

Barton Hills Neighborhood Association

July 23, 2013 Quarterly Meeting

Call to order at 7pm

All executive board members present except for John Luther, Sunny Luther and Susan Donaldson

President's Announcements

Melissa Hawthorne. Three executive chair positions will be vacated at year end due to term limitations; President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. Anyone interested in taking part in the neighborhood association is encouraged to talk to president or other board members regarding positions.

Handouts on table regarding Airman's Cave located in the Barton Creek Greenbelt.

Capital Metro Bus Route 29. Neighborhood resident Frank Hendrix is asking for neighborhood participation in getting this bus route back into the neighborhood.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last quarterly meeting at entrance table.

Motion to approve minutes, seconded, no opposition, motion carries

Treasurer Report

Kerry Price. Balance sheet at entry table. \$22,689.72 balance. \$687.50 in receivables and there were no payables. Sponsors gave \$940 towards the 4th of July parade.

Neighborhood Watch

Booth Quinn standing in for John Luther. First 7 months of 2013 there has been a 50% decline in home burglaries. There has been an increase in thefts of out of yards and garages though. Same number of car burglaries, 17 within the first 7 months of the year. Currently there are 20-24 patrols per week occurring in the neighborhood Monday through Friday. There are no weekend patrols. New neighborhood watch people are gladly accepted. No patrol member leaves their car. Anything suspicious seen is immediately reported to the police.

Spotcrime.com is a website that will send you crime reports for an area around your home.

Greenbelt Guardians

Glee Ingram. Next work day scheduled for September 29th which is National Trails day. Work will be done at the Homedale trail entrance. Stan Ostrum has a new map of the greenbelt available from the Save Our Springs Alliance. There is info about flora/fauna, fire info, biking and swimming. They are being sold for \$6.00. There is an inventory of where invasive species are problematic in the city which is being done to direct work towards these problem areas and to see where new growth occurs.

Rich DePalma, Austin Parks Foundation. Glee is coming up with a resolution for additional funding for the parks. Park funding has been severely cut and they are trying to restore funding for maintenance of the parks.

Motion to support resolution to fund parks, seconded, no opposition, motion passes.

Area Development

Peter Hess. City is in the process of hiring a consultant to study the South Lamar transportation corridor. Cut through traffic in our neighborhood will be studied. The Robert E. Lee intersection and bridge over Barton Creek is being looked at. There was a board of adjustment hearing for the proposed home at 2904 Rae Dell. City wants to reduce the amount of aerial advertising which encompasses the airplanes flying overhead dragging a banner and they are looking into a law to outlaw this type of advertising.

Motion to support ban of aerial advertising, seconded, no opposition, motion passes.

Taco Cabana planned unit development (PUD). There is a proposal to create a special PUD, changing the zoning to allow for new zoning specifically for that parcel and planned building. PUD includes height of 96ft, which 60ft is the current building code. All community organizations are against it. There are no additional tangible community benefits for this development. It is city supported because of water run off improvement from existing buildings. PUDs are usually 10 acres or more, this parcel is less than an acre.

Motion to oppose Taco Cabana PUD, seconded, no opposition, motion carries.

Membership Outreach

Melissa Hawthorne. New membership outreach chair needed. Please help the BHNA and the neighborhood!

Emergency Preparedness

Susan Donaldson not present. No new info provided for neighborhood meeting.

Austin Neighborhood Council

Tom Nuckols. The 11 members have been selected for the 10-1 redistricting commission. Barton Hills isn't big enough to have its own district. 80,000 people are needed per district, Barton Hills has 5,000 residents. We are attempting to group Barton Hills with all of the 78704 zip code. Commission starts hearings about districts in August. ANC is going to have a workshop to help rewrite for the land development code. Population voting rights act, contiguity, and voting boundaries are all the main issues handled by ANC. When hearing starts neighborhood participation is encouraged to be on record in regards to our redistricting with the rest of the 78704 zip code.

Barton Hills Community Park

Melissa Hawthorne. Terracing and mulching under trees was done prior to the 4th of July gathering. This resulted in a lot of people sitting under the trees and on the terracing during the 4th of July party.

Helicopter Permit for Barton Oaks Building

John Lawson, applicant for helipad landing for F1 transportation. A new city ordinance established three types of heliports. Category 3 are hospital type landing facilities, full time use, no restrictions. Category 2 permits are good for 3 days to fulfill needs for events such as F1. Category 1 are brief use/temporary permits for 10 take off and landings. On a category 2 permit, which would be the one used for the Barton Oaks building, there can be no more than 4 take offs during a one hour period, there can be no more than 3 helicopters using the same landing, and the hours are limited to 7:30am to 8:30pm.

Stephen from ABIA. Contour handouts using FAA models showing the decibel levels that the helicopters will create. The three zones were established by an average standpoint of 65,70,75 decibels – 65 db is a normal conversation between two people. Helicopters are voluntarily following Mopac. Previous helipad was at Embassy Suites but there was congestion problems and site is not proposed again. Neighbors attending the meeting brought up the Tony Burger center as a suitable site and they said it wasn't considered.

Motion to oppose Category 2 helipad, seconded, discussion, motion approved.

National Night Out in Texas is October 1st. Get your neighbors together!

Meeting Adjourned