

PHNA Board Meeting Minutes

2/13/2018

- I. Board Members in Attendance: Trevor Armstrong, President; Charles Heimsath, President-Elect; Frank Walsh, Treasurer; Ron Unger, Treasurer-Elect. Barbara Hunt, Secretary; Marion Forbes, Environment Committee, and Jane Hayman. Not present: Ben Fauber, Government Affairs Committee. Guests were Amanda Koziel and Carla Greenwood.
- II. Call to order at 6:35 pm; verify attendance and establish quorum: Completed.
- III. Presentations/Discussions by Outside Groups
 - A. Amanda Koziel, Life in the Heights
 1. Amanda explained that Life in the Heights (LITH), mailed to all residents of Pemberton Heights, is paid for by advertising, and the articles and photographs in it are contributed by neighbors
 2. Parent magazine for LITH is distributed in 22 neighborhoods in Austin. Its headquarters is in Wilmington, North Carolina.
 - B. Carla Greenwood, Deed Restrictions
 1. Carla said that neighbors might not know what the restrictions are. What can the Board do to help with this problem? How can we educate the neighborhood about deed restrictions?
 2. Charles Heimsath said that deed restrictions vary throughout the neighborhood. It was suggested that deed restrictions be promoted in Life in the Heights. Frank Walsh suggested that, if anyone thinks restrictions are being violated, they call either Allison Alter or Kathy Tovo, their City Council Representative.
- IV. Review agenda: Completed.
- V. Minutes of the December 13, 2017 PHNA Board Meeting: Approved
- VI. Office Reports
 - A. President - Trevor reported that he had met with board members individually to see what they wanted to accomplish this year. He wants to increase membership.
 - B. President -Elect - Charles wanted to know what is happening with Hartford Park. Trevor said that we would discuss that in a few minutes.
 - C. Secretary - Barbara Hunt had no report.
 - D. Treasurer:
 1. Frank Walsh presented a summary of the 2017 budget and a projection of the 2018 budget. He explained that the Security Program account is kept separate from the general account, and the Security account is running at a deficit.
 2. There was some discussion on the question of raising dues. No decision was made.
 3. The Board approved the operating budget and tabled the security budget.

4. The January bank statement was presented and approved.

E. Treasurer-Elect-Ron Unger

1. Ron said that we need to expand the value of PHNA membership. What should we promote as a reason for membership?

VII. Committee Reports

A. Communications - Trevor said that the calendar on the web site needs to be updated, and he can do this. NextDoor continues to be an important means of communication.

B. Jane Hayman was approved to be co-chairman of the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Committees, with Lisa Stark Walsh.

C. Environment - Marion reported on Hartford Park

1. Hartford Park was Dalton Young's idea. The park has a balance of \$220,000, enough to pay for Phase 1. Plans are in final review by Austin Parks and Recreation and a contractor is giving a final bid. It's a 4-month permitting process and should be done by late summer or early fall.
2. She will check and see who is supposed to be developing the other triangles and when they will be taken care of.

D. Traffic and Safety - No one in this position yet.

E. Government Affairs - Ben was not in attendance to give a report, but Frank commented that the newest version of CodeNext seems to be more favorable than previous ones.

F. Social - Barbara said that the next event will be the garage sale.

1. All agreed that people must be PHNA members to be included on the published map of sale locations.
2. We need to plan more events to make membership more necessary.

VIII. Old Business

A. Traffic and Safety Chair election

1. It was agreed that this job may be shared by 2 board members.
2. Ron and Trevor were approved as co-chairs of this committee.

IX. New Business

A. Membership benefits discussion, led by Trevor.

1. We might conduct a neighborhood poll, asking why people like this neighborhood.
2. We already have carriage rides, the fall picnic, and the spring garage sale.
3. We might have a spring social and perhaps participate in running the Easter egg hunt.
4. We could sell PHNA T-shirts.
5. We could remind neighbors that the association is a liaison to the City.

B. Security discussion - It was agreed to postpone this discussion until the next meeting.

- C. Proposed dates were set for PHNA social events: Garage Sale on April 14, with a rain date of April 28, and October 14 the proposed date for the picnic.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting will be on March 20 at 6:30 pm, at the home of Trevor Armstrong, 1503 Westover.