

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board

Held on January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwood Library

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| 0 | Call to Order & Attendance | The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Baylor. Board Members in attendance: John Baylor, Chuck Pace, Jim Lorange, A. V. Ootsey, John Bramlett, Marissa Little. New Board Members attending their first meeting were Judy Poole, Gaye Thompson, and Bob Zane. Board Members absent: David Brown and new board member Stacey Peterson, Secretary. In Stacey's absence, Judy Poole agreed to take notes and prepare the minutes for the 1/14/09 meeting. |
| 1 | Recognize guests and Association members – John Baylor Comments from residents/assoc. members | The following Angus Valley Residents attended: Sue Krivka and LuJuana Zane. No comments were offered. |
| 2 | Review and approval of: Board Meeting minutes of November 12, 2008 | John Baylor presented the Board Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2008. Jim Lorange proposed that the phrase "found an additional amount of \$50.00" should be corrected to read "\$35.00" instead of "\$50.00" and that a statement should be added that the account is now up to date. It was also brought up that Bob Zane's name should be added to the statement regarding new board members in Item 1, paragraph 1. A motion was made that the minutes be accepted with the above referenced change and addition, which was seconded by Marissa Little. The motion carried unanimously. |
| 3 | Finance Report – Jim Lorange | Jim Lorange reported the Cash Balance on Hand as of November 12, 2008 was \$1709.65. Income was reported during the period of \$.43 in Interest |

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| | | Income. There were no expenditures during the period, leaving a Cash Balance on Hand of \$1710.08 as of January 14, 2009. A motion was made to accept the report as received. Without discussion, the motion carried. |
| Business Items: | | |
| 4 | Reports of Standing & Ad Hoc Committees: | |
| 4 a. | Traffic & safety: Chuck Pace | Chuck Pace reported that he had talked to the City about signs indicating there was no thru access on Cowpath. The City staff was not favorable and indicated that they were afraid everyone would want the signs. Chuck got the APD traffic study numbers to show that in comparison to forecasted numbers there was more traffic due to people trying to cut through the neighborhood on Cowpath. |
| 4 b. | Crime & Interface with APD – Chuck Pace | Chuck Pace reported that from Mid November to Mid December there were 7 incidents reported in the apartments on Whispering Valley, with 1 incident of family violence reported in the rest of AVANA's area. From 12/13/08 to 1/13/09, 6 incidents were reported in the apartments and 6 incidents were reported in the rest of AVANA's area. Some of these incidents were burglary of a vehicle, 2 incidents of theft, and criminal mischief. The average in the AVANA area, excluding the apartments, has been 5-6 per month. |
| 4 c. | Communication – Newsletter: Marissa Little Yahoo Group – John Bramlett | Marissa Little reported that a newsletter will be issued in January, and the new policy regarding code violations will be included, if passed. John Bramlett reported that the Yahoo Group has 104 members. 8 emails were sent out since the last meeting, including an email from John Bramlett explaining that Yahoo was tracking use of Yahoo |

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| | Website – Bill Woleben & Joe Zygarlenski | <p>usage. The Group got an email back from a member suggesting we get out of Yahoo until they quit tracking people. After discussion, the decision was to continue with the Yahoo Group because communication is so important, the Yahoo Group has been very helpful with that, most groups of this type keep track of usage and there had only been one protest.</p> <p>Gaye Thompson reported that she had obtained copies of all previous minutes from Sheridan Foster and she had provided them to Bill Woleben to be archived on the AVANA web site. John Baylor asked how long we should archive documents. Judy Poole said 7 years was a general standard, and if Avana filed for 501 C 3 non-profit status, we would then be subject to IRS record retention rules.</p> |
| 4 d. | Parks: Discussion of issues regarding access to/from adjacent City park land (City has yet to formally inquire of AVANA its interest in a Riata Bike Trail) | <p>John Baylor discussed the background of this issue. The Board was approached by representatives of the City bike program about a year ago. Brad Arndt and John Baylor met with an engineer from the City. Neighborhood residents had inquired about access to Riata Park from Angus Valley. The City representatives said the question was being considered but they were not too far into it. The City representatives said they were aware of the cut in the fence off of Audane Lane when John and Brad mentioned it. John Baylor has not heard anything back from the City since that meeting and is not aware of Brad receiving any follow up.</p> <p>Bob Zane asked how the AVANA Board should determine an answer with issues like this, and stated that we need a procedure for these type of issues. Chuck Pace said the Board needs a committee to prepare a procedure, and that the Board probably needs to hold a general meeting.</p> |

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| | | <p data-bbox="871 266 1423 456">It was agreed in discussion that the Board will hold a general meeting for a neighborhood vote if the City comes to AVANA for a position concerning access to Riata park before we have adopted a formal procedure. The Board will also continue to work to develop a formal procedure.</p> <p data-bbox="871 493 1423 781">Judy Poole brought up the question of how the Board members should conduct themselves in cases where the Board's action will be based on input from the neighborhood, so the Board would be advocating the majority opinion of the residents. After discussion, the consensus was to postpone further discussion of the issue until the February 11, 2009 meeting so all Board members would be able to provide input.</p> <p data-bbox="871 818 1423 1008">Gaye Thompson provided a memo summarizing the nature of a Neighborhood Association vs. a Homeowner's Association, and made a motion that the board adopt the following policy statement and rescind all prior motions relating to code enforcement:</p> <p data-bbox="871 1045 1423 1333">"It is against the policy of the AVANA Board of Directors for a board or committee member to participate in any official capacity regarding City of Austin code enforcement activity, to include letters to residents and communication with City of Austin code enforcement officers to report violations. To further clarify this position, the board hereby rescinds all prior motions and resolutions that conflict with this statement."</p> <p data-bbox="871 1370 1423 1425">The motion was seconded by A. V. Ootsey and John Bramlett, and was adopted unanimously.</p> |

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| | | Gaye also provided draft information for the newsletter explaining the Board's action. |
| 4 e. | Long Term Issues: Storm Drains & Flooding Issues | No report. |
| 4 f. | Beautification and Revitalization Advisory Group (BRAG) | No report. |
| 4 g. | Liaison to Other Neighborhoods | |
| 4 h. | Liaison to Davis Elementary – Joe Zygarlenski | No report. |
| 4 i. | Social: Welcome Committee – Karen Evertson | John Baylor stated that Karen Evertson had volunteered to form a welcome committee and that we needed to forward names to her when new residents moved in (KEvertson@sbcglobal.net). Board members mentioned that Joe and Denise Herrera were building the new house on Mustang Chase, and John Frierson was moving into the house on Deer Track at the end of the month. |
| | Ad Hoc Committee Reports: | |
| | None | |
| 5 | Correspondence: (from ANC, City, other neighborhoods, residents) | <p>John Baylor presented the following correspondence: 12/23/08 – Re. Neighborhood Advisor position. John stated that no one from AVANA was able to attend the meeting, but the information did go out to the Yahoo Group.</p> <p>Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) meeting – Saturday, April 4th. Clean Sweep 2009. Cleanup leaders and project locations are needed for 2009. This information will be added to the Yahoo site, and will be included in the newsletter.</p> <p>On January 31, 2009, the City Council voted to allow neighborhoods to resubmit requests to disallow parking on the grass in front yards. Angus</p> |

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| | | <p>Valley previously opted out of this ordinance. John Baylor did not think we should bring this up again, and it was agreed in discussion that the Board would not revisit this issue.</p> <p>John Baylor – Notice of Filing of Application for Administrative Approval of a Site Plan. A new railroad siding is proposed for Duval through Parmer. John Baylor discussed with Scott Porter, a representative of the railroad. Comments are due regarding the proposal by January 26, 2009.</p> <p>John stated that a number of residents are concerned because parked trains are attractive to transients, teenagers, etc. The railroad is saying increased traffic makes it necessary to get more track put in. John Baylor also questioned procedures for cleaning and maintenance in the right of way. Scott Porter suggested that comments should be filed suggesting that right of way maintenance be made a condition of approval of the application.</p> <p>John Baylor said there is one resident who is very vocal about this issue. After discussion the general consensus of the Board was that it should be left to affected residents to file comments, individually.</p> |
| New Business: | | |
| 6 | Consideration of renewing annual membership to ANC -- \$35 | Gaye Thompson moved to renew this membership. John Baylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. |
| 7 | Discussion on voting procedures by board in accordance with by-laws | No discussion |
| 8 | Other new business presented by a Board Member | Marissa Little made a motion to dissolve the Beautification and Revitalization Advisory Group (BRAG) committee. Chuck Pace seconded the |

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| | | <p data-bbox="869 235 1432 293">motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.</p> <p data-bbox="869 332 1432 612">John Baylor stated that we had previously joined with Mesa Park for police appreciation night, which was held in late February last year. He has emailed Mesa Park to see if they want to do this again this year, but has not heard back from them. Bob Zane made a motion to approve up to \$100.00 for the purchase of small gifts, if police appreciation is held. Marissa Little seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.</p> |
| 9 | <p data-bbox="298 625 485 651">Announcements:</p> <p data-bbox="298 657 848 716">Next Board Meeting February 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Milwood Library</p> <p data-bbox="298 722 848 781">Next APD Commanders Forum: Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:00 PM Spicewood Library</p> <p data-bbox="298 787 548 813">Next Avana Newsletter</p> | |
| 10 | Adjournment | |

Submitted by Judy Poole

Date Approved: February 11, 2009