

Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Jane Hayman Secretary

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 (6:30pm-8:30pm)
Café Express, 3418 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705

Tina Weinberger, Vice President Presiding

In attendance:

Don Simkins Treasurer Elected

Betty Trent Board Member

Beverly Sutton Board Member

Jane Hayman Secretary

Kimberly Comstock Treasurer

Eric Venditti Board member

Also in attendance: Lisa Walsh
Daniel Soteldo
Michael Stouse

Call to Order: 6:30

Review and Approve Minutes from the July 15th Meeting

Review Minutes from August 25 Meeting. Agreement was not reached pertaining to certain portions of minutes related to directions to Betty Trent on how to vote at August 26 ANC meeting. Remainder of minutes were approved. Portion that was not agreed to was determined to be moot.

Tina raised issue of individuals and /or board members purporting to represent a position of the PHNA to public bodies. She proposed an official position be taken that no one can properly do this without prior Board approval.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved a motion offered by Tina to refer the issue to Policies and Procedures committee to develop language establishing PHNA's policy with regard to this.

Bylaws

Beverly presented two changes to the proposal approved by the Board at the July 15 meeting. Prior to discussion of those changes, Tina proposed that an additional change be incorporated, to wit, that the membership year in PHNA be changed so that it matches a calendar year. After discussion, Eric moved to leave the part of the bylaws designating membership year "as is". His motion was unanimously accepted.

Tina requested that the Policies and Procedures committee take this issue under advisement and develop policy statement recommendations for presentation to the Board.

Beverly moved that the Board accept the bylaws revisions which include the two changes presented.

In favor: Beverly, Tina, Betty, Jane, Kimberly, Don. Against: Eric

Motion carried. Eric agreed to post proposed revisions on website. A membership vote to approve or reject the amended bylaws will be on the same ballot as the election of Board members.

Michael Stouse, owner of 2606 Harris, reviewed his plans to redevelop the property at that address. No action was requested of the Board and none was taken

Presidents report.

Frank was not in attendance at the meeting so he did not make a report. The board asked that he publish an updated report on the road construction project that's been ongoing in the neighborhood for the past two years. It was noted that development of certain triangles has been dependent on the installation of water meters which are contingent on completion of road work.

Report and discussion on Triangle Projects: Hartford Triangle and "Other" Triangles

The status of the merger of these two projects is unclear. Hartford Triangle is involved with Austin Parks Foundation and the Other Triangles have been working with Keep Austin Beautiful. A Fundraiser for them will be held at Sabrina Brown's home on September. 24.

Kimberly moved to table discussion of financial organization of Hartford and Other Triangles pending receipt of further information from the leaders of each project. (Dalton Young and Sabrina Brown)

The motion to table was unanimously accepted.

Kimberly moved for the PHNA to donate \$2500 out of its operating fund to the HARTFORD Triangle project. She indicated that the check could be presented at Sabrina's house at the fundraiser. No donation to "Other" triangles project was proposed.

In favor: Tina, Beverly, Don, Jane, Eric. Kimberly Abstain: Betty

Tina agreed to invite Dalton and Sabrina to the next board meeting to clarify some plans and respond to questions.

ACTION ITEM: Tina will invite Dalton and Sabrina to the next meeting.

Vice Presidents report:

A name drawing was held to establish the order of candidate names on the ballot for the upcoming election.

The names will be placed in the following order

Beverly Sutton, Bill Waters, Barbara Hunt, Lucy Enniss, Lisa Walsh, Daniel Soteldo.

ACTION ITEM: Tina will endeavor to get a ballot and election procedure information into the PHNA Journal for October. She will work with Eric to get these things posted onto Website.

Treasurers report

Kimberly raised questions about the propriety of PHNA filing an 1120-H tax return and proposed retaining a tax lawyer to resolve the issue. These questions arose as a result of a request of a company CH2M that has agreed to donate \$1000 to the PICNIC.

ACTION ITEM: The board agreed that Kimberly should proceed to investigate the matter and report back to the Board. Recommended steps included issuing a call to the membership for a volunteer CPA to address the matter, followed by other appropriate steps prior to the expenditure of funds to retain a professional.

Security Committee:

Tina reported that the Security Patrol will commence patrolling Harris from 3 to 3:30 once a week. This is designed a traffic calming mechanism.

ACTION ITEM: Kimberly said by next meeting, she'd get details of signage cost and legality of posting additional signs to get drives to slow down because children are around.

ACTION ITEM: Tina said she would post a call for a replacement security patrol chair. Jane said she'd do it if no one else volunteers.

Betty reported on a new neighborhood association which has been formed as an alternative to ANC.

Next meeting

October 13, 6:30 pm

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 pm

