

The Board of Directors (BoD) of the Original Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) came together as scheduled on Tuesday 8 February 2011 around 4 PM at the common meeting room of The Regency Apartments. Board members in attendance were Bill Schnell, Jocelyn Dabeau, Perry Lorenz, Ted Siff, Rick Hardin, Albert Stowell, John Horton and Blake Tollett. Mark Holzbach was unable to attend as he was out of the country on business. We had no guests.

The first order of business was the acceptance of minutes from previous meetings. The minutes from the regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting of 01-11-11, upon motion by Albert with second by Jocelyn, were unanimously accepted. The minutes from our Annual meeting on 01-25-11, on motion by Jocelyn with Bill seconding, were accepted with John, Perry and Blake abstaining as being not in attendance at the Annual meeting.

Perry then gave us a quick update on the Emerald City Press lawsuit. Basically there has been no change since our last meeting.

We next moved to election of officers for the coming year, the results being:

President-Ted Siff  
Vice President-Mark Holzbach  
Treasurer-Albert Stowell  
Secretary-Blake Tollett

No Committee Reports were submitted prior to the meeting so we did not have a Consent Agenda.

### **Government Relations Committee, John Horton, Chair**

John and Rick have been working with the City of Austin (CoA) representatives Steve Grassfield and Lee Austin on the extension of parking meter enforcement hours in the neighborhood. Although this is still in flux, the thought is to extend the present hours of metered parking from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday to 8 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday and 8 AM to Noon on Saturday. The northern boundary for these new hours would be 10th Street (East and West between IH-35 and Lamar Boulevard), both north and south side. On the new Saturday hours, there may be a way for folks to pay on Friday to get coverage on Saturday. For residential uses within the new parking district, a Residential Parking Permits (RPP) program will be initiated. Permits will not be issued automatically, but rather the City will consider the number of Land Development Code (LDC) required parking spaces for each residential property and the number of actual spaces available, and issue permits accordingly. As for employees of commercial businesses within the new district, CoA is working with the parking garages in the area. These garages don't really want to accommodate the patrons of entertainment/eating establishments as those folks can become disoriented and therefore not leave the facility in a clean, orderly and timely fashion. They are willing to entertain the idea of renting spaces after regular business hours to employees of these establishments and to professional valet services. John and Rick are going to keep working on this.

There were no other formal committee reports.

Along with a newly elected and organized Board, we then moved on to the review of committee functions and the subsequent appointment of committee chairs. Ted is going to send out again to the Board the previously reviewed **Statement of Purpose & Goals** for each committee to get everyone back up to speed. For the reader's review, and in an abbreviated form:

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**Government Relations Committee:**

The primary goal of this committee is to establish communication and interaction with the governmental leaders and departments that have relevance to OANA. The primary concern is Travis County since the County Courthouse and Criminal Justice Complex are physically located in the neighborhood.

The next goal is to voice specific concerns of the neighborhood to the appropriate personnel within the appropriate government entity and work on solutions.

**Parks & Open Space Committee:**

The primary purpose of this committee is to oversee and coordinate OANA's plans and efforts to restore and preserve the parks and open green spaces such as Wooldridge Park, Duncan Park, and the Shoal Creek Greenway. As the neighborhood has evolved from residential to commercial uses, many of its yards, and some entire lots, have been paved to meet parking requirements for commercial uses. The loss of green space erodes an important part of the neighborhood's character, and undermines the preservation of the tree canopy.

**Membership & Marketing Committee:**

The primary purpose of this committee is to maintain and increase OANA membership and create opportunities and get the word out regarding any opportunities for neighborhood community involvement.

**Social Event & Camaraderie Committee:**

The primary goal of this committee is to build a stronger community between the residents and property owners within the OANA boundaries. As the neighborhood grows and changes it is vital to host events fostering a spirit of community between the people who make up the face of the neighborhood. The events planned by this committee are meant to introduce neighbors to one another and provide a more casual setting to discuss issues relevant to the community.

**Quality of Life/Social Order Committee:**

The Quality of life and Social Order goals for 2010 will include:

- To foster good communication between Residences and Businesses within our boundaries;
- Work with appropriate agencies regarding homelessness within the neighborhood;
- Work with appropriate agencies regarding graffiti removal and abatement within the neighborhood;
- Work with neighborhood association members to make clear what the law requires and work with businesses and agencies regarding the impact of noise within the neighborhood; and
- Report issues relating to Quality of Life/Social Order to Original Austin NA members.

**Historic Preservation Committee:**

Historic preservation committee would seek to preserve, conserve and protect specific buildings that are of a contributing historic significance. These historic structures can provide the foundation for the new development of the non-contributing buildings and other developable non-contributing properties.

This committee will encourage urban redevelopment and urban conservation, while maintaining the remaining historic structures. We will work to find common ground with the new and old so that we can enhance and add variety to our everyday surroundings with new development, while at the same time conserving the remaining contributing historic structures.

We will encourage adaptive new uses for the historic structures so that we can blend the old historic structures with the needs of new and modern developments. Historic properties contribute to our community, and are tangible evidence of our history that can be a solid foundation that will encourage and contribute to our new downtown. OANA is a unique community with diverse and exciting opportunities. The Historic preservation committee will work to find and encourage those new opportunities while preserving our neighborhood character.

**Planning & Zoning Committee:**

The purpose of this committee is to provide a forum that will review and inform our OANA community of planning and zoning issues that affect OANA members. Our goal would be to try and find solutions to and encourage the consensus of any zoning, transportation, or planning issues. We will encourage every OANA member be involved in this process.

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We discussed the possible combination of the Membership & Marketing Committee and the Social Event & Camaraderie Committee. If the committees were combined, and if their current chair Mark Holzbach is amenable, Jocelyn expressed interest in being a co-chair of the reconstituted Membership & Marketing Committee with Bill, the Public Relations Officer of Cirrus Logic in his “day job”, as her partner.

Moving on to **Action Items:**

OANA has sent letters to the City in **support with conditions** of the rezoning requests at 510 West 8th Street (C-14-2010-0207; from MF-4-multifamily residential to DMU-downtown mixed use) and 600 West 13th Street (from GO general office to DMU). We also sent a letter to the Mayor, Council, City Manager and Planning Department Manager concerning the issuance of Outdoor Music Venue permits. The Board unanimously agreed to the content and to the sending of the letters. **NOTE-These letters will be posted online at our website**

**Information Items and Other Business:**

Ted gave us an update of the Shoal Creek Subcommittee of the Parks & Open Space Committee. All is going well with good participation. Ted will forward the minutes for inclusion in these minutes, and the next meeting is scheduled for 8 March 2011 at noon at Kevin O’Hanlon’s office at 808 West Avenue.

There is going to be an event at **Pease Park** on 26 March in celebration of the ongoing restoration work there.

**Cirrus Logic’s** building at West 6th Street and West Avenue goes along with projected completion of the six-story 135,000 s.f. office building being the summer of 2012. Habitat For Humanity has been contacted to salvage the older house on the property. The onsite semi-public restaurant idea and the public access to Shoal Creek across the site proposal are still out there.

Albert gave us an update on the fight to keep open **Pease Elementary School**. It continues. Of note is that it was Susan Comb’s Office of State Comptroller that gave Pease Elementary a 5 star (highest) rating based on the aggregate individual student performance compared to the aggregate individual per student cost. Two schools in the Austin Independent School District (AISD) received 5 star ratings. Albert asked permission from the Board to generate an OANA letter of support for the school’s continuance, and that permission was given.

Although not a formal report, Albert reports 42 paid up members with a treasury balance in the \$2,700 range.

Our next scheduled BoD meeting will be Tuesday 8 March 2011 at the Regency Apartment common meeting room beginning at 4 PM.

Blake Tollett, Secretary

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Shoal Creek Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011

The first meeting of the Shoal Creek Committee was on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 from noon – 1 pm at 808 West Avenue which is Kevin O’Hanlon’s law office. Committee members Ted Siff, Sara Koeninger, Kevin O’Hanlon, Priscilla Lozano, Mitchell McGovern, Ben Turner and Greg Tait attended. After brief introductions, Ted gave a general review of the history of the Shoal

Creek Greenway and its Action Plan as well as the status of current improvements. Then committee members discussed and set committee priorities for 2011. The major priorities are:

- 1) develop a broad coalition of supporters including DANA, DAA, Condo HMO's, Shoal Creek properties owners, etc to support the implementation of the Shoal Creek Greenway Action Plan;
- 2) work with the City of Austin Parks Department to get the "gap" in the Greenway and Trail between West 5th and West Avenue closed within 18 months;
- 3) identify visible short term improvements of Shoal Creek Greenway successes (ex. an "adopt a garden" program) and
- 4) advocate for a solution to the Bowie Street Underpass to connect the Pfluger Bridge extension to Bowie Street and Shoal Creek.

To start the follow up on these priorities Ben Turner volunteered to contact the Parks Department, and find out the status of the "close the gap" project, and Mitchell McGovern volunteered to identify "adopt a garden" locations.

The next committee meeting was set for March 8, 2011, Noon – 1pm at 808 West Avenue.