



Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Association
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HWEN Minutes

9/11/7

Members Present: Martha Stinson, Linda Bengson, Gill Murrey, Jan Bushing, Wesley Wilson, Nora Liggett, Tom Cash, Jessica McDuffie-Massey, Lois Fleming, Tom Grooms, James Moore, Paul Picelli, Miriam Mimms, Phil Ryan, Mary Crichton

1. **Martha opened the meeting** by welcoming new member Jessica Massey. She then reported that we received a letter from the Oasis Center thanking us for the \$250 donation in honor of Max Barry. Jan added there has been another donation for a tree and bench for the Dragon Park in honor of Max Barry.
2. **Minutes for August 2017.** A motion was made to approve the minutes, and it was seconded and approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report**-Martha pointed out ending cash for Save Our Dragon is \$44,000. That leaves enough money for 11 weeks. It won't be finished by then.
4. **Councilmember Burkley Allen** was out of town – Martha presented information sent by Allen. On Oct. 5, there will be a meeting about construction in Hillsboro Village at Belmont United Methodist Church. Three contractors from major ongoing construction will be there to speak and answer questions. Each contractor will speak for 30 minutes, beginning at 5:50 until 7:00. Allen would like to have volunteers pass out flyers about the meeting the week before it is scheduled. The following members agreed to pass out flyers: Mary Crichton, Tom Grooms, Tom Cash, and James Moore.
5. **Fairfax flats**-The owner of Fairfax Flats wants us, as well as the Fairfax neighbors, to commit to not appeal the Board of Zoning Appeals decision if he is to continue conversations about neighborhood concerns. The owner would like a statement from us that we won't appeal. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to write such a statement on condition of a deed restriction, or legally binding agreement, prohibiting short-term rentals in perpetuity and giving Martha and Tom the authority to negotiate this. Nora is drawing up the agreement.





6. **Annual meeting** on Nov. 9- Martha said that we would like someone to come talk about the transit referendum. Pete Wooten, who is head of the transit alliance, was mentioned. We could get someone from the Mayor's office. Jessica Massey and James Moore will each check with the Mayor's office about getting Metro's presentation, now under development, as top billing for the annual meeting. Allen and a representative from the police will also talk as well as representative John Ray Cummings. Miriam suggested including someone to talk about the recycling program.

7. **Streets** – Nora Liggett (Jenny Cheng in California through December)
 - a. **Walking District** – We have no notice yet about when they're going to paint the streets. We requested more signs but were told that there is not enough money in the budget for that. Nora is going to check prices for additional signs from outside vendors.
 - b. **Crossing Guard at Natchez/Fairfax**-The crossing guard at this dangerous intersection has been eliminated. This decision was based on data showing that children using this intersection were all accompanied by parents. Some members questioned this data, based on what they have seen. We discussed ways to alert drivers about the school zone. Miriam said that we could pay to have a flashing sign put up. We may ask the Eakin PTO to share this cost.
 - c. **VU shuttle**-Nora said that we were hoping the shuttle to be off our streets by September, but that hasn't happened yet. So we wait. Tour buses have been spotted in the neighborhood. These buses are not allowed because they're over capacity for poundage. Wesley offered to talk to Greyline Bus Co. about this.
 - d. **25th sidewalk and stop sign at Ashwood** – Plans are for a sidewalk on 25th Avenue. We have the support of the neighbors. Getting a sidewalk is a long process and we are now at the beginning stage. It is proposed to be 6- foot wide with a grass strip. This will take some of the road. The stop sign at the intersection with Ashwood has the support of Metro based on neighbor support. We need to do an email campaign saying we want a 4-way stop at this intersection, leading up to the Traffic and Parking Commission meeting addressing this agenda item.
 - e. **Hillsboro Village crosswalk**- Recommended to be placed in front of Panagea. No updates.





8. **Save Our Dragon** – Jan Bushing and Martha Stinson

- a. Restoration progress report-Jan said we have until December to have the third arch repaired. It is taking more work to repair than we expected. It is more about rebuilding, than restoring. Arch Two had no footing on both ends. The Parks Department has engineered a new drainage system. We're in the race with the weather because they can't work in freezing weather.
- b. Fundraising and budget report-We need \$200,000 for the total project. Martha said we have three people working on the project. We currently have enough funds for 11 weeks of work. We need some big funders to step in now. We're writing an up-to-date profile for Giving Matters. Wesley suggested planning a big fundraiser. Martha had meeting with Randy Rayburn and is meeting with 2 new merchants. If someone could plan a fundraising event, it would be great. We need all our members to be active in the fundraising.

9. **Special Events** – Linda Bengson

- a. Carriage tours – **Dec. 2-3 (Friday and Saturday)**-Linda reported that we made between \$11,000 and 12,000 last year. This year the money raised will go to Save Our Dragon. Linda gave out flyers to pass out to neighbors on the route to encourage holiday decorations. These flyers will be passed out between now and before tickets go on sale Oct. 1. We discussed publicizing on Facebook and through the list serve. Linda said that we need to recruit volunteer workers and judges.
- b. Dragon Music Sundays-No update





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10. Zoning & Codes – Phil Ryan, Tom Cash, Martha Stinson

- a. Catholic Diocese – no update
- b. Convent Place – The area has been temporarily cleaned up.
- c. Short-term rentals – A council subcommittee is going over regulations and negotiating with Airbnb. The bill concerning strs is will be coming up in early October. We'll be asked to show our support of this.

11. Communications/Newsletter – Gill Murray

Gill reported that the next deadline is Oct. 14., and the newsletter will be distributed the last weekend in October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Crichton.

