

**Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes of the Board**

**Held on May 29, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwood Library**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Activity</b>
0	Call to Order & Attendance	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President John Baylor. All Board Members were in attendance and there were 5 guests, as is reflected on the Attendance roster attached.
1	Introduction of Guests	Rod Reames introduced Lenny McLaughlin; Jim Wittliff; and A.J. Shield, owners and contractors regarding the house moved on to a parcel on West Cow Path and requested that the Board move to Item 9 on the Agenda for their presentation.
2	Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting	The minutes of the Board Meeting of April 7, 2007 were reviewed and corrected. Harry Lundell moved that the Minutes then be adopted which was seconded by Lori Yuja. Without further discussion, the motion carried.
3	Finance Report	Jim Lorance indicated that the AVANA bank account had been successfully established. He then gave the finance report, a copy of which is attached. The cash on hand as of April 7 <sup>th</sup> was \$143.01; with subsequent collection of membership dues and contributions of \$545.00. There were disbursements of \$45.77, resulting in a balance of \$642.24 as of May 29 <sup>th</sup> . Rod Reames moved to accept the report as presented; a second was made by Dennis Barnes. With no discussion, the motion carried.
<b>Old Business:</b>		
4	Best time for Board Meetings	John Baylor indicated that as of July 2 <sup>nd</sup> the Milwood Library would start to accept reservations for the meeting room for the coming year and wanted to hear discussion as to which day of the week was best for the group. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Wednesday was the best day for the majority of the members and it was recommended

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5	Committee Reports:	<p>that John reserve the meeting room on a monthly basis for a Wednesday meeting; however, no particular Wednesday of the month was determined.</p> <p><u>Traffic &amp; Safety</u>: Chuck Pace reported that he had researched the Neighborhood Watch program and learned that preliminary meetings in various areas would be needed to determine the level of interest the program; street or block captains would be required; and certain demographic information would need to be collected from those who want to participate, e.g. number of children &amp; adults in the household; number of vehicles. He reported that usually 40% participation of the neighbors in the particular street or block is required for a successful program. He also reported that AVANA would need to pay for the Neighborhood Watch signs and for their installation. Placement of the signs would be recommended at least at the four entrances to the community. Information on the program will be distributed in the next issue of the <i>Angus Valley Advocate</i>.</p> <p><u>Crime and Interface with APD</u>: Chuck Pace also reported that he attended the recent Commander's Forum and found it very interesting and informative. Although there was not news of recent break-ins in the AVANA area, there was a rash of break-in at the Riata apartments - 5 to 10 per day in April and May without forced entry. This was apparently the result of a keying issue which resulted in a near 'master key' being developed for the similar locks installed in the apartments. It was mentioned that the Commander's Forum meets quarterly with future meetings on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Covenant Church and November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Spicewood Springs library.</p> <p><u>Parks</u>. Brad Arndt reported that a clean up of Yett Creek Park was scheduled for Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 a.m. and noon with the City of Austin. Brad indicated that he had good response for participation from those folks he had emailed to regarding the event. John Baylor indicted that he would forward Brad's email to others who</p>

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		<p>might be interested.</p> <p><u>Code Issues:</u> Harry Lundell reported that there were 2 issues of code violation in his neighborhood – tall weeds in the front yard at one location and construction vehicles, including a bulldozer at another. There was general discussion about other known violation in the community and concerns about not having action taken after violations were reported to the Code Enforcement Department. Dennis Barnes indicated he has had success with the Department and would be interested in being reassigned from the Liaison to Other Neighborhoods Committee to the Code Issues Committee. His request was granted by the Board. Dennis Barnes moved that the Board draft letters pointing out violations which was seconded by Harry Lundell and carried after a brief discussion.</p> <p><u>Liaison to Other Neighborhoods:</u> John Baylor reported that Mark Strama, Representative for District 50, Texas House of Representatives would be speaking on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Spicewood Springs library regarding local issues. Attendance is limited at the facility.</p> <p><u>Liaison to Davis Elementary:</u> Kimberly Parker reported that an additional volunteer is needed for the Mentoring Program. Solicitation for such a volunteer was in the next issue of the <i>Angus Valley Advocate</i>.</p> <p><u>Social:</u> John Baylor indicated that he had sent emails to folks interested in this committee regarding a possible garage sale; however, response was quite limited. It was discussed that such an event might be better scheduled in the fall.</p> <p><u>Communication:</u> John Baylor reported that Joe Zygarlenski was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict, but that the AVANA website was operational at <a href="http://www.main.org/avana">www.main.org/avana</a> and would be highlighted in the <i>Angus Valley Advocate</i>. A lengthy discussion regarding the number of</p>

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		<p>pages, expense, purpose and advertising content of the <i>Angus Valley Advocate</i> began. Dorene Cohen and Karen Ollmann distributed some recommendations for the Board to consider. It was reported that 600 copies of the 4 page document costs about \$100 to produce. An extra 2 sided insert would run \$38 for production and \$80 for insertion. Due to the lateness of the hour, the discussions were unable to be concluded. Dennis Barnes moved to table all issues relating to the newsletter, which was seconded by Jim Lorance. With no further discussion, the motion carried.</p>
6	<p><b>New Business:</b> Annual General Membership Meeting</p>	<p>John Baylor suggested the dates of October 16<sup>th</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Annual General Membership Meeting. After a brief discussion, Dennis Barnes moved that John Baylor select the date in October, based upon Davis Elementary School availability as the site of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harry Lundell; and with no further discussion, the motion carried.</p>
7	Correspondence/Notices from the City	<p>John Baylor presented correspondence regarding Vertical Mixed Use (VMU)</p>
8	Austin Neighborhood Council	<p>John Baylor identified the website for this organization – <a href="http://www.anc.org">www.anc.org</a> and indicated that there was very useful information regarding the City processes on the website.</p>
9		<p>Mr. Wittliff gave a lengthy presentation to the Board regarding the history of the subject home; the current status of the project; and plans for completion of the project. Mr. Wittliff presented photographs of the home prior to the relocation onto the West Cow Path parcel and the plans for the home as it will be restored. It will be approximately 3,300 square feet in size and will have parking available at the rear of the home. Depending on the wishes of the ultimate buyer, a 2-car garage may be build behind the home. He indicated that there would be some</p>

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		<p>interruption of the use of a portion of West Cow Path for a brief period of time due to construction for sewer connection. He also indicated that when the foundation of the home was secured, he would invite the Board for a walk through and believes that it will be favorable impressed with the quality of the craftsmanship of the home.</p> <p>He also addressed a concern regarding the need for installation of a sidewalk in front of the home, which was required by the City of Austin. He indicated that this requirement might be waived by the City through a letter from AVANA to the City indicating that the Association would prefer that no sidewalk be constructed in order to maintain the current character of the community.</p> <p>As to the issue of subdividing lots in the community, he indicated that AVANA might want to consider deed restrictions to prohibit subdivision of future lots.</p> <p>Upon conclusion of the presentation Mr. Wittliff, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Shield left the meeting with the thanks of the Board for their presentation. The meeting then returned to its original agenda.</p>
10	Other Items	<p>The subject of possible deed restriction regarding further subdivisions arose and there was interest in gathering further information. David Brown volunteered to research the subject. Rod Reames briefly presented some research he had done on the subject.</p>
11	Open	n/a
12	Upcoming Board Meetings	The Board was reminded of the upcoming meetings on Monday June 18 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday July 31 <sup>st</sup>
	Adjournment	<p>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.</p>

*Sheridan Foster* 6-18-07

Sheridan Foster, Secretary Date