

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2009

Milwood Library

I. Call to order

John Baylor called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Board members in attendance: John Baylor, Bob Zane, Stacey Peterson, Jim Lorange, John Bramlett, A.V. Ootsey, Chuck Pace, Judy Poole, and Gaye Thompson. Board members absent: David Brown and Marissa Little. Also in attendance: Officer Joe Maciel.

II. Review of minutes

The minutes of March 11, 2009, were approved as corrected.

III. Finance Report

Jim Lorange presented the treasurer's report. Total income this period was \$145.41 (dues, donations, and interest income). Expenses were \$80.28 (Police Appreciation Snack Costs). The association's cash balance is \$1,670.53 and a written financial report was filed with the minutes.

IV. Special Presentation

Northwest District Representative, Officer Joe Maciel, proposed that AVANA consider joining with some surrounding neighborhood associations to hold a cooperative National Neighborhood Night Out at a selected location in the NW Austin community such as the Quarries. He stated that participating in such an event would not only provide an opportunity for us to meet people from surrounding neighborhoods, but it would ensure a higher presence of officers at the event as last year his staff had a difficult time attending all the NNO's that were scheduled. A cooperative event would also increase the likelihood of limited resources being available such as a firetruck, helicopter, fingerprinting for the kids, and possibly officers from the bomb squad.

V. Committee Reports

- **Traffic & Safety** - Chuck Pace urged residents to continue to report any suspicious persons in our neighborhood as the APD appreciates receiving these calls. Chuck also reported on the reorganization within the APD Command Structure from 9 "Area Commands" into 3 "Bureaus." Our area will be combined with the Central West and Downtown Areas as these areas have very similar patterns of crime (very low reports of violent crime with more of property crime).

Also, APD detectives will now be working 24/7 which should help decrease the lag time in their COMSAT reporting of crimes from 72 hours to 24 hours. Chuck relayed information on the start of APD's "Citizen Observer" program, an online network that will allow APD to inform the community directly about missing persons, crimes, and suspects. Chuck will continue to relay information to us, but interested individuals may register at www.citizenobserver.com/registration.isp. Following is the crime data for the past two months in Angus Valley:

For the period 3/11/09 - 4/11/09 there were Eight (8) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 1 assault with injury / family-dating violence
- 1 dating disturbance
- 1 disturbances / other
- 1 DWI
- 2 family disturbances
- 1 theft
- 1 theft of bicycle

Three (3) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley:

- 1 DUI – age 17 to 20 (on Mustang Chase)
- 2 leaving scene of accident (on Pony Chase & Black Angus).

For the period 4/12/09 - 5/12/09 there were nineteen (19) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 1 assaults with injury / family-dating violence
- 4 assaults with injury
- 1 burglary of vehicle
- 1 criminal mischief
- 1 cruelty to animal
- 4 possession of marijuana
- 4 possession of drug paraphernalia
- 1 unauthorized use of vehicle
- 2 theft of services

One (1) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley:

- 1 theft (on Pony Chase)

- Communications (Yahoo Group) – John Bramlett reported having received much positive feedback since opening access to allow any member to post directly to the Yahoo Group. He reminded us that any residents not wishing to receive yahoo messages in their inboxes can change their personal settings to view messages "on web only." He will continue to encourage postings on matters of interest to the whole neighborhood and will discourage anonymous postings.

- Parks – A.V. Ootsey reported that PARD has placed a sign at the entrance into Yett Creek Park on W. Cow Path directing pedestrians to the established trails thereby reducing the foot traffic behind the houses along Deer Track.
- Liaison to Will Davis Elementary – John Baylor will invite the Principal of Will Davis Elementary to join our Yahoo Group so that he can communicate directly with our neighborhood as this would be especially helpful in case of an emergency or school lock-down.
- Liaison to Other Neighborhoods – Judy Poole will begin working with surrounding Neighborhood Organizations to organize a Neighborhood Night Out.

VI. Correspondence

North Bureau Area Command – John presented a circular from the Northwest Patrol containing misc. information including the upcoming Commander’s Forum scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m. at Spicewood Springs Library.

Nikki Hoelter, City of Austin – John Baylor presented a letter dated April 27, 2009, from the Nikki Hoelter, Manager on the McNeil Siding Improvements Case, stating that the case has been extended 180 days until November 19, 2009.

City of Austin – John Baylor presented a notice of public hearing on May 21 in which the City Council will consider a proposed amendment to Austin’s Land Development Code (Case Number C20-2009-002).

Maureen Meredith, City of Austin – John Baylor presented a letter from the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department giving notification of a public hearing on May 21 in which the City Council will consider a proposal to amend the Mobil food Establishment ordinance.

VII. Adjournment

- The June board meeting was tentatively cancelled unless a need for it arises.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

*Submitted by Stacey Peterson, Secretary
Date Approved: July 8, 2009*