

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of  
Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association  
Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association (PHNA) Board meeting held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Lamar Senior Activity Center, 2874 Shoal Crest, Austin, TX with the President presiding over the meeting.

Board members present:

- President: Craig Duewall
- Vice President: Diane Umstead
- Treasurer: Corey Breed
- Secretary: Carla Hatler
- At Large: Sasha Edwards

Neighbors present (those who signed the sign in sheet):

- Loretta Fischer
- Carolyn Beynon
- Tina Weinberger
- Colleen Zientek
- David Edwards
- Jane Hayman
- Betty Trent
- Monnie Anderson

1. Meeting minutes from the Board meeting held on March 19, 2013 were approved unanimously with one edit to the day of the neighborhood contact meeting (Monday instead of Wednesday)
2. Treasurer's report reviewed and approved unanimously
  - a. Questions from meeting attendees addressed regarding how the security program has been funded as it appears to have operated at a loss (\$1,000 more spent than is taken in per year)
  - b. Board has records back to 2012 and no further details about the shortfall
  - c. The Board raised a new concern (discovered the day of the Board meeting) regarding the PHNA insurance policy – there were questions as to whether the policy really covered the off duty police officers hired by the PHNA
  - d. The City of Austin/Police Union requires PHNA to have a general liability policy in order to hire off duty police officers, however they do not validate the details of the coverage, they just verify that you have a policy
  - e. Questions from meeting attendees as to whether we need a general liability policy if the current policy is not giving the PHNA what it needs and suggestions were made that the Board reevaluate insurance needs
  - f. Questions from meeting attendees about picnic expenses and attendees. Carla agreed to provide picnic RSVP list to Jane Hayman.
3. Guest Speaker, John Luther, presented details of Barton Hills neighborhood watch program
  - a. John Luther has been running the Barton Hills neighborhood watch program for over 7 years
  - b. The program is non-confrontational, and consists of an all volunteer staff of

- about 30-40 people that live in the neighborhood
  - c. The program saw double digit decreases in crime in one year
  - d. Volunteers sign up for approximately 1 hour per week, patrols are 5 hours per day, every day
  - e. There is a training program and orientation for new volunteers that focuses on the safety of the volunteer (volunteers are never armed, and never get out of the car)
  - f. The cost of the program is \$300 per year
  - g. Home burglaries tend to happen between 8:30am and 3:30pm
  - h. Car burglaries tend to happen between 2am-4:30am
  - i. 90% of car burglaries happen because people leave their cars unlocked
  - j. Barton Hills does maintain an away from home list
  - k. They use neighborhood patrol cars from time-to-time to sit at high traffic areas/places where neighbors are known to run stop signs and this has slowed down traffic (patrol cars are neighbors personal cars with a magnetic “Neighborhood Watch” program sign attached to the side of the car)
  - l. John Luther also runs a program to replace short screws in the strike plate of your front door with long screws – this prevents burglars from kicking in your front door.
4. Guest Speaker, Shawn, from Sentry Security.
- a. Sentry oversees a private security patrol funded by a group of neighbors in Old Enfield
  - b. The Old Enfield program is not through the neighborhood association, but through a group of about 28 home owners
  - c. Sentry patrols are typically equipped with GPS tracked vehicles with dash cameras, computers, audio + video of contact with people (officers wear wireless mics), handcuffs, fire arms and pepper spray
  - d. Sentry has patrolled Old Enfield for about 3 years
  - e. Officers undergo 40 hours of training
  - f. Sentry carries its own insurance covering the officers (general liability, umbrella, auto, etc)
  - g. Contracts are typically 12 months with a 30 day out clause
  - h. Sentry does offer a feature so that your alarm company will call to Sentry officers on patrol if they are in the area and your alarm goes off
  - i. Home office for Sentry is based in Austin
  - j. Sentry will conduct community education as requested
5. General discussion about security after John Luther and Sentry Presentations
- a. Diane Umstead motioned to pause the current security program until we can get a contract in place with the off duty police officers and verify the PHNA has appropriate insurance coverage, Craig seconded the motion – other Board members did not vote, as discussion ensued
  - b. Corey Breed motioned to pause the current security program and hire Sentry on a 30 day trial while the PHNA researches open issues surrounding the current program (insurance issue being the main concern) in addition to what the best option is for the neighborhood. Diane Umstead seconded the motion, Craig Duewall voted in favor, Carla Hatler and Sasha Edwards abstained from the vote.
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.