

Minutes

July 28, 2015

Barton Hills Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

22 people signed in

Meeting called to order.

Minutes approved.

Announcements:

David Poisson

- Robert E. Lee name change- street name changes need to be originated by the persons on the street themselves. We cannot as a neighborhood association initiate a street name change. A certain percentage of street home owners would need to approve the change.

Rebecca Gallogly

- Zilker Conservancy – a new non-profit conservancy organized by Rebecca Gallogly is in need of support (both funds and labor). The new Zilker Conservancy will be focused on Zilker Park. Contact Rebecca if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report –

Previous Balance	\$ 35,037.66
Deposits	\$ 6851.50
Expenses	\$ 5525.58
Receivables Outstanding	\$ 247.50
Paypal	\$ 8.69
Petty Cash	\$50.00
Current Balance includes Petty Cash for Meeting	\$ 36,152.27
Funds previously earmarked	\$15,125
	\$ 5,500.00 Park Mural & Water Fountain
	\$ 9,000.00 Greenbelt Guardians Grant
	\$ 500.00 St Mark's Church
	\$125.00 Kristen McClain EMT Fund
Funds Balance	\$ 21,027.27

ANC Report: Tim Moore - Not Present

Community Park Update: Roy Smithers

Great progress is being made on the park mural. The mural committee continues to need volunteers to make the tiles and adhere them to the wall. The effort is highly rewarding and it's wonderful to see your own tile creations on the mural wall. Please contact Rachel Noffke, Beatriz Mejia or Mina Kumar for more information and pay attention to the list serve for regular volunteer opportunity announcements.

Bids are currently being taken by contractors for terracing work to be done on the hill above the basketball court. The design plan is to terrace the hill using rocks or limestone blocks to minimize erosion and to create a hillside amphitheatre effect.

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The water fountain is still a struggle. The hope is to have the fountain functional in the coming weeks.

Neighborhood Watch: Myron Gottlieb

Myron shared recent police reports that show Barton Hills to be relatively safe compared to surrounding neighborhoods. Our neighborhood watch is a large contributor to the level of safety. The program focus is on the visibility of the neighborhood watch participants which provides a strong deterrent.

The group needs volunteers as they have lost quite a few. The high was 30 several years ago to we are down to less than 15 today. The responsibility requires driving around in a car with neighborhood watch signs on the car for a minimum of 1 hour per week. Participants are expected to report anything suspicious to 911. Participants are not required to approach or handle any situations directly.

Please contact Myron if you would like to volunteer.

Emergency Preparedness - Not Present

COA Representative on Neighborhood Parking Proposal for Special Events: Lee Austin

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COA is proposing a permit parking process for nearby neighborhoods during large scale special events (Trail of Lights, ACL, Kite Festival, etc.)

Proposal:

- Every street would have a permit sign at every entrance to the neighborhood and the COA would coordinate with APD for enforcement.
- COA has met with Bouldin and now Barton Hills to discuss the proposal.
- Residential permit parking program – street applies for it and they get it 60 to 65% of people on street want it.
- \$10 per permit. Promoters will pay for permits for the special events (not guaranteed for any length of time)
- All residents would need to be aware that cars will be towed and ticketed. Tickets are \$25 currently. Looking at raising it for special event ticket fee.
- 4 permits would be provided per household.

Questions:

- What streets are eligible? To be determined by COA and neighborhood
- Suggest developing area south of Mopac bridge at parking garage. COA response: parking garages are very expensive. .
- What would we do about household guests or parties we may be hosting at that time? Response: only 4 permits would be allowed per house.
- Are permits free or for purchase - \$10 usually but would be free because promoter will pay.
- Permit per year or event? Per year to be renewed each year.
- Timeline – Bouldin for fall ACL. Target kite festival for Barton Hills but still up in the air.
- Email her questions and comments.

Greenbelt Guardian Update: Glee Ingram

- About to spend grant money that finally came through. Sept 1 start date. Hiring crew of TX Conservancy Core members to do radical invasive removal on greenbelt.

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Parade Update – Carol Mann

- Big thanks to everyone for helping. We had many more sponsors than years past so the total cost was \$1k.
- Parade Chair needed for 2016.

BHNA Elections: David Poisson

- Elections will be held in Oct meeting
- Officer positions open are: President, Secretary, VP, Treasurer.
- Nomination committee needed. Contact David or Tom if interested in volunteering on nomination committee.

Presentation on Parking Plans for Major Events: Melissa Hawthorne

Suggested road closures for ACL weekends to route cars around Barton Springs road and avoid Robert E Lee. See map provided on website for more information. Info will also be sent via list serve.

Questions/comments:

- Can we address the fencing on south side of Zilker Park? Is it possible to do an off peak installation of the fence? C3 committed to looking into it. C3 is also addressing not hitting peak times on crosswalk between Barton Springs and Zilker to ensure traffic can keep moving.

Motion was made for BHNA to support COA proposed Robert E. Lee road closure for west bound traffic by Roy Smithers. Seconded by Maryann Neely. Unanimously approved.

Proposed County Court House Presentation: Newcourtsforfamilies.com

Bipartisan public works campaign speaker promoting project. History – counties are mandated to deliver access to justice system to the people. County has established standards for what courts must provide for the public.. 1930 Commissioners Court voted to build the current county courthouse. 3 courts in early design now has 19. Courts have been squeezed into every office. Added on to the building twice (50's and 60's). On Guadalupe between 10th and 11th.

Questions

- 1) What will happen to old building? Will be protected as one of the most beautiful buildings in county. Protected federally and state as historical site. Will remain Travis County court house as that is also state law (oldest county court house will be the court house). Will continue to be courthouse. Will be utilized for special cases. Second floor court rooms removed to use for offices. Jail will be partially restored and utilized as a historical center. New court house will be located 3 blocks from current courthouse. Cost is \$291m on land the county owns.
- 2) Who owns the building? The County.

Other Details:

- 14 story w520k sq feet
- 28 Court rooms
- All county court business to occur there.
- Bring to compliance with ADA
- Citizens advisory committee has worked with community to gather input
- Will take ½ lot at location. Other half will be office buildings to help offset costs.
- 4 underground levels of parking. Will generate \$10k of revenue per year.

Call or email Tyler Buckingham with questions

- 805-340-9469: tyler@newcourtsforfamilies.com

Meeting Adjourned - 8:45 pm