

BHNA General Meeting Minutes
1/23/2007

Members present: 47

Called to order by John Luther, President, at 7 pm

Introductions/Welcome by John Luther

Approval of previous minutes

Ed Nichols motioned to approve the minutes, Rosalie Russell seconded.

Minutes were approved by membership.

Treasurer report by Dave Kemptner

Dave thanked Renee Pepin for her great past work. He reported that we have \$13, 431.36 in the BHNA bank account. Dave also asked if everyone received a newsletter.

Sandy Nichols made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Art Stone seconded.

The motion passed.

Betsy Irwin, Austin Community College

Betsy Irwin from Austin Community College spoke about ACC's educational opportunities for south Austin. Questions were raised about library availability, as were questions about specific courses, including ASL courses. Betsy was able to answer all questions and gave an excellent overview of ACC services. She left plenty of ACC brochures for residents.

APD-(Cory Weiser did not attend due to illness.)

John discussed Neighborhood Watch and showed the crime tracking charts for the neighborhood to assure members that crime is, indeed, low in our area. John also discussed the anti-crime "Neighbors' Night Out" program during which people have the opportunity to spend time getting to know their neighbors and showing solidarity in preventing neighborhood crime. He encouraged all streets in the neighborhood to start their own.

John acknowledged Chuck Ragland's help in assisting with serving dinner. Gift certificates from Rockin' Tomato were then awarded in a drawing.

Austin Parks Foundation/Greenbelt Guardians

John introduced Charlie McCabe from the Austin Parks Foundation and Glee Ingram from BHNA Greenbelt Guardians. Charlie announced the great news that, due to the Rolling Stones concert and its impact on BH, The BHNA was receiving \$31,250 for parks-related projects in our neighborhood. Other nearby neighborhood associations received similar amounts. The floor was opened up for questions and a lively discussion ensued. Glee was then introduced; she talked about the Greenbelt Guardians and discussed using the money for GG work. She also announced the next work day: 2/3 or 2/10 for a rain day. Glee recognized many members of the Greenbelt Guardians for their hard work and dedication. Glee is hoping to get more of the Barton Creek Greenbelt

adopted and is helping to work on a long-term management plan for Barton Creek. There was member discussion of how to properly use the Rolling Stones money with the final result being that the Executive Council agreed to look through the issue and make final recommendations.

There was some discussion concerning exactly who the Stones funds were awarded to; BHNA Greenbelt Guardians or Barton Hills Neighborhood Association. There was talk of GG changing the name on the account to BHNA to reflect the fact that some of the money would be used to non-greenbelt-related projects. Charlie McCabe stated that there may have been some confusion in the beginning, but verified that the funds were actually awarded to the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association.

There was a motion to dedicate the money for the GG account. This motion was amended several times until Nan Clayton pointed out that the discussion was moving into committee work and suggested the association accept money on behalf of the BHNA and the Executive Committee come back next quarter with a proposal for usage. Peter Hess seconded. Motion was approved.

John announced the EC monthly meetings and mentioned that they are a way for business to be taken care of that is not appropriate for use of general meeting time.

Planning and Development Committee

John introduced Peter Hess, the new chairman of the Planning and Development Committee. Peter discussed future nearby development and how important it is to promote responsible development in our region. He discussed various pending developments, including the Terrace PUD, 3006 s Lamar, The Filling Station site and the West Ridge development. Peter asked for volunteers for the group.

4th of July Parade

Kay Killen spoke about planning and the need for volunteers for the July 4th parade, She also asked the EC for parade banners and GG banners.

One more pizza gift certificate and a Book People gift certificate were awarded in a drawing.

The president called for a motion to adjourn which was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly White Erlinger, Secretary