

Old Austin Neighborhood Group (OANA)
10 January 2017

The OANA Board of Directors (BoD) came together at 4 PM at the Regency Apartments' Common Room. Members in attendance were Perry Horton, Perry Lorenz, Ray Canfield, Ted Siff, Blake Tollett, Diana Zuniga, Austin Stowell, Charles Peveto and Michael Portman. Bill Schnell was in the United Kingdom and Paul Isham and Family have moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Multifamily Advisory Council (MAC) member Kathy Marcus (Spring) was also in attendance as well as a potential MAC member Katie Jackson (Seaholm). There were no other guests.

On motion from Diana with Austin seconding the December Minutes as revised were unanimously approved.

We then discussed the Annual General Membership meeting coming up on Tuesday 24 January at the Shoal Creek Saloon. Food and drink will be provided to our members and guests attending. BoD members running for reelection are Blake, Bill, Perry L and Diana with Paul's seat being vacant. Ted was tasked with composing ballots, and as we have done in the past, those seeking reelection will be voted on first followed by an election to fill the vacant seat. Kathy Marcus volunteered to come up with a promotional poster that will be emailed to the membership and posted in residential buildings.

We then discussed the following guidelines concerning the Multifamily Advisory Council that had been previously circulated electronically to the BoD, and on motion from Charles with Austin seconding the guidelines were adopted:

OANA Multifamily Advisory Council

Composition of Council:

OANA Multifamily Advisory Council members will be identified and approved by both the OANA Board and the corresponding HOA Board(s) of the multifamily residential (ownership) condominium(s) within the OANA boundaries of W 15th Street, N Lamar Avenue, Lady Bird Lake and Lavaca Street. Each HOA may select one resident to serve as its OANA Multifamily Advisory Council member.

Focus of Council:

As invited guests to the monthly OANA Board meetings, members of the *OANA Multifamily Advisory Council*

- Keep their respective HOAs informed about OANA activities and advocacy projects.
- Provide input to the OANA Board of Directors on questions/issues of concern regarding construction projects, street/pathway/lake maintenance or noise trespass that have surfaced during their respective HOA meetings.
- Advocate to their respective HOAs about key initiatives and events supported by OANA.
- Respond to questions from other condo residents about OANA's focus and support membership opportunities.

Responsibilities:

Members of the *OANA Multifamily Advisory Council*

- Attend at least 6 monthly OANA Board meetings.

- Communicate their respective condo's questions/issues at monthly OANA Board meeting(s).
- Review monthly OANA Board meeting minutes found on line at <http://www.originalaustin.org/news.htm>
- Communicate OANA Board meeting minutes to their respective HOAs or building General Manager.
- Coordinate the distribution/communication of OANA events in alignment with their condo's 'communication protocol' or General Manager.
- Engage residents within their condo in conversations about the role/value of OANA membership

Term of Membership:

The *OANA Multifamily Advisory Council* aligns with the directives of the OANA Board and the terms, focus, responsibilities may change accordingly. Members of the *OANA Multifamily Advisory Council* serve a twelve-month calendar term beginning in January. Members will be nominated by their respective HOA Board and approved by the OANA Board at the annual Membership Meeting in January (or during an OANA Board meeting). An *OANA Multifamily Advisory Council* member may be re-elected to serve additional terms.

At this point Katie Jackson introduced herself to the BoD and on motion from Austin with Perry L seconding she was officially welcomed aboard to join Kathy, Catherine and Clara.

Our discussion then turned to the tree mitigation monies (\$6,600) generated by the development of Celia's Court on Nueces and W. 9th Streets. Ted and Michael have been meeting with the City and it has been decided to reforest the W. 12th Street medians. There will be other funds available through leveraging monies from the Neighborhood Partnering Program, and the City will do the plantings of nice hardwoods with guidance from OANA. In return OANA will be obliged to see the trees through their first several years. Michael has consented to be the going forward point man on this.

Under Committee Reports and Action Items:

Under Parks, Charles brought us up to date on the preliminary master plan for Wooldridge Square being brought forward by .dwg. Although the plan is still preliminary, it is being taken around to the various Boards and Commission for initial support. There was a small setback at the Design Commission, but that has been resolved, and it has been well received by a subcommittee of the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) and the Land and Facility subcommittee of the Parks Board with a full presentation to that board on January 24th. Of note, the Friends of Wooldridge Square has asked for a formal accounting of funds allocated and spent from the 2012 bond election. Again of note, the Downtown Austin Alliance has contracted with Ted Eubanks to do an interpretive plan encompassing all three remaining downtown Squares.

The preliminary master plan for Duncan Park continues.

Ted again refers us to the Shoal Creek Conservancy website for in depth coverage, but a quick synopsis is the Gap project between W 5th and West Avenue should be completed this spring; for the trail between W. 5th and W. 15th Streets, the preliminary engineering report is

being readied; the completion of the new library will see an improved trail between W. 2nd and W. 3rd Streets; there is movement to have the W. 3rd Street railroad trestle designated historic in order to help with seeking repair/restoration funding.

Michael reported that our financials and membership remain basically unchanged from last month.

Ted reported that he has received notice of an application for demolition for the property at 405 W 14th Street (HDP-2016-0928). In discussions with the applicant's representative, it seems that the current owner is objecting to historic designation of the property and that after demolition, the property will be repurposed as an ancillary surface parking lot and the property will then be flipped to an undisclosed purchaser. This matter will go before the HLC on Monday 23 January. The OANA BoD discussion of this request and how the neighborhood association should and will respond reflected property rights concerns where an owner is reluctant to have their property rezoned historic. What makes this case especially difficult is the structure easily fits within the City's guidelines for historic zoning as well as within the statement of OANA Goals:

"OANA's purpose is to provide its members as well as the neighborhood's property owners, residents and visitors a thoughtful, deliberate and strong voice which advocates, protects and enhances the following neighborhood values:

- Historic preservation;
- Environmental conservation;
- Reforestation and preservation of our urban forest;
- Preservation and enhancement of our green spaces;
- The completion of the neighborhood's sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities; and
- Support for new dense residential and commercial development that is respectful of the neighborhood's history and values.

By being the voice for these values the OANA Board of Directors is optimistic that the Old Austin Neighborhood will continue to be a special place for Austinites to live, work and play. And, that it will also provide a unique look back as Austin's original residential neighborhood."

After extended discussion it was decided to have Ted monitor the case and keep us posted. [NOTE-subsequent to our meeting and with BoD sanction Charles and Ted composed a letter to the HLC asking that the hearing on the demolition permit be postponed until February so as to allow further investigation.]

Having reached an end to our allotted time, we adjourned. Our next regular BoD meeting will be on Monday 13 February at the Regency Apartments' Common Room.

Blake Tollett, Secretary
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