

Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)
11 December 2018

The OANA Board of Directors (BoD) came together at 4PM at the Shoal Creek Saloon for our regular second Tuesday of the month meeting. Directors in attendance were Charles Peveto, Ted Siff, Michael Portman, Blake Tollett, Paul Byars, Perry Lorenz, Katie Jackson, Austin Stowell and Diana Zuniga. Advisory Council members in attendance were Dorothy Doolittle and Chris Riley. We had no guest in attendance.

The minutes from our November meeting, on motion from Blake with Charles seconding, were adopted as submitted on a vote of 6-0-2 with Paul and Perry abstaining as they had not been present at the meeting.

Under **Discussion & Action:**

The primary topic was our 2019 Annual General Membership meeting coming up on Wednesday 30 January. We are once again gathering at the Shoal Creek Saloon (thank you Ray!) from 5:30 to 7 PM. Preliminarily, Blake will do a highlight report from the previous year's minutes to be sent out electronically in conjunction with an evite and to also be made available to attendees of the meeting. Advisory Council member Kathie Marcus did a wonderful job on last year's evite and we will look to her again this year. We discussed ways to get the evite circulated and in an effort to increase membership each BoD member committed to bringing in 2 new members in 2019. Katie volunteered to establish our Square account so we can take credit/debit cards as needed.

The meeting itself will begin with some drinking (first drink free for new members) combined with noshing on some delicious offerings from the Saloon followed by a brief organizational meeting that Ted will chair. Ted will talk about the organization and relate some of our accomplishments from 2018 and then hold an election of directors. Current BoD members anticipated standing this year are Perry Lorenz, Diana Zuniga, Katie Jackson, Bill Schnell and Blake Tollett and Ted will verify the commitments.

Under **Current and New Business:**

Our Certified Local Government (CLG) grant application submitted by the City of Austin to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) was done on time but apparently there was a required signature missing. This deficit was corrected after the timeline had passed so now there is a process evaluation. We should know the THC's decision by the end of this year. If the grant is not funded this round then the application will be resubmitted in 6 months. Charles told us that regardless of the outcome on this grant application there are other avenues through the THC we can approach for funding.

Concerning the potential demolition at 507 W 10th Street, potential buyers of the property, land and improvements, have been identified. The current owners appear to be in a waiting period and are being somewhat uncommunicative. Folks continue to talk with the owners' representative.

Ted and Ray continue working on clarifying OANA's legal status with the State.

Under **Committee Reports & Action Items:**

Katie reports progress on our website overhaul. Bill remains ready to send out the Winter Newsletter when he gets content.

Ted reported that the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) would have a major fundraising event on 22 January 2019 at the Castle (1111 W. 11th Street). He also reported that the SCC has received a \$30,000 grant from the Hershey Foundation to continue work on the trail plan. Dorothy reported that the 360 is having a SCC meet and greet to encourage membership.

Charles reported that the interpretive signage commemorating the speech by Booker T Washington at Wooldridge Square Park continues to go forward with a discussion currently around the specific content of the signage. The Downtown Austin Alliance is funding the effort.

We then discussed potential historic neighborhood building tours we could set up with the idea of first having a meeting then a tour.

Our next regular BoD meeting will be on 8 January 2019 at the Shoal Creek Saloon beginning at 4PM, and with that we adjourned for the year.

Blake Tollett, Secretary
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