

## **BHNA General Meeting Minutes**

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| Date     | October 25, 2005  |
| Location | St. Mark's Church |
| Present  | 50 members        |

President Debby Kalk called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

### **Introductory remarks**

Kalk welcomed and thanked members for their attendance. She introduced the Executive Committee members in attendance: Diana Stangl, Recording Secretary; Eddie Torres, ANC Representative; Scott Smith, Treasurer.

Kalk noted that we will be unable to vote on new officers because we do not have a slate yet.

### **Minutes**

Kalk asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the General Meeting on June 28, 2005. The motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved.

### **Southwest District Police Representative**

Kalk introduced Officer Cody Weiser, our new neighborhood police representative. Officer Weiser was a Patrol Officer in our area for four years and is looking forward to working with the BHNA in his new position. He can be reached at 974-4260 or [cody.weiser@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:cody.weiser@ci.austin.tx.us).

### **City of Austin Green Neighbor Clean Creek Challenge**

Kalk introduced Kathy Shay, City of Austin Water Quality Education Manager. Ms. Shay reviewed the new Green Neighbor Clean Creek Program and explained that the City would like the BHNA to be part of the pilot program. She distributed booklets explaining the program and asked for our help in getting the word out about the program. The booklet explains how people can be a Green Neighbor. She would like to get our membership list to send a short post card survey about the program and then come back to our next meeting for feedback about the program.

A motion was made and seconded for the BHNA to join the City of Austin Green Neighbor Program and participate in the pilot program. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **City of Austin Plug In Program**

Kalk introduced Darryl Slusher to discuss the new City of Austin Plug In program. This

is a program to educate people about a new hybrid car that uses a battery that can plug into a regular outlet at your home and can run 20 – 60 miles per day using no gasoline at all. There is a petition for people to sign indicating support and interest in the possible future purchase of this type of car. There is also a program for businesses to place fleet orders for the cars. The City is seeking endorsements from associations and plans on taking the campaign nationwide.

A motion was made and seconded for the BHNA to endorse the City of Austin Plug In Program. The motion passed.

### **Music in the Park for the Arts**

Kalk introduced Jena Wetherly, Cultural Arts Chairman of the Barton Hills Elementary School PTA. The PTA is planning an outdoor concert at the Barton Hills playground park on Sunday, April 9, 2006 from 1 – 9:00 p.m. to raise money to fund the full time employment of the PE, Art and Music teachers at Barton Hills Elementary. They are lining up local bands to perform and will charge \$20/person. Shuttles will be available from the Toney Burger Center. The Austin PARD has asked for a letter from the BHNA supporting the event.

Motion was made and seconded for BHNA to support the proposed Music in the Park for the Arts concert on April 9, 2006. The motion passed. Kalk will draft a letter to the City.

### **Proposed move by AMD to location over the Edwards Aquifer**

Kalk introduced Dick Kallerman with SOS to discuss AMD's proposed relocation to the Stratus Properties property over the Edwards Aquifer. SOS is asking for the BHNA to join in its fight against AMD's relocation. There was a lively discussion about the issue with both viewpoints being eloquently expressed.

A motion was made and seconded that the BHNA request AMD not to build its planned major facility in the Barton Springs watershed. After further discussion the motion passed.

### **Condo Project at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Bowie**

Kalk introduced Mark Gentle to discuss the upcoming zoning case before the City Council on November 3 for the Spring Condominium Project. The project is requesting a zoning change to allow them to build a 400 foot condo building at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bowie. The Friends and Neighbors of Town Lake Park oppose the project and would like the BHNA to join them in opposing the zoning change request.

Again there was a lively discussion about the issue.

A motion was made and seconded that the BHNA join in opposing the zoning change and requesting the City to maintain the existing zoning rules for this area. After further discussion the motion passed.

## **Sidewalk Committee Report**

Jen Stuart reported that the City has agreed to put in a sidewalk from the school to the Barton Hills Market. The work will be done in the first quarter of 2006. The City is paying the full cost.

## **Greenbelt Guardian**

Glee Ingram reported that the next Greenbelt Guardian workday will be on October 29 at the Gus Fruh entrance. It's not too late to sign up to help out. She would also like to get businesses to support the workdays by providing water and food to the volunteers. Scott Smith volunteered to contact the owners of P. Terry's.

Glee also reported that 1,139 volunteer hours have been put in by the BHNA for the maintenance of the greenbelt in our area.

## **Neighborhood Planning**

Patricia Wilson reported on the City's neighborhood planning process. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7 at the S. Austin Recreation Center on Cumberland. Debby Kalk volunteered to attend and take notes at the meeting. There will be a neighborhood meeting at Melissa Hawthorne's house on 10-27-05. Mark Gentle volunteered to be the note taker at that meeting.

## **Neighborhood Watch Program**

John Luther reported that 20 new Neighborhood Watch signs were purchased and installed by the City. Luther also reviewed his crime statistic charts and noted that the crime numbers were down in September.

## **ACL Recap**

Kalk reported that we raised \$1,600 from the auctioning of ACL tickets that we received from Capitol Sports. We originally planned to use the money for sidewalks but the City is now paying for the sidewalks so we need to decide how to spend the money.

Kalk will also be meeting with Capitol Sports for a post ACL wrap-up and will report her findings to the group. She asked people to contact her with any comments about the ACL festival. Kalk's email address is [debby@cortexlearning.com](mailto:debby@cortexlearning.com).

It was suggested that we ask Capitol Sports to work with the City to stripe a crosswalk on Robert E. Lee across from the back entrance to Barton Springs to make that a safer crossing.

## **Next Meetings**

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Board for next year. We were unable

to present a slate as scheduled because we do not have people who have expressed an interest in serving. If you are interested in serving as President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact Debby Kalk at [debby@cortexlearning.com](mailto:debby@cortexlearning.com) as soon as possible. The next meeting will be in January but has not yet been set.

Besides the election of new officers, there will also be a discussion of dog issues at the January meeting. There have been several incidents lately of dogs killing cats in the neighborhood and loose dogs in the greenbelt areas biting other dogs and people.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Stangl  
Recording Secretary