

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board

Held on February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Millwood Library

Item	Topic	Description
0	Call to Order & Attendance	The meeting was called to order by John Baylor at 7:02 p.m. Board Members in attendance were: Dennis Barnes; John Baylor; John Bramlett; Sheridan Foster; Jim Lorance; A.V. Ootsey; and Rod Reames. Board Members absent were: Brad Arndt; David Brown and Kimberly Parker
1	Recognize guests and Association members – John Baylor	Terry Tevis of the Mesa Park Neighborhood Association was in attendance, along with the following AVANA residents: Deliese Kennedy; Randy Robinson; Sue Krivka; Lu Zane; Lynn Vodnick; Marissa Little; Bob Zane; David Bullis and Jenny Anderson
	Special presentations or guest speakers	None
	Comments from residents/assoc. members	There was a general discussion and request that where resolutions were to be discussed per the Agenda, that such resolutions accompany the Agenda.
2	Board Meeting minutes of January 9, 2008 - Sheridan Foster	Rod Reames moved to accept the minutes as presented; a second was received from Dennis Barnes. John Baylor indicated that he had a few technical corrections which had just been submitted; Sheridan Foster explained the nature of the corrections. Without further discussion, the motion carried.
	General Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2007 - Sheridan Foster	There was a brief discussion regarding the draft presented; the board requested that Sheridan prepared an addendum to the Minutes in order to report the outcome of the election.
3	Finance Report - Jim Lorance	Jim Lorance presented the finance report which indicated a beginning cash balance on January 9, 2008 of \$1558.57. Income was reported of \$0.52 from interest on the checking account; \$10.00 from Dues; \$30.00 from Newsletter advertising, for a total of \$40.52 in income which resulted in a total cash available of \$1599.09. Expenses were reported as follows: \$35.00 for the annual Dues to the Austin Neighborhood


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4	Reports of Committees: <u>Traffic & safety:</u> Chuck Pace	<p>Council and \$99.93 for newsletter printing, for a total of \$134.93 in expenses for the period. The Cash Balance on Hand as of February 13, 2008 was \$1464.16. Sheridan Foster moved that the report be accepted as presented; a second was received from A. V. Ootsey. The motion carried without discussion.</p> <p>Chuck Pace reported that on January 9th, he attended a meeting of the Austin Center for Peace & Justice with approximately 60 people in attendance. The focus appeared to be on East Austin problems, including fear of police & school drop out issues. He will not be attending the follow up meeting of this organization.</p> <p>Chuck also reported of attending the League of Women Voter meeting in which Austin Police Chief Acevedo discussed such topics as placing cameras at various locations to monitor and record people's activity; the lack of mental health capabilities in outlying areas resulting in people in need of such services being left in Austin, thereby becoming a financial burden to the citizens of Austin; and calling "311" to report transients.</p> <p>In addition, Chuck reported that between 1/1/08 and 2/12/08 there were 3 crime reports in the area – one on Mustang Chase; another on Pony Chase and the 3rd on Whispering Valley .</p> <p>Chuck also clarified that there would be no installation fee on Neighborhood Watch signs until October of 2008 and that we could purchase signs in bulk which would result in an \$60.00 savings on each sign</p>
	<u>Beautification and Revitalization Advisory Group (BRAG):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move-on house on West Cow Path – Rod Reames 	<p>Dennis Barnes moved that this item be removed from the agenda. A second was received from Rod Reames and the motion carried after a brief discussion</p>

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	<u>Yett Creek Park</u> : Brad Arndt	No Report
	<u>Communication</u> –	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yahoo Group – John Bramlett 	John Bramlett reported on the 190 invitations to join the Yahoo Group which he had sent via email from those individuals who furnished their email addresses. Thus far, he received 78 acceptances. He also indicated that the newsletter contained an invitation to join as well.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter – John Baylor 	John Baylor reported that the newsletter had been distributed earlier in the week to the community.
	<u>Crime & Interface with APD</u> – Chuck Pace	Reported under Traffic and Safety, above.
	<u>Long Term Issues:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storm Drains & Flooding Issues – Dennis Barnes 	Dennis Barnes moved to appoint a temporary committee to study, develop a proposal and plan to AVANA Board, which will include the cooperation of the City of Austin, which received a second from Sheridan Foster. After a brief discussion regarding such impacted areas such as Bull Run, Rambling Range and Deer Track, the motion carried.
	Liaison to Other Neighborhoods	Terry Tevis, from the Mesa Park Neighborhood Association, indicated that crime in the AVANA area appeared to be better than what some other nearby neighborhood were experiencing – drive-by shootings and prostitution.
	Liaison to Davis Elementary – Kimberly Parker	No Report
	Social:	No Report
5	<u>Correspondence/Notices from City</u>	None
	OLD BUSINESS:	
6	AVANA Membership List – uses & privacy – Dennis Barnes	Removed from the Agenda at the request of Dennis Barnes
7	Methodology of Election of Board and Officers – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes made a motion to appoint a committee to study and make recommendations to the Board in order to adopt a standard election procedure and

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		policy as can be commonly found in Texas local, county, and State. Chuck Pace seconded the motion, which was carried after a brief discussion
8	AVANA Historical Documents in possession of Larry Dueser – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes moved to have Larry Deuser contacted as the former AVANA President and request that he provide any and all records and files he may still have in his possession. The motion was amended by Sheridan Foster to provide that John Baylor, as the current AVANA President, attempt to make the contact with Mr. Deuser. Chuck Pace gave a second to the amendment motion, which carried without further discussion.
9	Survey Results from AVANA Community in 2006 – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes moved to form a temporary committee which would gather, archive and tabulate all past and present neighbor surveys and post the results on the website. The motion received a second from Chuck Pace and carried after a brief discussion.
10	Recruiting Volunteers to Serve on Committees – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes discussed the importance of filling the committees being formed with new members from within the community. Sheridan Foster volunteered to develop a short piece for posting on the website which would call for volunteers for these committees.
11	Improving the West Cow Path Entrance to Angus Valley – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes made a motion to appoint a temporary committee to study and develop a proposal to the AVANA Board which will significantly revitalize and renew the main entrance to Angus Valley at West Cow Path from Duval to the Bull Run area. The motion was seconded by Sheridan Foster and carried after a brief discussion.
12	Whispering Valley Road Entrance to Angus Valley – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes made a motion to appoint a temporary committee to study and develop a proposal to the AVANA Board to address improving the blighted conditions at the Whispering Valley Road entrance to AVANA. The motion received a second from Chuck Pace and after a brief discussion, the motion carried.
13	Duval Road Development – Dennis Barnes	Dennis Barnes addressed concerns about residences along Duval being targeted for commercial development and cautioned the Board Members to be vigilant of any posted notices of requests for re-zoning.
		NEW BUSINESS:
14	AVANA sponsorship of Police Appreciation Night on February 26 th in conjunction with Mesa Park Neighborhood Association and Balcones Woods Neighborhood Association – John Baylor	John Baylor presented the Board with information regarding the activities planned for Police Appreciation Night and sought the interest from the Board regarding AVANA contributing to the event by purchasing small items, such as pens, pads, etc. which would be distributed at the event. Chuck Pace moved that AVANA spend up to \$100 in the purchase of such items. The motion was seconded by Dennis Barnes and carried

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15	Report on 5310 Bull Run Construction Project, as requested by the Board – Dennis Barnes	without discussion. Jim Lorance and John Bramlett volunteered to purchase the items. A motion was made by Sheridan Foster and seconded by Jim Lorance to reimburse Chuck Pace for up to \$15 for supplies he would purchase to bake cookies as a contribution to the event. The motion carried without discussion.
	Other Matters for Consideration	Dennis Barnes provided a report on the large addition in the process of construction at 5310 Bull Run, which appears to be somewhat commercial in nature. Dennis reported a conversation with the owner of the property, Tim Mosley in which Mr. Mosley indicated that he would not be operating a business out of that location.
	Adjournment	Time: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


 Sheridan Foster, Secretary


 Dated Feb 15, 2008