

## **Hancock Association Meeting Minutes, 3.21.18**

### 1. Election of Officers for 2018

Approximately 60 plus members of the Association were present and voted on the following officers:

Mark Harkrider, President

Ann Tucker, Vice-President

Mary Sanger, Secretary

Bruce Fairchild, Treasurer

### 2. CodeNEXT

Barbara McArthur and Mike Hebert, both members of the CommunityNotCommodity research team, provided an in- depth presentation on CodeNEXT's residential and commercial zoning changes, and their effects on the Hancock neighborhood. Rather than summarize the presentations, here is a recent comment on CodeNEXT from the former President of the American Planning Association, and member of Austin's Zoning and Platting Commission: "This is without a doubt the worst code I have ever seen in my life. We're a world- class city and we don't deserve that."

Barbara McArthur's slide presentation along with all the materials handed out at the meeting will be posted on [www.hancockna.org](http://www.hancockna.org)

3. The members unanimously approved a resolution, presented by Susan Rankin, strongly urging the Mayor and the Austin City Council to refuse to authorize the use of any Austin parkland for an MLS soccer stadium or any other non-park use. See resolution on HNA website.

4. Jennifer Dillahunty, chair of Hancock's Local Historic District Committee gave an up-date on the committee's activities. The committee's first step is to make certain the neighborhood residents receive accurate information about LHDs. Over time, It will be using all possible means of conveying information, including the Hancock yahoo list-serve, direct mail pieces, public forums, and block meetings. Thanks to Coan Dillahunty, Hancock's local historic district project has a very good looking website: [www.hancocklhd.com](http://www.hancocklhd.com). Check it out and read the letter from HNA President, Mark Harkrider. This will be the site to go to for all information related to the Hancock LHD initiative. One can also email [hnahistoric@gmail.com](mailto:hnahistoric@gmail.com). The email address will be monitored by Jen and Coan Dillahunty.

5. Carolyn Palaima, Chair of HNA's Park Committee chair, reported that Hancock has \$475,000 remaining from HNA's agreement with the developers of the former Concordia College land. This money can go to a parkland initiative, green space initiative and the like in the Hancock neighborhood. Carolyn will be holding a neighborhood meeting to receive

suggestions from residents on how this money should be spent. Carolyn said it is up to Hancock residents to decide.

6. One of our homeowners spoke about how his next door neighbor, Louis Black, at 833 East 38<sup>th</sup>, has held a large catered party, with valet parking, during SXS, which has greatly disturbed, inconvenienced and disrupted his families' life at a time when his wife is undergoing serious health problems. For the second year, Mark Harkrider, our neighbor and other residents have called and met with the police and code enforcement at the scene. The complaints have not been addressed. The Association's Executive Committee will look into the legal issues involved and do what is necessary to address the complaints.

The HNA meeting ended at 8:30.

Submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee,

Mary Sanger, Secretary.