

## **Barton Hills Neighborhood Association January 22, 2013 Minutes**

All executive board members present.

### **Brief Announcement**

Mary Anne McNeely. Tree Folks will be coming through the neighborhood to determine if your front yard is eligible for a free tree. A small marker will be left in the yard, within 10ft of the curb, and a flier left on your door. You can fill out the contact info, choose from a list of trees and they will deliver it for you to plant. Further information on BHNA website

Minutes from October 23 meeting. Motion to approve minutes, seconded, no opposition, motion carries.

### **Treasurer Report**

Kerry Price. Report available on table at entrance. \$17,235.82 beginning balance, \$19,232.16 ending balance. There were \$1,320 in receivables. \$4,500 was disbursed, \$2,500 for school and \$2,000 general park fun earmarked for projects.

### **President Report**

Melissa Hawthorne. Vice President and Corresponding Secretary positions are open. Helicopter flight pad at Barton Oaks office parking garage was not used for the F1 weekend.

Rebecca Gallogly has volunteered for the VP position. Mark Freeborn volunteered to be the Corresponding Secretary.

### **Greenbelt Guardians**

Glee Ingram. Funding for two full time ECOR evasive removal members was acquired. ECOR paid for training and private donation of \$100,000 from 2012 continues to be used for greenbelt work. First volunteer day is March 2, "It's My Park Day", which work will be done at the Gus Fruh trailhead from 9am to 1pm.

## **Neighborhood Outreach**

Sunny Luther. Spring Fling planned for April. Sallie from the Birds of Prey presentation will be coming out again, bringing a variety of larger birds found within our area.

## **Birds of Prey Presentation**

Sally Delahoussaye has brought a slide show showing common birds of prey found in our area, as well as a few live smaller birds of prey.

## **Neighborhood Connectivity Department.**

Think Bike. City of Austin won a grant as part of the Greenling Project from Bike's Belong Group. One main problem area was South Lamar, from Ben White north. Two way cycle track on each side of S. Lamar was determined to be the best solution. 20-40% of people are travelling less than 5 miles on S. Lamar.

Mopac bridge over Barton Creek is about 60% complete on the design and will be completed in August and turned over to TXDOT. The project will begin the end of 2013 and be completed in 2015. Second phase will cross the 360 interchange.

## **Traffic Calming**

Renee Orr, City of Austin Transportation. You have to live, work or own property on the street if you want a slowing device to be placed on your street, which there is a one page application online. A speed and volume study will be done to determine if it meets the requirements for the slowing device. Transportation engineer decides what type of speed calming device will be installed.

## **Neighborhood Watch**

John Luther. Street located near South Lamar are experiencing lots of burglaries, namely Westrock, Westforest, Westoak and Westhill. Best deterrent is to keep your car doors locked which prevents car or belongs in car from being stolen. There were 30 burglaries of vehicles and 20 home burglaries in the last year. Most likely was the same group of people doing all these thefts.

## **Area Development**

Peter Hess. There are some properties north and south of Barton Skyway, on Lamar, that were sold and could be turned into commercial developments. At 2904 Rae Dell there are plans to build a large 4600+ sq ft house on the lot, which violates the McMansion ordinance. Surrounding neighbors were notified, filed a complaint within the allotted time and the building permit was being challenged.

## **Austin Neighborhood Council**

Tom Nuckols. City council elections recently changed from an 'At Large' representation to single member districts. Part of Proposition 3 included a volunteer citizen redistricting committee that will draw the boundaries of these 10 districts.

Casa De Luz development issue. They aren't in compliance with code by having adequate parking for their restaurant and compound. Someone in the city department suggested the restaurant make a donation to the Parks Department in exchange for using the baseball parking lots across the street. This set a dangerous precedent in allowing commercial businesses to take advantage of this type of arrangement. A city wide ordinance isn't a good idea, and a single use permit is a better solution.

## **Barton Hills Park**

Kathleen Schneeman. Master plan for the park project was approved which will allow for grant funding. Working with the school district to wrap up end details. An Austin Parks Foundation grant of \$40,000 was given for irrigation, sod and mulch. This should be done over the summer and then the park planted in the fall. Terracing with large boulders in the North East corner of the park below the trees will be done this spring, before spring fling. Water fountain will be completed in conjunction with the pavilion.

Tina Donahue. Spring fundraiser planned for March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mercury Hall in South Austin. Purpose is to raise money for playground equipment estimated to cost approximately \$70,000. Goal is to raise \$20,000. Tickets to the event are \$35.

## **Meeting Adjourned**