

## **BHNA meeting of 7-15-2008 -- Official Minutes**

**Meeting called to order by Eddie at 6:59**

**Members present: 29**

### **Announcements:**

Approval of minutes of regular meeting on April 22

Approval of minutes of special meeting about Terrace PUD on May 27

Introduction of Jacob Vanhorn, new member of EC, Community Partnerships Coordinator

Letter from Caritas, in need of food donations and other help

Call for volunteers to run for EC next year; election at next meeting

Announcement that Troy, our Treasurer has moved. Appointed Ken to fill the term.

Suggestion of a donation to St. Marks of \$200. Moved and passed.

Special thanks to Kimberly and others, but especially Kimberly, for the July 4 parade.

Special recognition for Sgt. Carine Chalfoun of Parks Police, who met with many of us during the social hour to discuss any and all issues, but had no presentation.

### **Greenbelt Guardians, Stan Ostrum**

Reported on activities at the last Park Day. Also, since then, a volunteer group passing through Austin came to Gus Fruh and finished the rock wall project plus other work. Upcoming Saturday will be work day at Homedale with several projects scheduled. There are a number of volunteers plus Juvenile Probation but more help is always welcome. A financial report covering the Rolling Stones funds will be prepared.

### **Neighborhood Watch, Dave Kemptner**

Dave showed a map prepared by John Luther of crime thus far in 2008. Burglaries are up this year and are concentrated along the major streets, apparently for easier escape routes. Keep your eyes open and call 911 about suspicious activity.

Also mentioned national night out, which will be moved to Oct. this year in hope of cooler weather.

Also mentioned ACL Festival coming up in September. Expect traffic, street closings, noise.

### **Development Committee, Art Stone**

Art chaired the Terrace PUD meeting as the only committee member in attendance. Present for Terrace were Richard Suttle, Owen McCrory, and Rod Arrend. Richard made some short remarks which basically summarized the position from the last special meeting. They propose building 3 more buildings, all of which will be squeezed up against MoPac. Owen then gave a very detailed presentation of the heights of the buildings and their visibility from various points on the far bank (our side) and down in the creek. For the first time they showed a map of the proposed Conservation Easement. Two pieces of property were excluded from the Easement. One is owned by Terrace but not adjacent. The other, described by Art as a deep ravine, is not owned by them. They have had discussion with Nature Conservatory, who may not be interested because they usually work with larger pieces of rural land. An alternative would be Hill Country Conservatory. They do not want to turn the property over to the city for fear it will become another homeless encampment.

After the Terrace people moved to the patio, Art spoke for the committee. They feel that Terrace has given up a good deal in negotiation and is not likely to give up more. The buildings will be only a little taller than currently permitted and as far from the neighborhood as possible. The remaining vacant ground of 30+ acres is to never be developed.

With input from several persons, but especially Clay, the following was written, read to the membership, and approved by a show-of-hands vote:

*“BHNA accepts the proposal as presented 7-15-2008, subject to final written form, with the proviso that the Terrace PUD developers include a commitment to pursue in good faith adding the neighboring property not owned by Terrace and the prior retail designated section of the Terrace property in the Conservation easement.*

*The association authorizes the now constituted committee to finalize the association’s approval based on acceptable formal written agreement with Terrace PUD.”*

The Terrace people were then allowed to read the motion (a copier not being available) and they departed the meeting.

#### **Public Safety, Office Dwayne Kinley, APD**

Officer Kinley stopped in and made a few short comments. He advised us that we have a new class of criminals working in our neighborhood. They pretend to want to paint your house number on the curb. While one of the pair is painting the other one is looking for a back or side entrance to the house. Office Kinley recommends you ask for evidence such as business cards or office phones and under no circumstances allow them into the house. Also, watch for them painting at a neighbor’s house, which you know is vacant during the day. His other advice is about shopping malls or other parking where you see someone patting their pockets as though looking for keys. He says real people don’t do this. You have just surprised a thief who was about to break in to a car. Walk away discretely and call 911.

#### **Neighborhood Zoning, Mellisa Hawthorn**

Melissa mentioned that our entire VMU petition passed council with the exception of the property just south of the Citibank office or The View. She said that The View property has an approved site plan for condos, but the owners abandoned that project and are trying to sell the property. She said the owner filed a valid petition against our opting that property out of VMU, so the matter will go before council in August. She asked for neighborhood support to come out to council meeting since we need 6 votes of council to override the valid petition. She said she would post to the list serve the date of the council meeting and time when this will be on the agenda.

She also mentioned that our precinct, 342, had the most voters of any precinct in the city council elections.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:49**

**Respectfully submitted, Kenneth Russell, BHNA Secretary**