

# **Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association**

*Board Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2009*

*Milwood Library*

## **I. Call to order**

Bob Zane called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members in attendance: Bob Zane, John Bramlett, A.V. Ootsey, Deliese Kennedy for Stacey Peterson, Jim Lorange, Gaye Thompson, and Chuck Pace.

Board members absent: John Baylor, David Brown, Marissa Little, Judy Poole (deceased), and Stacy Peterson

In-coming Board Members (if not named above): Rodger Barnes, Ward Boyce, Jennie Anderson, and Deliese Kennedy

Residents in attendance: Marcia Kirkland, Randy Daugherty, Lowe Johnston, and Maria Bauman

## **II. Review of minutes**

The minutes of the AVANA Board Meeting conducted on October 14, 2009, were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **III. Finance Report**

Jim Lorange presented the treasurer's report. Total income this period was \$535.21 (dues, donations, and interest income).

Expenses were \$ -0- (Post Office Box Fee).

The association's cash balance is \$1652.12 and a written financial report was filed with the minutes.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

- Traffic & Safety - Chuck Pace presented the following crime data for the past two months in Angus Valley:

- **For the period** 10-15-09 through 11-15-09 there were four (4) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 2   assault with injury / family violence
- burglary of residence
- burglaries of vehicles
- family disturbances
- disturbances / other
- harassment
- leaving the scene of an accident
- unlawful restraint
- 2   abandoned vehicles

Zero (0) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley:

- burglary of vehicle (on Pony Chase)
- cruelty to animals
- harassment (on Deer Track)
- leaving scene of accident (on Pony Chase)
- terroristic threat (on Bull Run)
- theft (on W. Cow)

- **For the period** 10-15-09 through 11-15-09 there were nine (9) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Condos along Duval :

- 3   car thefts
- 6   car burglaries

Zero (0) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley.

- Communications (Yahoo Group) – John Bramlett reported 123 members and more have been invited to join. 26 messages have been received since the last meeting and the missing dog has been reunited with its owner within the last 48-hours. The list of board members has not yet been updated but should be updated soon.
- Liaison to Other Neighborhoods – No one attended for the other neighborhoods.
- Welcome Committee – No news here.
- Correspondence - A letter was received from the City of Austin regarding the railroad siding build out which should have been received by property owners within 500 feet of the tracks notifying them of the build out. No real actions can be taken to oppose this action at this late date because it is the railroad’s land and it’s too late to oppose.

Correspondence was also received from the president of the Mesa Park neighborhood association discussing the railroad track build out in the green belt and specifically noting that the railroad representative/liaison stated that regular zoning rules don’t

apply to this project. The last resort might be a letter campaign to the City Council. Bob Zane indicated that the AVANA Board should have been notified ourselves but we were not (in contravention of the liaison's word that we would be).

E-mail correspondence was shared, however, that was sent to the Board by other AVANA members complaining about the railroads' and others actions (i.e., shrubbery removal by Verizon personnel and the railroad's second track).

- Meeting dates for the AVANA Board Meetings – The library approved our proposed meeting dates (i.e., the second Wednesday of each month except December and August).

## V. New Business

- Survey results on Yett Creek Park and the City's Bicycle Plan – The questions and answers with the resident's comments should be noted and reported in the near future. Chuck and Gaye counted the yeas and neas for each question. The Board wants to put this information on our web site as well as send the results to the City of Austin so the City will know our views. The Board motioned and seconded that the survey results be posted with the comments.

The Board motioned and seconded that the results of our survey be sent to the City of Austin. It was suggested that the in-coming AVANA Board president Rodger Barnes and the out-going AVANA Board vice-president Bob Zane draft a cover letter which points out the particulars as noted in our survey (i.e., our streets are too narrow for bike lanes and that we don't want bike lanes on Mustang Chase or on W. Cow Path).

It was noted that the Riata neighborhood does not want the cut-through between our neighborhoods either because it would likely require more trash pick-ups and would also likely end up attracting more people and pedestrian traffic of the undesirable types.

- AVANA (YaHOO group) List Serve Terms of Use – the draft terms of use were reviewed and modified and a motion and second to such modifications were approved by the Board. See attachment to paper copy only...we'll get it scanned in and on the web site soon.
- U.S. Census workers – Austin Police Department sent AVANA a notification that census workers will be out working in the city.
- Finance Report for 2008-2009 board year – the attachment (with the proper initial off by Jim Lorange) will be given to vice-president Gaye Thompson for attaching same to the General Meeting notes.

**VI. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Submitted by Deliese Kennedy, Acting Secretary  
Date Approved: January 13, 2010*