

## **Minutes for BHNA regular meeting of April 28, 2009**

Members present 45 plus several visitors \*

**Agenda** by Kimberly

**7:00 Call to order/Welcome** by Henry Erlinger, age 6

### **Administrative Business**

New members introduced

Minutes of January meeting distributed and approved

Treasurers report: Noted that we currently have almost \$18000 in the bank and that newsletter is basically covered by advertising for remainder of year. Noted some problems with getting names from members using Paypal. Report approved.

Kimberly pointed out the new signs which are more noticeable, also that we have several more of them so they are visible in more locations.

Parade report: Things are moving along. We would still like to have someone step forward and be overall chair.

### **Proposal to support BHE Odyssey of the Mind team**

Odyssey of the Mind is a competition which includes intellectual and mechanical tasks. The team from BH elementary won the regional and the state competitions. They had one of their tasks to show off for us, a balsa frame weighing a few grams which would support several hundred pounds. They are doing various fundraisers coordinated by the PTA to get travel money to go to the national competition in May. BHNA approved a \$1000 donation. Separately, Art Stone offered up to \$1000 as a matching challenge to any individual who also wishes to contribute. Congratulations to all the students and their helpers, who included John Luther.

### **Update on Rolling Stones school park projects**

Clay Boulware showed drawings of the construction project. They will build a curved path with landscaping from the covered playground to the upper level through the rocky ledge. It will be built to ADA standards except that they will not have enough money to pave it at this time. Work will begin as soon as school is out.

### **Greenbelt Guardians Update**

Glee reported that the last work day, which was to pave the Homedale entrance, was a rain out. No new date has been chosen but it will be after school is out. Next work day will be June 6 at Gus Fruh.

### **Garden Club Update**

Mary Campbell spoke for the BH Garden Club and noted that this year is their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. However, what she wanted to discuss was the median on Barton Springs Drive from Lamar to Robert E Lee. Mary Ann Neely has collected \$2600 from business to improve this area. Mary then introduced Bunny Bennett from PARD, who discussed the current status (nothing has happened yet).

Bunny assured us that something definitely will be happening. This median will be taken over by Parks and Recreation and renamed Zilker Access Corridor. They have been

examining the various plantings as well as the status of the irrigation system (mostly works). There are some operational problems to resolve such as where and when to block traffic to mow and how to mow and trim with safety. Parks taking over a project from Public Works seems to be a new concept. Parks would not normally maintain a median. However, Bunny assures us this will happen and it will work.

#### **Committee on Area Development Update**

Only announcement was that the council vote on the Waterfront Overlay Ordinance would be this week.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Update**

John Luther reported that Neighborhood Watch is now organized and operating. They have big magnetic signs for the cars and drive around BH with cell phones but no weapons. Patrol times are mid-morning when home burglaries are common and late evening when car burglaries or break-ins are common. Most common events thus far have been open garage doors and lost dog rescues. BH is recognized by APD as a pioneer in active neighborhood watch

John is still recruiting more patrol volunteers as well as block captains. Block captains would know the names, phone numbers and emails of everyone on the street. Contact John ([jluther@austin.rr.com](mailto:jluther@austin.rr.com)) for more information about patrol or block captain.

#### **Adjourn at 7:55**

\*Visitors were Perla Cavazos and an aide, who left when the meeting began, and several members of the Odyssey of the Mind team.

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth L. Russell, Recording Secretary