brief history of AVANA and indications of the positive response from the community to reinstate the organization from the general meeting held on July 26, 2006. He informed the group of the various committees which were formed from volunteers of that meeting.
4	Bylaws Committee Report & Adoption	A brief overview of the Bylaws proposed by the Committee was given by Sheridan Foster. A lengthy discussion of various provisions of the proposed bylaws ensued, which included the number of Board Members; length of Board and Officer terms; expenditure authority; and the category of membership who can vote on issues other than the election of the Board members and amendment of bylaws. A motion was made from the floor and seconded to clarify that all members can vote on issues other than the election of the Board members and amendment of bylaws. The motion carried by a majority of a show of hands. The motion for adoption of Bylaws was tabled until after the election of Board Members, at which time the Bylaws were adopted, as amended by a majority of a show of hands.
5	Nomination Committee Report & Election of Board of Directors and Officers	Jim Lorance presented a Slate of Officers and Board Directors and requested that each nominee to provide background information including their length of residency in Angus Valley and their street location. Nominations/volunteers were requested from the floor as to each proposed Officer; however none were made. Nominations/volunteers were then

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		requested to serve as a Board Member. Kimberly Parker volunteered and was added to the slate. A motion was then made and seconded from the floor to adopt the slate of Officers and Board Members. The motion carried by a majority of a show of hands.
6	Financial Report	Jim Lorraine presented the financial report of contributions, expenditure and balance on hand. A copy of the report accompanies these Minutes.
7	Committee Reports:	
	Communications – Newsletter and Website	John Baylor recognized the contributions of Karen Ollmann as Editor and Dorene Cohen for layout of the Angus Valley Advocate newsletter and acknowledged those individuals who distributed the newsletter on a door to door basis. He also recognized the financial contribution made by Hamilton Thomas for fully sponsoring the issue. John then acknowledged the contributions made by Joe Zygarlenski especially for picking up this project after some other initial volunteers were unable to move it forward. He solicited assistance for Joe from anyone in the group and requested they contact Joe directly.
	Traffic & Safety	CJ Johnson presented information to the group regarding the passage of HB 87 2 years ago which permits Cities in Texas to reduce residential speed limits to 25 mph. He indicated that the City of Austin has begun targeting other neighborhoods by implemented the reduced speed limits and indicated that the Angus Valley Area may see the changes as well.
	Yett Creek Park	Brad Arndt gave a brief overview of the history of the park, including the sentiment from the community in preserving the undeveloped nature of the park grounds. He also discussed the cooperation between the City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department and the community regarding maintenance of the park grounds. Brad indicated that there would be a joint clean up project between the City and the community and that he would provide more specific information as soon as it was available.
	Crime Issues	Chris Keen and Joe Maciel presented the role of “311” in reporting non emergency matters to the police department and made a brochure regarding safety tips and contact information available to the group. A copy of the brochure is included with these Minutes. A lengthy discussion ensued from the floor including reporting of incidents of recent crimes in the area; establishing a Neighborhood Watch Association; and animal control issues. The group was informed that crime statistics for the area were available at the following website: www.ci.austin.tx.us/police .
	Liaison with Davis Elementary Mentoring Program	Madelyn Vertenten explained the objectives and operation of the mentoring program call “Make a Difference” offered at Davis Elementary and encouraged volunteers for

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		participation in the program. She offered handouts with additional information to the group. A copy of the handout is included with these Minutes.
	Other Reports	There were no other reports.
8	Communications with the City of Austin	Jason Crouch presented the group with the role of the City of Austin Code Enforcement office, which is a division of Solid Waste Services. He made brochures available on the services and operation of Code Enforcement. A copy of the brochure is included with these minutes. He indicated that his office does not go into the community to look for code violations; but operates on a "complaint basis" only. There was a lengthy discussion of the primary types of complaints they receive and the fact that complaints may be made anonymously. It was reported that approximately 20 complaints in the Angus Valley area had been made so far in 2007.
9	Concerns from residents	Concern regarding the growing density of the surrounding community as raised. Jason Crouch informed the group on the increase in "Transit Oriented Development" such as the nearby Domain which includes commercial and residential structures in a planned community development. He also discussed the increase in other areas of Austin that were described as Vertical Mixed Use, which has retail stores on the ground level, with residential units above.
10	Questions and Comments	The subject of the amount of voluntary dues was raised from the floor. A brief discussion was held in which many people indicated their willingness to contribute that evening. John Baylor recommended the sum of \$10.00 per household and Jim Lorange collected the contributions. The group was also reminded to complete the hand out to indicate interest in contributing time the support AVANA in a variety of ways. A copy of the hand out is included with these minutes.
	Adjournment	There being no further business before the group, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


 Sheridan Foster, Secretary


 Date

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