

# *Barton Hills Neighborhood Association*

## **General Meeting Minutes February 7, 2006**

Attendance: 34 members, Location: St Mark's Church  
Called to order, 7pm: Debby Kalk

Officers: Kalk asked for a motion to adopt the proposed slate of officers; Sunny Luther moved, Jeanne Smith seconded, approved unanimously. New Officers: Debby Kalk, President, John Luther, VP for Membership, Renee Pepin, Treasurer, Howie Richey, Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter Editor), Eddie Torres, ANC Representative

The Austin Toros professional basketball made an announcement of a promotion for Barton Hills residents to attend a game on Feb. 11 at the Austin Convention Center.

Greenbelt Guardians – Glee Ingram, founder of the Greenbelt Guardians program, requested a motion to transfer fiduciary responsibility for the Guardians to the Austin Parks Foundation which is a 501(c)3 organization. This will give the Guardians a better financial footing for applying for grants and demonstrating financial responsibility. Motion made and seconded, approved.

Dangerous Dogs – April Moore, City of Austin, spoke about the legal options and the procedures to follow when you encounter a dangerous dog. Report dangerous dogs to the city by calling 311. Both the city and the state have laws regulating the procedures for handling vicious and dangerous dogs. Pat Valls-Trielles of the Austin Animal Advisory Commission said that up to 14,000 dogs are destroyed each year which is a difficult number to think about. Many problems occur because animals aren't properly trained, people abandon animals, and because of aggressive male dogs.

Graffiti – Tony Casarez of the City of Austin spoke about graffiti removal in the neighborhood. He explained that ordinances control how paint is sold in stores – it should be locked up and monitored. Call or email Tony if you observe lax management. Austin Police can issue citations for problems.

### Announcements

- Music in the Park for the Arts – Jena Weatherly encouraged neighbors to attend this all day music and arts event at BH Elementary on Sunday, April 11. Funds raised through this program will be used to hire arts teachers at the school.
- Parks – Scott Johnson explained his concern about seeing cars parked on the green areas in the park.
- Mowers – Johnson said that again this year there will be a trade-in program for electric lawn mowers.
- Buddy Meyer introduced himself. He is running for judge for the 299<sup>th</sup> District Court. The primary is March 7.
- Food Drive – Joe Leake asked neighbors to set out canned foods on February 11 for a food drive for Capital Area Food Bank.
- Sunken Gardens – Craig Smith said that the City of Austin is working with Eagle Scouts to renovate the Sunken Gardens. They are looking for financial and other support. Kalk informed Smith that BHNA has dedicated funds available for this purpose.
- Neighborhood Planning – Patricia Wilson and Nan Clayton gave an update on the neighborhood planning process. The next meeting is Feb. 13 at 7 pm.