

# **Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association**

*Board Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2010*  
*Milwood Library*

## **I. Call to order**

Rodger Barnes, President, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Board members in attendance:

Board members absent:      Gaye Thompson, Marcia Kirkland, Paul Leblanc, and Dan Wittliff

Residents in attendance:      None

## **II. Review of minutes**

The minutes of the November 16, 2009, Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

## **III. Finance Report**

Jim Lorance presented the treasurer's report. Total income this period was \$20.41 (dues, donations, and interest income).

Expenses were \$ -0-.

The association's cash balance is \$1672.53 and a written financial report was filed with the minutes which were approved by the Board.

Jim also reports that the new signature authority for the Board's bank account will be set up for the Board's finances in the very near future.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

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

**For the period 11/15/09 - 12/15/09**, there were six (6) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 1 assault with injury / family violence
- 4 family disturbances
- 1 alcohol in possession of a minor

Four (4) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley:

- 2 driving with a suspended license (non-residents)
- 1 criminal mischief
- 1 theft

**For the period 12/16/09- 01/11/10**, there were five (5) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 2 assaults
- 2 family disturbances
- 1 leaving the scene of an accident

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

- 1 burglary of a residence (on Branding Chase)

Additionally, three people were arrested in connection with the 22 burglaries experienced in and around the NW Austin neighborhoods.

Chuck also reports that while we still have no official neighborhood watches, we do have eight (8) unofficial watch groups. We discussed the signs and stickers that the Board previously approved the purchase of and indicated that we will need to follow-up on this to actually get the signs and stickers.

Chuck indicated that each property owner where the signs will be placed will need to approve such placement and that those homeowners would, ideally, need to be a member of a watch group. Chuck said the groups do not have to be large but must have at least one meeting annually. Our district representative is Officer Mike Dunn.

The next Commander's Meeting will be February 9, 2010. Chuck is planning to attend.

B. Communications (Yahoo Group) –

John Bramlett reported that several links on the AVANA web site appear to be broken and need to be fixed, or alternatively, contained incorrect information. Specifically, the start time of the monthly meetings needs to reflect 6:45 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m., and the new members of the AVANA Board need to be placed on the web site. We also will need to have our agendas posted on the site for ready reference.

John said he will contact Joe Z. and/or Bill W. to see if one of them will help us with the site, even though, Joe is moving out of the neighborhood soon. Alternatively, perhaps Marissa might help us out.

We also discussed the web site name and the need to reserve it for another year. The Board approved this action. Rodger said he'll check with Carol Gibbs with the Community Registry regarding the name change of our group.

We had 29 messages over the last month and got two new e-mail addresses to add to our list-serve for a total of 126 members (out of a possible 400+). Of the 29 messages, several were about the panhandlers in the shopping centers close to our area which at least one board member found to be helpful information.

In the past, over 260 "invitations" were sent out. It was disclosed that Stacy had a list of e-mail addresses from the sign-in sheets at the General meeting. We can't force participation by e-mail, but how can we get better communication? There is no easy answer here.

No one knows whether the AVANA newsletter is being worked on. Judy Poole used to help with this. We'll figure this out later.

The results of the survey still need to be posted. Deliese reported that Stacy has the questions and the answers, as well as the actual completed surveys. Rodger said he'll check with Stacy on the status of the survey.

C. Liaison to Other Neighborhoods – no new news.

D. Welcome Committee – no new news.

E. Correspondence

A letter was drafted by the old and new AVANA Bd. Presidents regarding the survey taken at the General Meeting in October 2009. The status of the letter is presently unknown, but we don't think it has been sent out to date. Rodger said he'll find out what's going on in this regard.

V. **New Business**

A. We discussed the fire break / gravel road along the right-of-way behind some of the houses on Deer Track that border along Yett Creek Park and that the railroad was working on the extension track back in the greenbelt. We have no say on the construction, so there was nothing else to discuss about it.

B. We discussed whether the AVANA Board really needs to have meetings every month? The AVANA by-laws specify that we only have to have quarterly meetings. It was moved and seconded that our next meeting will be in three months unless anyone has a pressing need to have a meeting (i.e. in April on the second Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.).

Our by-laws specify we need to only give a 48-hour notice to conduct a board meeting. Also, we can cancel our room reservation with only 24-hours notice to the library and this shouldn't pose a hardship as there is usually a waiting list for the space.

- C. We probably need new signs for our General Meetings.
  
- D. The City of Austin is currently cleaning out our neighborhood sewer lines. It is about five (5)years overdue, so it is a good thing to be happening now.
  
- E. No new news regarding neighborhood flooding of streets at this time.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

*Submitted by Deliese Kennedy Robinson, Secretary*

*Date Approved: February 10, 2010*