

MINUTES
ORIGINAL AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (OANA)
April 9, 2014

The Board of Directors of OANA met at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Room, The Regency Apartments, 601 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Directors in attendance were Albert Stowell, Paul Isham, Charles Peveto, Bill Schnell, Michael Portman, and Blake Tollett. Directors Ted Siff, Ray Canfield, Rick Hardin, Perry Lorenz and John Horton were absent with approval. No guests were present for the meeting.

Since Ted Siff was absent, Paul Isham was selected to chair the meeting and to record the minutes of the meeting.

The Board then considered the **Committee** reports.

- a. **Finance Report & Membership:** Albert Stowell reported that the Association has \$4,493.00 in its bank accounts. The Board discussed using some of this money for holding one or more receptions in an effort to recruit additional members. Charles Peveto volunteered to work on this endeavor.
- b. **Government Relations/Social Order:** John Horton was absent so no report on this matter was given. It was mentioned that two existing councilmembers, Chris Riley and Katie Tovo, would be opposing each other in the upcoming council elections and this would be in the district that includes the Association's territory.
- c. **Marketing:** Bill Schnell reported that the spring edition of the OANA newsletter was sent out about a week ago and that the next issue would be in June, 2014. The Board congratulated Bill on his newsletter endeavors;
- d. **Membership:** The Board discussed various opportunities or options for obtaining new members. Charles Peveto mentioned that he served as the Westgate representative on the Downtown Austin Alliance and that he would be willing to also represent OANA at those meetings;
- e. **Planning and Zoning:** The following comments were made about various projects, but no action was taken by the Board:
 - (1) 805Nueces: Charles Peveto said that some of the funds being paid as a condition of obtaining a density bonus would be paid directly to Friends of Wooldridge Park. The Board considered this a very positive development.
- f. **Parks and Open Space:** Paul Isham mentioned that SCC was contracting with the Texas Conservation Corps for American Youthworks for bamboo removal, eradication and barrier installation in the Shoal Creek Greenbelt in the area of 28th Street;

Charles Peveto inquired as to whether anyone knew about plans to renovate 9th Street. He mentioned that 8th Street was in the process of being reconstructed and that the City had plans for 10th and 11th Streets, but he hadn't heard anything about 9th Street;

The Board discussed the need for outdoor trashcans in the area adjacent to Hut's in order to minimize the trash getting into Shoal Creek. Michael Portman mentioned that he had discussed the issue several times with Hut's and it has agreed to empty the trash bins if the City would place some on city right-of-way. It was suggested that the Association could buy a couple of trash bins with its money and place signs on them that they were being provided as a public service by OANA. It was agreed that this matter should be pursued; and

The Board briefly discussed the City's plans for flood control in Duncan Park.

ACTION ITEMS: After Blake Tollett's arrival at the meeting, the Board took the following actions items:

- a. Albert Stowell moved and Bill Schnell seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the March meeting. The motion passed unanimously; and
- b. Albert Stowell moved and Michael Portman seconded a motion to ratify and confirm the letter written by Ted Siff on behalf of the Association with regard to the 718 West 5th Street density bonus application. The motion was adopted unanimously.

No additional matters were discussed by the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. upon motion of Albert Stowell and second by Blake Tollett.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Paul Isham, Acting Secretary