

MINUTES
ORIGINAL AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (OANA)
September 2, 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 Ted Siff, Paul Isham, Charles Peveto, Ray Canfield, Michael Portman, Bill Schnell, and John Horton. Directors Rick Hardin, Perry Lorenz, Blake Tollett, and Albert Stowell were absent with approval. No guests were present for the meeting.

Since Blake Tollett was absent, Paul Isham was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

Bill Schnell moved and Michael Portman seconded a motion to approve the August, 2014 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CURRENT NEWS AND ACTION ITEMS: (a) The Board discussed the pros and cons of the upcoming rail bond election on the November ballot. At the conclusion of the discussion, John Horton moved and Charles Peveto seconded a motion to support the rail bond issue. The motion passed unanimously;

(b) The Board then discussed the two ACC bond propositions and the proposed amount of funding within the bond package for improvements to the Rio Grande Campus. The Board also discussed the ACC ballot proposition to raise the tax rate cap. At the conclusion of the discussion, no action was taken by the Board;

(c) Finally, the Board discussed the City elections for the positions of Mayor and District 9 Councilmember. It was decided that any decisions would be delayed until the October 14, 2014 Board meeting.

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

- a. **Finance Report & Membership:** Albert Stowell was absent, but President Siff stated that there has been no change in the Association's finances since the meeting in August.
- b. **Government Relations/Social Order:** John Horton reported that he had attended the opening of Mobile Fish and Loaves new facility called Community First on August 27, 2014 and that it went well. Ted Siff reported that ACC had an opening of its Highland Mall Campus on August 27, 2014.
- c. **Marketing:** Bill Schnell said that he was working on the Fall Issue of the OANA news and that he should have a draft of the newsletter out by the end of the week. He reminded Board members that if they had a particular item that they wanted to include in the newsletter, they should contact him.
- d. **Membership:** Ted Siff said that he and Michael Portman had not had the chance to meet and discuss methods or programs designed to increase membership, but that they

would meet within the next month and report back to the Board with suggestions or recommendations.

- e. **Planning and Zoning:** President Siff and Paul Isham reported on their meeting with Greg Guernsey, the City's Planning and Development Review Director, and his willingness to work with the neighborhood groups to establish additional conditions on permits for concrete pours during off peak hours. Those conditions would include notification to adjoining property owners, a 24/7 hotline number of the contractor for residents to call if they had complaints, reduction of lighting at night, a "Q-ing" schedule for concrete trucks during the pour, and revocation process for violations of the permit conditions. Mr. Guernsey also mentioned that he was going to reduce the area that was originally included in his recommendation. It was mentioned that this matter would probably be considered by the Council before the end of the month.

The Board also discussed the construction of new retail/commercial venues that were replacing other venues within OANA's boundaries.

- f. **Parks and Open Space:** Charles Peveto gave an update on the Friends of Wooldridge Park. He said that the food trailer had moved out, but that FOWP was attempting to get a food trailer to come to the park temporarily until a permanent replacement could be found. He also mentioned that FOWP was working on some immediate short-term improvements to the park in the areas of electrical facilities and right-of-way enhancements. Finally, he said that FOWP are planning a movie night in October and an event at the park during SxSW in the Spring.

President Siff reported that approval of the Urban Trails Master Plan was the last item on the City Council's agenda on its August 28th meeting and because of the length of that meeting, the item was tabled until the September 25, 2014 meeting.

- g. **Other Matters.** The Board did not discuss any additional matters at its meeting.

No additional matters were discussed by the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Paul Isham, Acting Secretary