

BARTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

October 23, 2012 Meeting

All board members present except Susan Donaldson and Peter Hess

Motion to approve minutes from July 23, 2012 meeting, seconded, motion carries.

President's Report

Melissa Hawthorne. Melissa has no issues to address and will be speaking for Peter Hess in the Area Development report.

Membership Committee

Kay Killen, VP. Welcome to all new members. Reminder that you are not automatically added to the listserv, you have to send a request. If you haven't currently paid dues they go through to 2012. Dues paid in January go towards 2013. 703 current and former members on the listserv and there is still a purge process in effect to remove any defunct email addresses. There were 440 paid BHNA members when the newsletter was printed and as of meeting today 471. Lots of new members from the Westrock-Westforest area.

Treasurer Report

Kerry Price, treasurer. Report available at entrance table. Total funds in bank account was \$17,615.95. \$1017.15 in receivables. No payable or outgoing funds. \$400 earmarked for water fountain in park has not been paid. \$2000 was received for donated ACL tickets sold, which is part of total funds balance.

Neighborhood Watch

John Luther. In October neighborhood watch patrol did over 150 hours. Patrols are only one hour long volunteer time periods. 5 new members were added to patrol, newest being treasurer Kerry Price. Neighborhood map with property crimes listed since January 1st was on a stand at front of room. The area between Lamar, Barton Skyway and Westhill was subject to a high amount of crime happening by criminals on foot. Two young men were breaking in, turning house upside down to look for items, then returning to apartments next to golden corral. Neighborhood patrol offers a free service to look at your dead bolt to see if you have 3 inch screws, if not they will be installed for the cost of the screws, which is \$1. For ACL patrol, Elaine and Gary Shelton kept a close watch of traffic on Barton Hills Drive to make sure parking was observed. Melissa Hawthorne stated that the objective is to get parking on one side of the street only for safety purposes. This will be addresses during organizational meetings before the 2013 ACL begins.

Greenbelt Guardians

Rosalee Russel, for Glee Ingram. Work day scheduled for November 10th 9-1pm at the Homedale trailhead. Work will be focused on invasive species removal. There is a grant proposal through the parks foundation for additional work on the greenbelt

Membership Outreach Committee

Sunny Luther. Spring Fling and Parade had great turnout. Working on a holiday sing around up at the school. Giveaways to Rockin Tomato and Apothecary to be held throughout course of meeting.

Area Development

Melissa Hawthorne, speaking for Peter Hess. Lots of development occurring around us. One of the development is within Barton Hills, the Broken Spoke project, and they are required to pay \$615 per apartment towards the nearest park facility, which this would be the Barton Hills Elementary park. Map will be brought in for January meeting to talk about the boundaries and changing the map to include Broken Spoke and a tract next to Red's Porch. Red's Porch tract was being developed and the neighborhood association was not even notified. There was over \$2 million in park funds between Barton Springs Road and Ben White with all the development going on. We are fighting to get some of these funds since the traffic will affect us and these people will be using the greenbelt in

our area. There is supposed to be a traffic light installed near Westrock for the Broken Spoke project.

Emergency Preparedness

Kay Killen, speaking for Susan Donaldson. Lots of information on Barton Hills website about West Nile virus and mosquitos. Susan is participating in mock disasters. Anybody that wants to volunteer is encouraged. Fire signs are still being posted on the greenbelt as we are not out of the drought yet. Emergency bag available at door for important paperwork, medicine, etc, in case of an evacuation. With the leaves falling and dead brush, good time to do work around your home to remove the fire danger.

Austin Neighborhood Council

Tom Nukols. Most of meeting coverage involved the bond proposals. City of Austin also has a new website up and running. The 10-1 redistricting plan consists of a city council elected by geographically defined districts and the mayor is a city wide position. The 8-2-1 plan would have 8 single member districts, 2 super districts (probably an east and west) and a mayoral vote city wide. The short term rental issue was still being discussed as there was a call to lower the registration fees. Imagine Austin comprehensive plan showed the big picture over the next 10 years, denser development, more mass transit, apartment development and parkland dedication fees.

Nomination Committee

Tom Nukols. Peter Hess and Stan Ostrum are the other board members. 4 of existing 6 executive board members will serve another term; president, recording secretary, treasurer and ANC rep. 2 members are stepping down, vice president and corresponding secretary.

Motion to elect all 4 identified committee members, seconded, no opposition, motion carries.

Nomination of Chuck Ragland for VP, seconded, no opposition, motion carries.

Barton Hills Park Project

Kathleen Schneeman and Cherylann Campbell. In process of working with Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) in submitting the master plan for the park. Theme of park is integrated theme, school during the day then neighborhood area afterwards. They want to keep it a natural space. The approval process takes about 3 months, a public hearing and lots of back and forth. A \$50,000 grant submission was done in conjunction with the ACL funds dedicated to the Parks Dept. This will be concentrated on the park's infrastructure, irrigation, etc. Answer should be received by December regarding master plan.

The Friends of Barton Hills community park foundation started to get all these grants. Barton Hills Parks Project would like to be an official committee with the BHNA so it is a sustaining, continual group that keeps up the park on behalf of the whole neighborhood. Meetings are monthly, held at the church, and open to any neighborhood residents.

The rain garden will be finished over Christmasbreak, fence will be redone and vehicle entrance will be moved to back side of school. All rocks will be moved.

Motion to have Barton Hills Park Project as sub-committee, seconded, no opposition, motion carries.

Neighborhood concern voiced about planes and helicopters flying overhead during ACL and upcoming F1 event, as well as the nearby helipads.

Motion to protest city regarding helicopter flight path, seconded, no opposition, motion carries. Peter Hess and Tom Nukols will write proposal.

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