

Barton Hills Neighborhood Association

October 22, 2013 Meeting

All executive officers present except Peter Hess

Approval of Minutes, Motion, Seconded, No Opposition, Motion Passed.

President's Report-Brief Announcements

Melissa Hawthorne. Melissa is taking email feedback for the recently held ACL festival, which will be sorted and given to the Parks and Rec department and concert promoter C3. ACL occurred Friday night both weekends, first weekend had a generator issue which caused the bands to play until 10:30, past city noise curfew. Melissa will be asking C3/ACL for contribution to go towards neighborhood park project.

Trail of Lights is coming up in beginning December for two weeks. Handout on entry table with details. Neighborhood night is on December 6th. Free tickets will be available to Barton Hills neighbors.

Treasurer Report

Kerry Price. Balance sheet handout at door. \$22,326.04 ending balance as of last meeting, \$5,823.87 in receivables, balance as of 10-22-2013; \$26,129.56. Earmark for BH park water fountain fund approximately \$2500. An additional \$ 2,000 was committed at an early date as well.

Donation to church for BHNA meeting space. Motion to donate \$100 per meeting or \$400 total, seconded, no opposition, motion passed.

Austin Police Department

Officer "Wojo" Woytkewicz. APD senior police officer, 9 years on duty. Works primarily in the Barton Hills area. Only officer authorized to wear a Smokey the Bear style hat. Officer Wojo notes he is working on two cases within the neighborhood, details being withheld because of active investigation.

Elections for 2014 BHNA executive board positions

President

Melissa has to step down because of two year term limit. Nomination for Tom Nuckols, accepted by Tom, motion to elect Tom, seconded, no opposition, motion carries. Congratulations Tom !!!

Vice President

Rebecca Gallogly volunteers for second term, motion to approve, seconded, no opposition, motion carries. Congratulations Rebecca !!!

Treasurer

Kerry Price has to step down because of term limit. David Poisson volunteers to take position, motion to approve, seconded, no opposition, motion carries. Congratulations David !!!

Recording Secretary

David Poisson has to step down because of term limits. Melissa Hawthorne volunteers, motion to approve, seconded, no opposition, motion carries. Congratulations Melissa

Community Partnership

This position gets all the sponsors and ads for the BHNA parade and newsletter. Angel Rodenbeck nominated, accepts nomination, motion to approve, seconded, motion carries, Congratulations Angel !!!

Corresponding Secretary

Aka newsletter editor. Scott Stricker volunteers for position, motion to approve, seconded, no oppositions, motion carries. Congratulations Scott !!!

Austin Neighborhood Council Representative

This position represents the neighborhood association, meetings once a month. No volunteers for position. Please contact executive board if you would like to help out and fill this position.

Membership Outreach

Sunny Luther steps down after doing an incredible job for many years. This position organizes the Spring Fling and 4th of July Parade. No volunteers. Please contact executive board if you would like to take this super fun position.

Neighborhood Watch

John Luther. Last 6 months there were a grand total of 16 property crimes, 4 of which involved burglaries from unlocked cars. APD was very active and visibly present during ACL weekend. Multiple cars were towed because of fire hydrant blocking violations. Neighborhood watch trying to expand. Only one hour of your time required! Please contact John Luther or any executive board member.

Area Development

Melissa Hawthorne speaking on behalf of Peter Hess who could not be present. New Building for Austin Sunshine Camp in Zilker Park being replaced. New building would be taller and it is in a high water quality control area. It would SOS water quality guidelines. Construction to start on Barton Springs swimming pool in beginning of 2014.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Susan Donaldson. At the web address CAPCOG.org you can enter in your phone number for notification of emergencies happening in your area. Susan working with Red Cross for fire responses within regional area. Susan spent 10 days in West TX after the fertilizer plant explosion, 4 days in San Antonio after flooding and in South Austin in the Oak Hill area after the flooding from Williamson Creek. Susan also works with CERT, Citizen Emergency Response Team.

Austin Neighborhood Council Report

Tom Nuckols. City has been divided into 10 districts, voter approved in February 2012. Independent redistricting committee comes up with a district boundaries map. Barton Hills is currently in District 9 that encompasses part of downtown, UT, and stretches up to the 51st/Mueller area. Citizens Compact District Coalition has come together to get the districts closer together as opposed to the spread out model. Barton Hills would be in district 5 which would be all of 78704. District has to have 70,000-80,000 people. All of 78704 neighborhood neighborhoods want to be together, which in the current proposed model it is split in half. Commission has three more meetings before final map is drawn.

Motion to support resolution for compact district. Seconded, no opposition, unanimous approval.

Greenbelt Guardians

Glee Ingram. Work day in September had 70 volunteers. The invasive grant has ECOR working area south behind Barton Springs pool.

Barton Hills Park

Katie Ackerman – principle of Barton Hills elementary. On northeast end of park boulders were installed and mulching to slow down erosion and protect the live oak tree roots. AISD donated the mulch for the project. Playground refurbishing date is in the planning stages which Melanie Gant and Eric Miller are working on the design. Looking into getting continual sidewalks around the school and nearby streets. Barton Hills carnival is on November 1st from 6-9pm. Barton Hills elementary turns 50 next fall!

As of October 21st \$221,000 in Parkland Dedication Fee monies allotted to the Barton Hills Park, another \$50,000 allotted from PARD in relation to ACL additional second weekend and hopefully more from the Austin Parks Foundation.

Capitol Metro

Project connect is a central corridor project involving a high capacity transit study being done by Capitol Metro and the City of Austin. 2 of the top 5 identified corridors needing high capacity transit were in the north and central regions. Initial focus area boundaries are 2222 on the north, Springdale on the east, Oltorf on the south and Mopac on the west. See www.projectconnect.com for details.

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