

Mountain Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – March 30, 2010

The meeting was called to order on 3/30/2010 at 7:32pm at the Spicewood library.

The board members in attendance were Eric Deal (President), Dan Coops (Secretary), Stephanie Methven (Streetlight / Maintenance and Capital Improvements), Doug Leininger (Treasurer), Will Morris (Vice President), Marilyn Calhoun (Government liason), Ed Labelle (ACC), Nathan Smith (ACC), John Peterson (Web Wrangler), Judit Kolicsne (Membership), and Amy Lemen (Newsletter). There were also five or six non-board neighbors in attendance which was great to see.

December meeting minutes: a motion to approve the minutes distributed in December was made by Marilyn Calhoun, seconded by Will Morris, and passed unanimously. The minutes were posted on the MNA web site previously.

Officer/Committee Reports and Special Topics

2010 Nominating Committee: The following members volunteered: Randy Ketzal, Yvonne Haghghatian, and Sharon Blythe. This committee will be responsible for providing a full slate of nominations for officers for the MNA election in June.

Annual Meeting: After discussion, Willie Chapman made a proposal to split the summer MNA events into two sessions: Election of officers in June and then have a separate annual picnic later when the weather is cooler. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, Barbara Chapman made a proposal to hold the MNA ballot online followed by in-person balloting in the park. The motion was seconded by Sharon Blythe and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Doug Leininger reported that between membership dues, directory advertising revenue, and holiday tree income, MNA income is at 103% of the planned income level for the fiscal year and is now at an actual of \$15,821. Year-to-date spending is as planned with 62% of the budgeted expenses having already been incurred in advance of the summer expenses. A detailed report is available from Doug.

MNA Newsletter: We have not had an entry in the green print Greater Northwest News for a few months. The deadline for the next article is 4/20, and Amy Lemen will contact the board monthly for news items, and then contribute content to the newsletter. She will also post this newsletter on the MNA website.

Streetlight Committee: Stephanie Methven reported that there have been two streetlight committee meetings and one discussion with Austin Energy since December. The streetlight form and info pages have been reworked and distributed by Stephanie today to the streetlight committee for final approval before distribution to the neighborhood. The next step is approval (votes requested by 4/2), and then distribution of the forms door-to-door.

Architectural Committee: Ed Labelle reported that the committee has met twice since December. Dan Coops forwarded by e-mail a set of ACC practices from another neighborhood that were discussed today, and there was general support for these general procedures, namely:

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1. periodic communication of deed restrictions to the neighborhood
2. introduce a process to report a deed restriction violation
3. ACC will contact violators in a neighborly way
4. ACC will deliver a formal letter of complaint to violators

Limos parked on Scotland Well. There was extended discussion on the topic -- here is the short version. The owners are in violation of at least one city code and may be in violation of one neighborhood covenant. The owners have been cited by the city for having more cars parked at the property than there are licensed drivers living at the home. Additional discussion amongst the board is needed.

Maintenance and Capital Improvements: Stephanie Methven reported that irrigation repairs have been estimated at \$961 after a regular irrigation maintenance check indicated there are parts replacements needed and that a rain sensor is now required by city code. \$850 had been allocated in the budget for this type of work. A motion to proceed with the repairs passed unanimously.

Survey Results: Dan Coops reported the top categories of write-in comments from the neighborhood survey that completed in January. There are a few areas where the board indicated today that actions are being taken in response to the write-ins. Dan will post the results and the analysis on the MNA web site, and Amy Lemen will focus one or more newsletter articles on the topics raised here.

MNA By-laws: Kristin Goodale has provided a draft of revised by-laws which will be a topic for the next meeting. This draft deletes and replaces some sections and adds other sections to tighten open areas in our current by-laws. The draft will be discussed for possible votes in the June election.

Insurance policy: Eric read aloud an overview of the limits of the MNA insurance policy provided by Kristin Goodale.

Web wrangler report: John Peterson reported that there are now two new features on the MNA website available by MNA member login only.

- 1) online directory of members, and
- 2) online directory of service providers as recommended by our neighbors

The next MNA meeting will be in May to coordinate the logistics of the June election.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.