

Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)
12 February 2019

The Board of Directors (BoD) of OANA came together at the Shoal Creek Saloon at 4 PM on Tuesday 12 February 2019. BoD members in attendance were Ted Siff, Charles Peveto, Paul Byars, Blake Tollett and Katie Jackson. Absent BoD members were Perry Lorenz, Diana Zuniga, Michael Portman, Austin Stowell and Ray Canfield. With the resignation from the BoD by long time Director Bill Schnell the BoD currently constitutes of 10 members, so that with the five members present a quorum was reached. Advisory Council member Dorothy Doolittle was also in attendance.

The first order of business was the adoption of the minutes from 8 January 2019, and upon motion from Paul with Charles seconding, they were so adopted. We then had a discussion on how to fill Bill's seat. Because of our organizational guidelines, a BoD vacancy can only be filled at the annual general membership meeting. With that understanding, we will continue to operate this year with only 10 BoD members.

Under **Current and New Business**, Katie reported that the bones of our new website are complete and now we will begin adding content. The student photographer she had in mind has a full schedule right now so she will do research and connect her find to Charles for locations. We now have two official business sponsors, thank you Diana and Ray. Advisory Council member Chris Riley has agreed to continue the historic map portion of the old website and it will be folded into the new. Lastly, Katie reported we have an active electronic Square Account.

The structure at 507 W. 10th remains intact.

As reported at the annual General Membership meeting in January, OANA did receive the \$10,000 Certified Local Government (CLG) matching grant we had applied for, so now our goal is to raise the match amount. In coordination with Charles, Ted will apply to Preservation Austin, Preservation Texas and the Texas Historical Foundation.

Under **Committee Reports and Action Items**, as usual our treasury remains solid and secure. Ted is still working with the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) to have the funds generated by the developer of the 5th & West residential tower's purchase of one-year memberships for the building's tenants. Paul suggested that we hold a BoD meeting at the tower and invite the tenants, our new members, to come sit in. Obviously we want them to individually renew their memberships come next year, but it also is a good way for us to keep in front of the folks living in our neighborhood.

Charles reported he has become a member of the Urban Greenspace Group, one of the stakeholders concerned with Wooldridge Square park. The negotiations between Wooldridge Square and the Parks & Recreation Department (PARD) over the signage proposed to honor the visit and speech by Booker T Washington appears to be coming to an end. Charles also reported that the "Our Austin Story" project has been endorsed by the City Council by resolution and that the Texas Historic Commission has also weighed in positively.

Ted reported that over at the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC), things continue looking positive. The SCC will be meeting on March 4th with the residents of the 360 to give them an

update. The infamous trail “gap” has again been repaired and that portion of the trail is reopened. The Downtown Austin Association and the SCC are partnering to move forward the Cypress-Shoal plan (NOTE: Cypress was the original name of W. 3rd Street). The plan addresses the wooden railroad trestle, the hike & bike bridge, and other envisioned public improvements in the blocks on either side of the intersection of 3rd Street and Shoal Creek. All of the improvements can be considered Capital Improvement Projects as they involve the connection of the bikeway and the trails.

Dorothy spoke to us about the Margaret Moser Park and was happy to report that the public art guitar installation is to be returned after refurbishing by the artist. The Cielo Group controls the adjacent building and is responsible for the rehabilitation work. They also have brought in a tree service that cleaned up the trees in the area. Unfortunately some of the debris has found its way into the creek itself.

Our next meeting was set for Tuesday 5 March at the Saloon beginning at 4 PM, and we then adjourned.

Blake Tollett, Secretary
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