

**Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association**

**Minutes of the Board**

**Held on June 18, 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 by President John Baylor at 7:04 p.m. Board Members in attendance: Brad Arndt, Dennis Barnes, John Baylor, David Brown, Sheridan Foster, Jim Lorance, Harry Lundell, Chuck Pace, Kimberly Parker and Rod Reames. Board Member absent: Lori Yuja.
1	Introduction of Guests	Guest in attendance: Diane Baylor, Community Resident
2	Review of Minutes of Prior Meeting	The Minutes of the Prior Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Harry Lundell moved to accept the Minutes as presented, which was seconded by Chuck Pace. Without discussion, the motion passed.
3	Finance Report	The Finance Report was presented by Jim Lorance, who indicated that the beginning balance as of 3/29/07 was \$642.24 with revenue of \$25.00 in additional dues collected and \$495.00 in Newsletter Advertisements, resulting in Total of \$1,162.24. Expenses for the printing and copying of the June 2007 Newsletter were \$234.95, resulting in a Cash Balance on Hand as of June 18.2007 of \$927.29. Sheridan Foster moved to accept the report as presented; a second was made by Rod Reames. With no discussion, the motion carried.
<b>Old Business:</b>		
4	Committee Reports:	<p><u>Traffic &amp; Safety:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck Pace reported that no calls or emails had yet been received from the June Newsletter regarding the proposed Neighborhood Watch program. He indicated that the deadline for volunteers for the program would be the next Board Meeting or the matter would be placed on hold until such time as further interest in the program was demonstrated.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Baylor remarked that the new 25 MPH speed limit signs had begun to be posted in many areas of Angus Valley and that he had received various emails regarding the possibility of speed bumps throughout the community.</li> </ul> <p><u>Crime and Interface with APD:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck Pace reported that the dates of the next upcoming Commanders Meetings were August 14<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Parks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brad Arndt reported that there were between 15 and 20 people who turned out for the Yett Creek Park clean up day on Saturday June 16 which was held in conjunction with the City of Austin. In addition to debris clean out, there was work accomplished on re-lining of the trails.</li> <li>• Kimberly Parker reported seeing an apparent homeless person living in the park on the Sunday following the clean up.</li> </ul> <p><u>Code Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was lengthy discussion regarding the numerous Code Violations throughout the Angus Valley, including a photo presentation by Dennis Barnes with examples of various violations. There was a concern expressed among the group over potential diminishment of the rustic and rural charm of the Angus Valley area as well as the possibility of declining property values if such conditions were to continue unchecked.</li> <li>• Dennis Barnes moved to have the Board issue letters to each residence abutting Yett Creek Park to inform them that further dumping behind their properties into the Park would not be tolerated. Harry Lundell seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the motion carried. David Brown and Harry Lundell volunteered to assist in drafting the letter on behalf of the</li> </ul>

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		<p>President.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Barnes then moved to have (1) the Board issue letters to Angus Valley residents identifying specific Code Violation issues on their properties and requesting voluntary cooperation in eliminating such violations for the betterment of the community and (2) the Board would engage in follow up with the City of Austin regarding violations which were not voluntarily eliminated in a reasonable period of time. The motion received a second from Kimberly Parker. After additional lengthy discussion, the motion carried.</li> </ul> <p><u>Long Term Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Brown and Harry Lundell identified the following issues as potentially Long Term concerns for the Angus Valley Community: Ongoing Code Violations; the further development of The Domain at Duval and Hwy 183; the North Gate Burnet Overlay Zone; and the potential for Variable Mixed Use at Duval and Jollyville Rd. They will keep the Board posted on developments in these areas.</li> </ul> <p><u>Liaison to Other Neighborhoods:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Brown indicated that he had met with the Vice President and Secretary of the Champion Forrest Homeowners to discuss areas of mutual concern.</li> <li>• David Brown also indicated that State Representative Mark Strama would be speaking at the Milwood Neighborhood Association meeting on June 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Spicewood Springs Library.</li> </ul>

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		<p><u>Liaison to Davis Elementary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kimberly Parker reported that although an article appeared in the June Newsletter which had been recently distributed, she had not received any feed back on the proposed mentoring program with Davis Elementary students.</li> </ul> <p><u>Social:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harry Lundell reported that there did not appear to be much interest in a community wide garage sale until possibly in the fall when the weather would be cooler.</li> </ul> <p><u>Communication:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Baylor indicated that updates to the website should be communicated to either Joe Zygarlenski or Bill Woleben.</li> <li>• The Board then considered Item 6, below.</li> </ul>
5	Consider proposal concerning sidewalks at move-on house WCP	<p>Rod Reames informed the Board that a hearing had been scheduled for June 26, 2007 regarding enforcement or variance of the sidewalk requirement pertaining to the “move on” house on West Cow Path. Rod Reames moved that if the owners of the subject house were to request in writing that AVANA recommend waiving the sidewalk requirement, the Board would issue such a letter. Sheridan Foster seconded the motion. After brief discussion, the motion carried.</p>
6	Consider proposal for Newsletter advertising policies	<p>There was a discussion, moderate in length, regarding whether advertising should be limited in the Newsletter so that it did not turn into more of an advertising vehicle rather than containing a majority of editorial content of interest to the community. John Baylor reported that printing costs (excluding copying charges) for the 4 page document which AVANA has published to date runs approximately \$100.00, whereas printing costs for a 6 page document would run \$234.00. A motion to table further the issue of policies regarding Newsletter</p>

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		advertising until the next Board Meeting was made by Rod Reames and seconded by Dennis Barnes. Without further discussion, the motion carried.
7	Annual General Membership Meeting Confirmed for Oct 23 at Davis Elementary	John Baylor confirmed that the Annual General Membership Meeting was scheduled at Davis Elementary for October 23, 2007.
8	Correspondence /Notices from City	Dennis Barnes: Dennis Barnes briefly presented the VMU issues surrounding the Angus Valley community. No motions resulted.
	<b>New Business:</b>	
9	Austin Neighborhood Council – Membership Information	John Baylor briefly presented information on the Austin Neighborhood Council, which publicizes all neighborhood association. There appeared to be a consensus that AVANA should consider membership in the organization. John will gather additional information for presentation at a future Board Meeting.
10	Distribution of June Newsletter	John Baylor reported that 28 to 29 folks are needed to distribute each newsletter.
11	Other Items	None
12	Reserved	None
13	Board Meetings: Tues July 31; No August Meeting	John Baylor reminded the group of the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 31 <sup>st</sup> and also that August would be dark.
	Adjournment	There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm

  
 Sheridan Foster, Secretary

7.31.2007  
 Date