

Minutes July 20 2011

(This version of the meeting minutes has not yet been approved by the membership)

The July 20, 2011 meeting of the Hancock Neighborhood Association was called to order by President Wouter Habraken at 7 p.m. at the Hancock Recreation Center.

Habraken announced his goal to finish work on the HNA bylaws before the end of the year. Treasurer Mary Anne Osborne reported the balance in the HNA treasury is \$9,723.27 in checking and \$2,501.83 in savings. Funds are committed for reimbursement for expenditures for the Fourth of July neighborhood parade and allocation to the city for neighborhood street parking permits.

Committee reports were given by Carol Moczygema on the newsletter committee, who reported the August newsletter is in process. Cynthia Smith of the membership committee reported on a very successful Fourth of July parade, with about 200 participants and a total investment of \$900 from the neighborhood association. The next HNA event is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the "National Night Out" anti-crime initiative, with details to come. Cody Coe reported for Bart Whatley of the zoning committee regarding a zoning change request for the building at 3208 Red River. Carolyn Palaima of the parks committee reported on progress of Huffstickler Green at the corner of Duval and 38<sup>th</sup> Street. Hal Morris of the historic preservation committee reported on the demolition request for the house at 714 Harris and noted that Clark Lyda, owner of the Perry Estate, had filed an application to make the estate a local historic district, but the request is not on the city docket.. Mike Hirsch, CANPAC representative for HNA, reported on the July 18<sup>th</sup> CANPAC meeting and members' support for HNA's decision about the zoning request for 3208 Red River. The organization also supported a zoning change that would permit a restaurant to go in at the property now occupied by an antique store on the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> and Lamar. Cody Coe, said the West Campus neighborhood association is supporting a change in parking districts west of campus. He said the sprinkler system at Pease Park has been vandalized, and the old restroom on the south end of Pease Park is slated to turn into a concession stand.

#### MOTIONS

Representatives from Metcalf Williams presented a proposal for a zoning change from mixed-use office to mixed use on behalf of their clients at 3208 Red River, where an incubator lab is planned. Following a question and answer period, the membership voted 12 to 6, with 2 abstentions, to approve the following motion made by Cody Coe: "To recommend support for the proposal and to allow the applicant of 3208 Red River to file a rezoning and neighborhood plan amendment FLUM request conditional on working with the Hancock Neighborhood Association to agree on a conditional overlay and restrictive covenant."

The membership approved by acclamation a motion by Habraken to reimburse the organizers of the Fourth of July neighborhood parade the sum of \$932.37, which includes the cost for two patrol officers from Austin Police Department and neighborhood signs promoting the parade..

Mark Burch made a motion regarding amendment of the committee section of the HNA bylaws. The summary of the proposed amendments to Article 11 is posted at [http://www.hancockna.org/images/Article\\_11v3.pdf](http://www.hancockna.org/images/Article_11v3.pdf) A vote will be held on this motion at the next general meeting.

Hal Morris made a motion to amend the bylaws to make the historic preservation committee a standing committee. A vote will be held on this motion at the next general meeting.

Habraken made a motion regarding the process for amending the bylaws, i.e., that the president will call one or more special meetings (open to all members) to review the Bylaws, determine requirements for the bylaws, and make proposed changes if required. The motion was approved by acclamation. Any proposed bylaws changes will be announced as an item for membership vote at one of the next scheduled HNA meetings.

Habraken made a motion was made to instruct the membership committee to establish a “neighborhood association representative” program and to invite volunteers who know the immediate area, or have a specific interest or expertise to represent the neighborhood association to their group and the group to the association. These representatives would be a point of contact for neighbors with questions about HNA; they would be responsible for posting signs announcing events and meetings, and other such activities. The motion was approved by a vote of 13 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Habraken made a motion to allocate \$1,000 from the general fund to contribute to the Hancock Recreation Center, and for the executive committee to appoint one or more people to meet with the recreation center to determine how the contribution is best made. The motion to proceed with the contribution was approved by 18 to 1.

Palaima made a motion for HNA volunteers to work with Keep Austin Beautiful’s Adopt-A-Creek program to clean up Waller Creek quarterly from 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to 41<sup>st</sup> Street for two years using supplies and training provided by KAB; HNA would agree to follow KAB’s safety guidelines; HNA would have the option of also working in the area immediately adjacent to the creek by performing such tasks as cutting off the seeds of large invasive plants and removing small invasive plants. Any expense incurred by HNA would be negligible. The motion was passed with 16 votes in favor. Contact person for volunteers is Kathleen Strong.

Habraken made a motion to adopt the following language to support the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in their efforts to keep open the Shipe Park pool: The Hancock Neighborhood Association hereby expresses its support for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association in their initiatives to keep the Shipe Park swimming pool open for members of all neighborhoods to use and enjoy, and calls upon the Austin City Council to reconsider the proposed pool closings, and work together with the neighborhoods to explore realistic alternatives for keeping the pools open. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Morris made a motion that HNA not oppose the demolition conditional on a written agreement with the owners to be negotiated by George Gaston, whose property abuts the Harris Avenue house. The motion was passed with 17 votes in favor and 3 abstentions. Gaston will present HNA's motion to the city's Historic Landmark Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.