

# ***Barton Hills Neighborhood Association***

## **General Meeting Minutes October 24, 2006**

Attendance: 42 members,

Location: St Mark's Church

Called to order, 7 pm: Debby Kalk

Kalk called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes from the June 2006 General Meeting. Sunny Luther moved to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded, and the minutes approved.

### **Election of Officers**

Kay Killen read the slate of candidates and moved that they be approved as a slate. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. The new officers of BHNA for 2007 are: John Luther, president, Eddie Torres, vice president, Dave Kemptner, treasurer, and Kimberly White Erlinger, secretary. Their term of office will be January 1, 2007 through December 31. Positions still to be filled include newsletter editor and Austin Neighborhood Council representative.

Kalk recognized the hard work and dedication of the outgoing board: Renee Pepin who served as treasurer, and Howie Rickey who served as newsletter editor. She thanked Luther and Torres for their work on the board and wished them great success in the coming year. Kalk also thanked Glee Ingram, Gail Suttle, Jen Stuart, Melissa Hawthorne, Nan Clayton for their significant contributions to the neighborhood this year.

### **Announcements**

Art Stone announced that he has been certified by the Austin Police Department to enforce parking regulations for the disabled. He is authorized to write citations for vehicles that are parked improperly in disabled spaces.

BHNA's Glee Ingram and the Greenbelt Guardian program have been awarded the Neighborhood of the Year honor by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Glee acknowledged the contributions of Guardian colleague Stan

Ostrum and the city's Greenbelt authority, John Cook. Glee will be recognized at a luncheon later this week on October 27 at Fiesta Gardens.

Nan Clayton, a founder of BHNA and former school board chair, invited neighbors to celebrate the dedication ceremony on November 5 of the new elementary school in Southwest Austin named in her honor.

Kay Killen, chair of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade committee, recognized the contributions of many neighbors and of the sponsors, Rockin' Tomato and Wells Fargo. The parade drew over 300 people and introduced new games, including bocce.

Kalk recognized the work of Jen Stuart, Sheila Striker, and many others over the years in accomplishing what once seemed impossible: new sidewalks along Barton Hills Drive from the Barton Market to the school.

### **Neighborhood Planning**

Melissa Whaley Hawthorne and Nan Clayton presented an update on the neighborhood planning process which has been in progress over the past year. Barton Hills is part of a collection of South Austin neighborhoods that are going through this process together.

Hawthorne proposed that the city refine its zoning so that staff and residents can clearly determine from zoning maps the level of density permitted on each lot. This change urges the city to introduce additional colors on zoning maps to distinguish levels of density on lots currently shown in yellow. Because of the fluid situation regarding zoning and development in South Austin, Hawthorne proposed that the precise language be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. Craig Smith moved to accept this resolution, the motion was seconded, and approved without opposition.

Hawthorne also proposed that the city introduce a separate color for what is termed pedestrian-friendly retail. Again, the EC will have authority to determine the precise wording of this resolution. Clayton made the motion, it was seconded, and approved without opposition.

Peter Hess gave an overview of development plans for the Southbank project which includes Shady Grove and all of the property on the north side of Barton Springs Road, from Lamar to Zilker Park. Jeff Jack, current president of Zilker Neighborhood Association, assisted Hess in the presentation. The plan calls for development of buildings up to a height of 196". Craig Smith moved to ask the Executive Committee to support the efforts of the Southbank Alliance to moderate this plan. Ingram seconded and the motion was approved without opposition.

As part of the Southbank proposal, Robert E Lee was envisioned as becoming a 4-way intersection at Barton Springs Road. Hess moved to oppose this change, the motion was seconded, and approved with 3 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The next meeting will be called in January 2007 by the incoming board.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Kalk