

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting

Held on October 23, 2007 at Davis Elementary School Cafeteria

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0	Call to Order	John Baylor called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
1	Introductions	John Baylor introduced Dr. Douglas Hall from Will Davis Elementary who made opening remarks to the group, including thanks to AVANA for the support to Will Davis. Dr. Hall also presented the school missions for both AISD and Will Davis Elementary.
	Recognize Guests	John Baylor recognized the following guests: Terry Tevis from the Mesa Park Neighborhood Association and Doug Brooks from the Champions Forrest Homeowners Association. Subsequently Larry Dueser, who previously had been the President of AVANA for numerous years and a resident of the area for over 30 years, was introduced.
2	Minutes of General Meeting from March 27, 2007	Sheridan Foster read the Minutes of the General meeting from March 27, 2007. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the minutes as read. Without discussion, the motion carried.
3	Financial Report	The Financial Report was presented by Jim Lorance. The beginning balance on hand as of the last General Meeting on March 27, 2007 was \$143.01. Income from Dues & Donations of \$1098.00 and Newsletter Advertisement of \$530.00 was reported for Total Cash Available of \$1771.01. The following expenses were reported: Newsletter Printing \$344.88; Post Office Box Rental of \$36.00; Duplication Expense of \$6.82; Postage of \$10.50; Annual Dues to Austin Neighborhood Council of \$35.00; Checking Account Check Purchase of \$13.95; and Credit Union Member Fee of \$25.00 for Total Expenses of \$462.15. The resulting Cash Balance On Hand as of October 23, 2007 was reported as \$1308.86.
4	Current State of the Association	John Baylor reviewed some of the accomplishments of Board since its first meeting in April of 2007 in such areas as the activities of the standing committees; establishing banking & post office relationships; publishing and distributing the Newsletter; established standing Board meeting on the 2 nd Wednesday at the Milwood Library (dark August & December); participation in the Austin Neighborhoods Council; and establishing the AVANA website. John also indicated that there was some confusion and misunderstanding in the community

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		<p>about the activities of the Board regarding reporting neighbors to the City of Austin for various Code violations. A letter had been distributed to members of the community, which the Board believed contained errors and misrepresentations as to the activities of the Board of Directors of AVANA. He clarified to the group that the Board had taken no action to report any violations to the City. He further clarified that the Board had issued a total of 3 letters to AVANA property owners, 2 of which cited the code regarding height of grass/weeds and requested their lawns be cut appropriately. Each homeowner complied in a reasonable time frame without further action. The 3rd letter issued by the Board was regarding the deed restriction on building materials used on the move-on house on West Cow Path. This issue is currently pending.</p>
5	Committee Reports:	<p><u>Park Committee:</u> Brad Arndt reported that between 20 and 25 volunteers attended the clean up of Yett Creek Park held in June in conjunction with the City of Austin and that there would be another clean up day within a few weeks of this meeting. He also indicated that it was the goal of the Board to keep the park in its natural state. Bard also announced that another park clean up was scheduled for November 3rd.</p> <p><u>Traffic & Safety:</u> Chuck Pace reported on the issue of the City re-stripping Duval at the Whispering Valley entrance to the community and the confusion caused regarding trying to turn left onto Duval at Whispering Valley, indicating that the community had not been notified of the project prior to it happening so none of the area associations had the opportunity for input. The subject of additional lane access from traveling west on Duval to enter Hwy 183 was raised. Chuck reported that TXDOT was firm in their position of not increasing access, but leaving the existing single lane of access. The repaving of Mustang Chase was noted and there was a general discussion as to other areas that were targeted for a type of re-surfacing but not full re-paving. Chuck reported that break in problems in one area of the community had decreased, possibly due to the relocation of Katrina victims out of the area. Finally, Chuck reported that interest in establishing and participating in Neighborhood Watch programs had been disappointing. He encouraged anyone who was interested in participation to contact him for additional information.</p> <p><u>Neighborhood Issues:</u> Kimberly Parker reported on the effect of the substantial rain the community had during the summer season which was responsible for early leaf loss. She</p>

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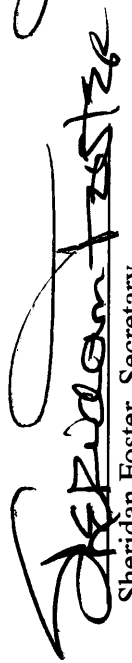
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		<p>indicated that information regarding Oak Wilt treatment would be posted on the AVANA website and in the next newsletter. Kimberly also reported that the Davis Elementary School has a new mentoring program and is looking for volunteers regarding tutoring in the areas of grammar, spelling and math.</p> <p><u>Code Issues:</u> Dennis Barnes affirmed to the group that as reported by John Baylor earlier in the evening, the Board had acted on only 3 code violations by sending courtesy letters to the property owners informing them of the code requirements and requesting that the issues be brought into compliance. Dennis also indicated that citations issued by the City of Austin in recent months were not as a result of Board activity, but by individuals within the community.</p> <p><u>Deed Violations:</u> Rod Reames updated the group as to the concerns and issues relating to the move-on house on West Cow Path in conjunction with the deed restrictions particularly in Sections 4, 5 & 6 regarding the mandated use of certain amounts of masonry (usually 50%) on home exteriors. He explained the position of the developers of the subject home regarding the use of Hardie Board in contrast to the position of many neighbors regarding the required use of masonry. There were questions and a general discussion from the floor regarding the overall project.</p> <p><u>Communication Issues:</u> John Baylor reported that the Board was considering the formation of a specific Yahoo Group to expand communication opportunities to the community. He also recognized the contributions of Karen Ollmann as Editor and Dorene Cohen for layout of the Angus Valley Advocate newsletter and the contributions made by Joe Zygarlenski regarding the AVANA website.</p>
6	Questions & Answers	<p>There was a lengthy and robust question, answer and comment session. Many community members raised questions and gave their perspectives and comments regarding such areas as identification of and action on code violations; the master plan for Yett Creek Park, especially as to access points into the park; and improving communication from the Board to the general community. Larry Dueser, a 30 year resident of the Angus Valley area and President of the neighborhood association for 27 years addressed the group regarding his personal opinion regarding the election of Directors and Officers to be held later in the meeting.</p>

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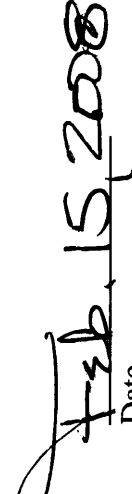
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7	Nominating Committee Report	<p>Jim Lorance and Rod Reames presented a sample election ballot to the group and explained the various rules for voting which were outlined on the sample ballot and that there were 2 slates of Directors and Officers on the ballot. Jim Lorance asked if there were nominations or volunteers from the floor to serve as a Board Member in order to fill the open position on the slate offered by the AVANA Nominating Committee. Lisa Mangum so volunteered. It was explained that members of the group could vote for a "straight ticket" as to either group or make individual selections from both slates or write in their candidate in the area allocated for "Write-Ins". The resulting slates of candidates appears below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="516 88 1128 1423"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Position</th> <th>Candidates Presented by the AVANA Nominating Committee</th> <th>Candidates Presented by the Good Neighbor Group</th> <th rowspan="2">Write-ins</th> </tr> <tr> <th><input type="checkbox"/> Straight Vote for Slate Below</th> <th><input type="checkbox"/> Straight Vote for Slate Below</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>John Baylor</td> <td>Dan Wittliff</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Rod Reames</td> <td>Bob Zane</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Jim Lorance</td> <td>Rodger Barnes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Sheridan Foster</td> <td>Barbara Buchle</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Brad Arndt</td> <td>Jenny Anderson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Dennis Barnes</td> <td>Judy Poole</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>David Brown</td> <td>A.V. Ootsey</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Chuck Pace</td> <td>Marissa Little</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Kimberly Parker</td> <td>Ward Boyce</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>John Bramlett</td> <td>Howard Slather</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Member</td> <td>Lisa Mangum</td> <td>Jeri Baker</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Each candidate was asked to introduce themselves to the group and identify the Street of the residence and length of residence in Angus Valley.</p> <p>Volunteers were identified for the counting of the ballots. All volunteers were accepted. After a few questions from the floor, the actual ballots were distributed and voting began.</p>	Position	Candidates Presented by the AVANA Nominating Committee	Candidates Presented by the Good Neighbor Group	Write-ins	<input type="checkbox"/> Straight Vote for Slate Below	<input type="checkbox"/> Straight Vote for Slate Below	President	John Baylor	Dan Wittliff		Vice President	Rod Reames	Bob Zane		Treasurer	Jim Lorance	Rodger Barnes		Secretary	Sheridan Foster	Barbara Buchle		Member	Brad Arndt	Jenny Anderson		Member	Dennis Barnes	Judy Poole		Member	David Brown	A.V. Ootsey		Member	Chuck Pace	Marissa Little		Member	Kimberly Parker	Ward Boyce		Member	John Bramlett	Howard Slather		Member	Lisa Mangum	Jeri Baker	
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8	Follow Up	None.
	Adjournment	Due to the lateness of the hour, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m., prior to completion of the ballot count.



 Sheridan Foster, Secretary



 Date

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Addendum to the Minutes of the General Meeting

Held on October 23, 2007 at Davis Elementary School Cafeteria

Election Results for the Board of Directors for 2008.

The following individuals were elected to the positions identified below:

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President	John Baylor
Vice President	Rod Reames
Treasurer	Jim Lorance
Secretary	Sheridan Foster
Member	Brad Arndt
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