

# Minutes PHNA Board Meeting

## August 25, 2015

Jane Hayman, Secretary

Approved in part by PHNA Board on Sept. 15, 2015

### Board Members Present:

Frank Hartmann: President

Tina Weinberger: Vice President and Security Committee Chair

Jane Hayman: Secretary and Policies and Procedures Chair

Kimberly Comstock: Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Betty Trent: Triangles and Environment Committee Chair

Beverly Sutton: Bylaws Committee Chair

Eric Venditti: Webmaster

### Non-Board Members present:

Carolyn Beynon, Policies and Procedures Committee Member

Daniel Soteldo, Board of Directors Candidate

- I. Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.
- II. Review of Minutes from July 15 Board Meeting was postponed. Minutes of August meeting and July meeting will both be reviewed at September 15 meeting.
- III. Board confirmed Jane Hayman as Secretary to replace Ally Kirk who has relocated to UK.  
  
Jane will be designated as Board Secretary in PHNA Journal and on PHNA Website lists of Directors.

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**ACTION ITEM:** Jane will notify Webmaster and Journal Editor to modify listings accordingly.

### IV. Review of Proposed Policies and Procedures

Frank noted that this meeting was in fact a continuation of the July meeting and accordingly would begin with the review of Policies and Procedures committee proposals. The Board reviewed and suggested edits to section I through the section entitled Social Chair.

The section entitled Communications Committee and Technical Specialist was tabled pending the creation and review of a Communications Committee.

The discussion on the Section on Election Procedures which currently is in conflict with the PHNA Bylaws was postponed to the next Board meeting. Frank requested that

The relevant bylaws provision be provided to the Board by committee chair, Jane Hayman. (See Appendix A). Betty Trent indicated that she opposed any and all discussion of the subject of revising the dates.

V. Social Committee report

Kimberly reported that sponsorships and silent auction item donations were down from last year however the good news is that MoPac and ATT each have donated \$1000.

**ACTION ITEM:** Revisions to Policies and Procedures will include provision that Social Committee Liaison will be a Board position.

VI. Communications Committee

Pursuant to a lively discussion regarding the PHNA website and whether or not it could be cost effectively improved the Board agreed with Franks proposal to create a Communications Committee which would, among other tasks, review options for improving the website. Frank would chair this committee, Eric and Jane volunteered to serve and Frank would reach out to the general membership for additional participants. The Communications Committee will also cover matters relating to the PHNA Journal and also NEXTDOOR.

**ACTION ITEM:** Frank will call a meeting of the Communications Committee and invite interested members to participate.

VII Triangles and Hartford Park

Frank restated that PHNA would not be involved in financing these projects. Betty reiterated that donated monies will go through the Austin Parks Foundation. Frank reiterated the intent of the Association to transfer monies currently in PHNA possession, which are earmarked for triangles, (approximately \$5000) as soon as Sabrina indicates where they should be sent. Eric proposed that the PHNA make donations to each of the park projects as a symbol of support. The Board indicated agreement and Frank asked Kimberly to review the current funds in the association treasury and recommend an amount for these donations. Betty reported that people attending the fundraiser to be held at Sabrinas home on Sept 24 will be invited to bring their checkbooks to make a donation at that time. In response to a question, Eric

reported that Attorney Carey Venditti's role in the project is not ongoing. She was retained by PHNA on a pro bono basis (see PHNA Minutes March 2015) and in that capacity reviewed the city MOU for the park as they were at the time and then recommended that a 501c3 be created so as to eliminate PHNA exposure to legal liability. The question of protecting PHNA from exposure to a claim that it is serving as an agent for the Hartford Park was raised. Eric reported that a link soliciting donations will not be put on the PHNA website. A link to the Hartfordpark.org website is there and it is that website that will solicit donations. The association did discuss providing a donation to the park and/or triangle efforts. The amount to be discussed once the budget is confirmed. The following questions were raised but not answered :

**QUESTION:** Should a tax specialist be consulted to confirm that the transfer of PHNA funds to KAB or APF carries no adverse tax implications to PHNA.

**Question:** Who will write the checks to pay for the water consumed on the triangles?

**ACTION ITEM:** Betty will find out from Sabrina when PHNA can transfer its earmarked triangle funds to Keep Austin Beautiful or Austin Parks Foundation

**ACTION ITEM:** Kimberly will review PHNA accounts and budget and recommend amount that association can donate to the projects.

## VIII Triangles and Hartford Park

Betty reported on two proposals advanced at ANC.

~~The board voted 4-3 ? that Betty should vote against an ANC resolution relating to charter school restrictions. For abstention: Beverly, Jane, Tina and Frank Against: Kimberly, Eric, Betty. The board voted that Betty abstain from voting on an ANC resolution against the use of PUDs as a zoning tool. \*\*\*~~

Betty proposed that the Board send a letter to the city council opposing a proposed ordinance relating to diversion of construction waster materials.

IN FAVOR: Frank, Eric, Kimberly, Betty, Beverly

OPPOSED: Jane

--on grounds that the full text of the proposal was not provided for study and evaluation

ABSTAIN: TINA

--Abstain on grounds that she did not have enough information on the subject.

Betty was requested by the Board to provide full information/text about proposed ANC resolutions to the Board as soon as they become offered to members of ANC. Betty is the PHNA Representative on that council.

**ACTION ITEM:** Betty will provide text and relevant information about proposed ANC resolutions to the Board as soon as they become available.

**\*\*\*This paragraph was discussed at the subsequent Board meeting on September 15 but no agreement was reached as to the vote as taken. It has been included here but note that it has not been approved by the Board as accurate.**

IX Meeting adjourned: 9pm

Next meeting Sept. 15 Café Express 6:30

Appendix A.

FROM PHNA BYLAWS: see website

## VII. Elections and Voting

Nominations for the Board will be received for a period of thirty (30 ) days prior to an election for candidates wishing to serve as Directors. Nominations may be made by communicating the names of the nominees by email or in writing to a member of the Board or a Nominating Committee appointed by the Board. . Nominations shall be posted on the website and newsletter seven ( 7) days prior to the election. Each member may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to fill. The Board shall consist of those candidates receiving the highest vote count

Votes shall have a defined starting date, and a defined ending date no less than three (3) days and no more than fourteen (14) days after the starting date. All relevant information regarding the vote shall be published to the website, The Pemberton Journal and NextDoor at least ten (10) days prior to the starting date. The results of the vote shall be published within seven (7) days of the ending date.

