

# **Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association**

*Minutes of the General Meeting – October 20, 2009*

*Davis Elementary School Cafeteria*

## **I. Call to order**

John Baylor called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. Board members in attendance: John Baylor, Bob Zane, Stacey Peterson, Jim Lorance, John Bramlett, Gaye Thompson, Chuck Pace, A.V. Ootsey and Marissa Little. Board members absent: David Brown. The board extended sympathy to the friends and family of Judy Poole, AVANA Board Member, who passed away on September 23, 2009.

## **II. State of the Association**

John Baylor reviewed this year's accomplishment and activities for AVANA including continued membership in the Austin Neighborhood Council, participation in Davis Elementary mentoring program, an active neighborhood watch program, publishing and distributing three newsletters, holding eight board meetings, Neighborhood Night Out, modifying AVANA's yahoo group to allow postings from all members, expanding the website which now contains archived minutes, partnering with Mesa Park and Balcones Woods for the Police Appreciation Night, and local representation at APD's Commander Forums.

John thanked the following people for their service in these areas: Jim Lorance (finance), Stacey Peterson (secretary and administrative tasks), Chuck Pace (traffic, safety, & crime), Joe Zygarlenski (liaison to Davis Elementary), Bill Woleben (maintaining website), Marissa Little (obtaining and donating new web domain), David Brown and Gaye Thompson (parliamentary and legal issues), Marissa Little and Dorene Cohen (newsletter – writing, editing, layout, and distribution), and Karen Evertson (welcoming committee).

## **III. Finance Report**

Treasurer Jim Lorance presented the following for the period from October 21, 2008 to October 20, 2009. The beginning balance at the last General Meeting on October 21, 2008, was \$1599.44.

The following total income of \$412.50 was reported: Voluntary Membership Dues \$300; Donations \$80; Newsletter Advertisement Revenue \$30; Interest \$2.50.

The following expenses of \$895.03 were reported: Newsletter Printing \$220.03; Post Office Box \$40; Printing & Mailing of Surveys/Ballot Samples \$466.22; Duplicating Costs for Annual Meeting \$53.61; Austin Neighborhood Council Dues \$35; Police Appreciation Snack Costs \$80.28. The resulting Cash Balance on Hand as of October 20, 2009, was \$1116.91 and a written financial report was filed with the minutes.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

- Traffic & Safety - Chuck Pace reported that crime is up a little from last year. In the past year there have been 17 crimes in Angus Valley: 1 assault; 3 burglaries of vehicles; 3 criminal mischief; 8 thefts; 1 leaving the scene of an accident. In the current year there have been 4 burglaries of residences (up from 0 the previous year) and 8 burglaries of vehicles (up from 3 the previous year). Additionally, there were 3 cases of criminal mischief, 3 cruelty to animals, 4 leaving the scene of an accident, and 6 thefts. He reminded everyone to lock their gates, keep their garage doors down, and to lock cars and remove valuables from sight.

#### **V. Questions and Answers**

- Residents raised and discussed such issues as the possible need for speedbumps, stop signs, or some other means to address speeding motorists. John Baylor recommended that residents attend board meetings next year and voice their concerns at that time. Several residents expressed concern over the fact that members who could not attend the meeting would not be able to vote in the membership survey. Several expressed the wish that in the future voting on such topics could be conducted online. The topics of park access and increased bicycle traffic through Angus Valley were also discussed.

#### **VI. Announcements**

- No board meeting is planned for December, and the next scheduled AVANA Board Meeting will be Monday, November 15 at 7:15 p.m.

#### **VII. Annual Election & Membership Survey**

- Gaye Thompson presented the 2009 AVANA Membership Survey. The stated purpose of the survey was for the board to ascertain what the majority of neighbors want regarding proposed bike/pedestrian trails into Riata and Yett Creek Park as well as the city's "recommended bike network." John Baylor announced that the results of this survey would eventually be posted on yahoo, the website, and in a newsletter.
- Jim Lorance presented the ballot and reviewed rules for voting. He asked if there were nominations from the floor to serve as Board Members. There were no nominations from the floor for Officer positions, but Jennie Anderson and Don Greenway were nominated from the floor for member-at-large positions.

**VIII. Election Results**

**The following individuals were elected to the AVANA Board of Directors:**

President	Rodger Barnes
Vice President	Gaye Thompson
Secretary	Deliese Kennedy Robinson
Treasurer	Jim Lorance

**Members at Large:** John Bramlett  
Chuck Pace  
Ward Boyce  
Marcia Kirkland  
Dan Wittliff  
Paul LeBlanc  
Jennie Anderson

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Stacey Peterson, Secretary*