

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board

Held on March 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwood Library

Item	Topic	Description
0	Call to Order & Attendance	The meeting was called to order by President John Baylor at 7:03 p.m. All Board Members were in attendance.
1	<p>Recognize guests and Association members – John Baylor</p> <p>Special presentations or guest speakers - Alice Glasco, of Alice Glasco Consulting regarding change of zoning for Duval Retirement Home</p> <p>Comments from residents/assoc. members</p>	<p>AVANA residents in attendance: Randy Robinson; Deliese Kennedy; Howard Slather; Brett Steffen; Jim King; Billie King; Sue Krivka; Bob Zane; Lu Zane; Jennie Anderson; Lynn Vodnick; Joe Zygarlenski; Mary & Ward Boyce and Bruce Youngblood.</p> <p>Barbara Perry; Karen Flanagan were also in attendance and identified themselves as member of Valley Oaks and More Neighborhood Association (VOMNA).</p> <p>Ms. Glasco, on behalf Mr. Charles Putnam, who was also in attendance, presented information and responded to inquiries regarding the intent to file for a zoning change of Heritage Gardens property on Duval from SF3 zoning to that of General Office. Such a change would allow the owners to make needed interior improvements and allow for zoning of up to 5 stories for offices and commercial use.</p> <p>Karen Flanagan informed the group that a new neighborhood association had been formed – Valley Oaks and More Neighborhood Association (VOMNA) which included the residents within the following general boundaries: Mustang Chase on the West; Black Angus on the East; Bar X on the north and Pony Chase on the South. She indicated that VOMNA wants to be excluded for AVANA.</p> <p>Jim King indicated that he had flood water concerns on Mustang Chase that were not on the agenda. He also indicated that he did not want AVANA involved in identifying code violation issues.</p>


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2	Review & approval of: Board Meeting minutes of February 13, 2008	There was an extensive general discussion among the guests and Board Members regarding the role of the AVANA Board and the direction AVANA should take regarding maintaining and promoting increasing property values in the community through activities such as identifying and writing letters regarding code violations. Sheridan Foster presented the Board Meeting minutes from February 13, 2008. Chuck Pace identified a correction which needed to be made regarding the savings on the Neighborhood Watch signs. A motion to accept the minutes with the correction was made by Dennis Barnes; seconded by Chuck Pace; and the motion carried without discussion.
3	General Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2007 - Sheridan Foster	Sheridan presented the revised General Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2007 which incorporated the results of the Board Election, which returned all the previous Board Members who were seeking re-election to their positions. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dennis Barnes; seconded by Chuck Pace; and the motion carried without discussion.
4	Finance Report - Jim Lorance Reports of Standing Committees: Traffic & safety: Beautification and Revitalization Advisory Group (BRAG): That a letter be issued to the property owner at 12306 Deer Track regarding a broken down and deteriorating privacy fence.	Jim Lorance presented the financial report which indicated a beginning cash balance on had as of February 13, 2009 of \$1464.16. Income of \$10.00 from Membership Dues and \$15.00 from Newsletter Advertisement was reported. Expenses of \$95.70 were reported for Misc. snacks provided for the police appreciation event. The resulting Cash Balance On Hand as of March 12, 2008 was reported as \$1393.46. Sheridan Foster moved to accept the report as presented; a second was received from Rod Reames; and without discussion the motion carried. Included Under Crime and Interface with APD Dennis Barnes withdrew the agenda items regarding 12005 Mustang Chase; 5206 Maverick; 12209 Mustang Chase; 5101 Hereford; and 5005 Saddle Dr. from the January 2008 agenda. Dennis Barnes made a motion to issue a letter to the property owner at 12306 Deer Track regarding a broken down and deteriorating privacy fence which received a second from John Bramlett. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

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	Yett Creek Park: Brad Arndt	Brad Arndt reviewed the progress made over the past year to clean up the park in conjunction with the City of Austin, through the office of Max Moore, and indicated that heavy equipment will need to be scheduled with the City to complete the initial clean up due to the nature of the large items remaining at the south end of the park along the area where Mustang Chase runs into Deer Track.
	Communication – Yahoo Group – John Bramlett	John Bramlett reported at 191 invitations had been issued to join the AVANA Yahoo Group and that the group now had 82 members.
	Crime & Interface with APD – Chuck Pace	Chuck Pace reported that were 24 police reports since the last meeting, 18 of which were for the Whispering Valley area. He also reported that 2 Neighborhood Watch groups had been successfully formed and were ready to meet with the district representative of the Austin Police Department for training. In addition, Chuck reported that the Neighborhood Watch signs which cost \$35 each can be purchased in bulk (10 or more) for \$30 each.
	Long Term Issues: Storm Drains & Flooding Issues – Dennis Barnes	There was a brief general discussion among the Board and visitors regarding the storm drains and flooding issues
	Liaison to Other Neighborhoods	No Report
	Liaison to Davis Elementary – Kimberly Parker	There was no report; however, Kimberly Parker indicated that she would no longer be able to chair the committee and was looking for a volunteer as her replacement. Joe Zygarlenski volunteered as the Chair.
	Social:	No report
5	Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City 	A letter dated March 6, 2008 was received from Stuart Strong, Acting Director of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, in response to a letter initiated by James Boyce regarding concerns about the brush condition in Yett Park. The letter indicated that a clean up has been scheduled for April 12, 2008 at Yett Park in conjunction with “It’s My Park! Day.” Brush removal will take place at that time with the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) staff performing a pre-clean up by consolidating brush and debris

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		for removal by volunteers. It further indicated that PARD will be providing mechanical assistance with a chipper, bobcat and dumpsters.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lu Juana Zane 		A letter dated March 1, 2008 was received from Lu Juana F. Zane regarding the potential fire hazard due to the scrub brush in Yett Park, especially for the homes along Deer Track which backup to the park. The letter also indicated that reports have been given to police personnel regarding several homeless individual who have been seen camping out in the park and building fires for cooking or warmth.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Krivka 		A letter dated February 29, 2008 was received from Sue Krivka which indicated that she would like to see AVANA focus on activities such as welcoming new neighbors with Welcome Baskets; having block parties or BBQ's once or twice a year to improve neighborhood relations; and publish "clean up our front yards" notices in the Newsletter. She also indicated that she is available to serve on the new committees mentioned at the last Board meeting.
6	<p>Recruiting Volunteers to Serve on Ad Hoc Committees – Dennis Barnes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the West Cow Path Entrance to Angus Valley • Whispering Valley Road Entrance to Angus Valley • Duval Road Development • Methodology of Election of Board and Officers • Survey Results from AVANA Community in 2007 	<p>John Bramlett indicated his interest on serving on the committee regarding Improving the West Cow Path Entrance to Angus Valley and expressed the thought to include 3M in the project</p> <p>Dennis Barnes made a motion which was seconded by Sheridan Foster to solicit volunteers for the committees regarding Whispering Valley, Duval Rd Development & Board elections, along with volunteers for the activities identified in agenda item 9, through the AVANA Newsletter; website and Yahoo group. After a moderate discussion, the motion carried.</p> <p>John Baylor announced that Bob Zane had volunteered to compile the results of the 2007 AVANA Survey and report back to the Board.</p> <p>John Baylor also announced that Deliese Kennedy had volunteered to contact Larry Deuser, the prior President of AVANA, in order to try to obtain historical documents in</p>

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7	Police Appreciation Night - Feb. 26 Chuck Pace will report	Chuck Pace reported the Police Appreciation Night has been an annual event for 14 years and that this is the first year in which AVANA has participated. There were approximately 12 tables with various gifts and tokens of appreciation and staffed by approximately 45 civilian volunteers. At least 30 Austin Police Department members, along with Chief Acevedo, attended the event. Chuck reported that all of the APD members attending were genuinely pleased with the appreciation shown to them.
8	Report on Sign Zoning and code enforcement initiatives by Austin City employees – Dennis Barnes?	Dennis Barnes reported speaking with Skip Cameron of the Austin Police Department regarding the large number of political and other signs posted at various areas on Duval for long periods of time. He indicated that the APD has taken an initiative to reduce signage in inappropriate areas through a group of volunteers who are called the “Austin Sign Rangers”. Dennis informed the group that individuals could call 311 to report what they believe are signs in inappropriate areas.
9	Additional volunteers needed – John Baylor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writing articles for newsletter • advertising to be placed in newsletter • Organize events in Angus Valley (e.g. National night out, fund raising, social functions, etc. etc.) 	The topics under this agenda item were included in the motion which carried under agenda item 6, above.
10	Other new business presented by a Board Member	A. V. Ootsey made a motion, which was seconded by David Brown, to suspend introduction of any new resolutions regarding committee formation activities until the current committees are staffed and have completed their objectives. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.
11	Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
12	Announcements: Next Board Meeting: April 9, 2008 7:00 pm Milwood Library	

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	<p>Special Hazardous Waste Pick up (including medications) at Anderson High School, Sat. April 5th, max 30 gallons, free.</p> <p>Shred Day 2008 at Austin High School (including private documents) -- Sat. April 19th 7:30 am to 2:30PM. up to 5 boxes, free</p> <p>Next APD Commanders Forum:</p> <p>Tues May 13, Spicewood Library 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tues, Aug 12, Covenant Church -Duval Rd 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tues, Oct. 28, Northwest Fellowship Church- Anderson Mill at Pond Springs 7:00 pm</p> <p>Next AVANA Newsletter: To be determined when there are commitments for authoring articles.</p>	


 Sheridan Foster, Secretary

Dated: April 10, 2008