

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 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 Lorance, John Bramlett, Judy Poole, David Brown, Chuck Pace, and Gaye Thompson. Board members absent: A.V. Ootsey and Marissa Little. Residents in attendance: Diane Baylor, Norman and Jeanne Kittredge, Reba Ott, John Frierson, James Roby, Dave Bauman, and Karen Evertson.

II. Review of minutes

The minutes of May 13, 2009, were reviewed and approved as submitted.

III. Finance Report

Jim Lorance presented the treasurer's report. Total income this period was \$45.42 (dues, donations, and interest income). Expenses were \$40.00 (Post Office Box Fee). The association's cash balance is \$1,675.95 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 5/13/09 - 6/13/09 there were Fourteen (14) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:
 - 1 assault with injury / family violence
 - 1 burglary of residence
 - 3 burglaries of vehicles
 - 2 family disturbances
 - 1 disturbances / other
 - 4 harassment
 - 1 leaving the scene of an accident
 - 1 unlawful restraint

Seven (7) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley:

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

For the period 6/14/09 - 7/07/09 there were five (5) criminal incidents that generated reports in the Section 8 apartments:

- 1 assault
- 2 harassment
- 1 interference with child custody
- 1 suspicious person

Two (2) incidents for the rest of Angus Valley:

- 2 burglaries of vehicles (on W. Cow & Audane)

Chuck reminded us to keep our vehicles locked. Often criminals will walk around neighborhoods “flipping” the handles of cars to see if they are locked. Chuck also noted a recent case of aggravated rape that occurred on 5/23 in the Riata Apartment complex (possibly at the bus stop) as well as a suicide in Champion’s Forest.

- Communications (Yahoo Group) – John Bramlett reported that 2 more residents have joined the Yahoo Group since last month bringing the total members to 117, and 14 messages were posted since the last meeting.
- Liaison to Other Neighborhoods – There was more discussion about possibly joining with some surrounding neighborhood associations to organize a larger, joint Neighborhood Night Out at a common venue such as Hyde Park Quarries Church. Judy Poole will continue to work on this event.
- Welcome Committee – Karen Evertson reminded us to contact her when a new neighbor moves into the neighborhood so she can get a welcome package to them. Her email address: Kevertson@austin.rr.com

V. Correspondence

City of Austin – John Baylor presented three notices of public hearings in which the City Council will consider proposed amendments to Austin’s Land Development Code:

1. Case C20-2009-009 set for June 23 relating to maintenance of flood detention basins & water quality controls.
2. Case C20-2009-010 set for June 23 relating to Austin Water Utility’s Service Extension Policy.

3. Case C20-2009-0011 to be heard on July 14 and July 23 pertaining to allowing home occupation signs on Core & Future Core Transit Corridors.

Nikki Hoelter, City of Austin – John Baylor presented a letter dated June 2, 2009, from Nikki Hoelter, Manager on the McNeil Siding Improvements Case, including the City's Master Review Report which outlines the city's requirements for the site plan.

VI. New Business

- Austin Bike Plan – There was a general discussion about the fact that the City of Austin recently decided to include the cut-through bicycle/pedestrian path into Riata Park at the end of Jessica Lane in their Bicycle Master Plan which was approved by the City Council in June. Various residents in attendance expressed concern over how opening the connector trail might impact Angus Valley by increasing bicycle traffic on W. Cow Path, making the already narrow and winding road less safe. Other concerns were safety, parking, and how this could be an initial inroad into the neighborhood that might eventually lead to a connecting road. One resident expressed the fact that families with young children would enjoy having easy access to the playscape in the park. The board agreed that this matter should be given more thought and presented to the neighborhood for a formal vote at the general meeting this October.
- The issue was raised asking the board to consider the issue of how many votes should be allowed per household or property.
- An Ad Hoc Committee will be meeting to consider the question of how the board should distinguish which kind of issues should be brought before the whole neighborhood for a community vote and which type of issues should the board members decide on their own and relay to the city on the neighborhood's behalf.
- No board meeting is planned for August. A Commander's Forum is planned for August 11, and the next scheduled AVANA Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 9 at 6:45 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

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

*Submitted by Stacey Peterson, Secretary
Date Approved: September 9, 2009*