

Original Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)  
4 June 2013

The Board of Directors (BoD) of OANA came together for their regularly scheduled first Tuesday of the month meeting at the Regency Apartment's Common Room. The meeting began shortly after 4 PM with BoD members Tom Borders, Ted Siff, Albert Stowell, Ray Canfield, John Horton, Bill Schnell, Perry Lorenz and Blake Tollett in attendance. Paul Isham and Karen Armstrong had asked to be excused.

We had no visitors, so our first order of business was the unanimous adoption of last month's minutes and direction to Bill to post them on our website.

That being done, we then went to Current Action Items for consideration and vote:

1. Changing OANA's boundaries to include the east side of Guadalupe Street. Per last month's minutes Albert has notified the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA) of this proposal, and with little further discussion the OANA BoD unanimously adopted the proposal. Ted will so inform the City Registry of our new boundaries. We are making this change to draw in more residential neighbors, and it was noted that technically, City Hall and the City Council members are now eligible for membership in OANA.
2. Filing a DBA allowing OANA to use Old Austin Neighborhood Association thus changing our common use name from Original Austin to Old Austin. We unanimously agreed to this suggested change. It was then brought up that perhaps a new association logo should be looked at, so Ted will talk with his graphic design person and send around electronically some suggestions. NOTE: When we registered with the State in 2008 we had to use "Original" rather than "Old" because there is an Old West Austin NA operating to our west and it was thought there might be some confusion.
3. Voting on proposed Private Restrictive Covenant on 702 West Avenue (Cirrus) zoning case. The BoD discussed electronically before the meeting the parties to the proposed Restrictive Covenant (RC) and came to the determination that the intent of the proposed RC is a covenant between Cirrus Logic and OANA and that those privy to the covenant should not be expanded to include the City of Austin. With little further discussion, on motion and with Bill abstaining, the rest of the BoD voted to allow Ted to formally accept the proposed RC on behalf of OANA and to relay that information to the City. This restrictive covenant, once it has been finalized, signed, and recorded on the property's deed will be posted on our website. Cirrus Logic has a previously recorded restrictive covenant concerning their property at 707 West Avenue and that public document will also be posted on our website. It was noted after the vote that the residential property owners at 706 West Avenue had some initial reservations to the 702 West Avenue RC, especially the provision allowing public access across the property to Shoal Creek. To allay some of their safety concerns Ted will speak with Cirrus Logic about some sort of enforceable curfew on the access that would coincide with the current citywide curfew of 10 PM to 6 AM. A less worrisome concern voiced by our 706 neighbors is how Cirrus Logic places their waste/recycling containers in the public right-

of-way along West Avenue for scheduled pickup and Ted will also ask if that concern can be addressed in the new construction.

4. Consider an OANA pledge to the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC). Ted asked the board for a commitment of \$500 a year for three years from OANA to the proposed conservancy. Subject to the funds being available the Board voted to so commit.
5. Possible authorization to recruit intern(s). The thought here is to have one or more volunteers work on recruiting memberships. With the understanding that this will be a very minimally compensated undertaking we voted to allow Ted to go forward.

We then went to Committee Reports and Action Items.

Albert reports we have unrestricted funds of approximately \$4,424 and we are holding \$7,250 for the proposed SCC.

Under **Government Relations**, John had nothing official to report for the minutes, but we did have a general discussion of the 23-acre housing project that the Mobile Loaves & Fishes organization is undertaking in the eastern part of the county near the Exposition Center. The targeted residents are the chronically homeless and this is a laudable effort to begin addressing this societal concern. We will send a letter of unconditional support for the project to the Travis County Commissioners as well as the Austin City Council.

Ted relates that he continues to seek clarification and understanding of the process surrounding the complete demolition of the PTA building on West 11th Street.

Under **Marketing**, Bill and his associates are to be commended for the excellent electronic newsletter sent out to 240-250 edresses. Board members were again encouraged to send Bill any relevant edresses they might have and he will parse them against our current list. We were also encouraged to forward the newsletter along for further distribution.

Under **Planning and Zoning**, Albert brought to us the renewal notice of the Outdoor Music Venue (OMV) permit for the Allan House at 1102 San Antonio Street. Ted and Albert report that for the most part this special event venue has abided by the restrictions OANA and the City have required for them to operate. With the understanding that the renewal of the permit will incorporate the operating criteria of the expiring OMV permit. Ted is authorized to send a letter to the City not opposing the renewal of the permit.

Under **Parks and Open Spaces**, Ted gave us an update on the proposed Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) <[www.shoalcreekconservancy.org](http://www.shoalcreekconservancy.org)>. Their forecasted budget is \$150,000 per year for three years, and in order to go forward with confidence, their goal is to get either pledges or monies in the bank representing \$90,000. They anticipate meeting this goal by September and beginning their journey on October 1st.

We then generally discussed the upcoming proposals for the November bond election being put forth by various governmental agencies. Of note, especially concerning the Austin Community College campus at the old Austin High, if they so choose, governmental agencies can come to Developmental Agreements that bypass the normal open to the public zoning process. It was

commented how disappointed we were that the zoning case concerning an ACC expansion at this campus had been put on indefinite postponement.

With our time at an end, we adjourned right at 5:30 PM. The BoD will not meet in July and our next meeting is set for Tuesday 6 August.

Blake Tollett, Secretary  
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