

## Mountain Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – March 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm at Eric Deal's home. In attendance: Eric Deal (president), Dan Coops (secretary), Drue Goodale (treasurer), Stephanie Methven (Streetlights), Judit Kolicsne (Advertising/Directory), Usha Prasad (Directory/Social), Sharon Blythe (Government), Jane Ellenberger (Directory), Ed Labelle (ACC), Karen, Pete.

The December MNA meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer report: For the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, income is as planned at \$15.9k vs. \$16k budget. Expenses so far are at or under budget in every category, with costs still to be incurred for insurance and landscaping. Expenses are expected to be under budget June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Membership report: no change; membership drive will be done in September to align with the MNA Picnic.

Streetlight committee: only three lights on the plat map of all in the neighborhood do have votes by the immediate neighbors. Austin Energy contact does not recommend placing only three lights. Next step: contact the neighbors immediately surrounding the lights to explain results and situation.

Architectural committee: ACC FAQ is now on the MNA web site. An e-mail contact for the ACC is now on the web site. Ed would like to propose an amendment to the Deed restrictions to tighten up the neat yard conditions, and will assemble a draft.

Other business:

Nominating Committee: the MNA Election will be in June; Eric is requesting names for the nomination committee.

Membership drive – will be in September.

Entrance Landscaping -- \$1000 budgeted this year; Planning to re-plant expired plants. We have volunteers between the Mountain and Spicewood Estates who will create a landscape plan and coordinate volunteers for an April 30<sup>th</sup> work day/social gathering.

Eric is also looking into getting replacement lights for the entrance sign as these were stolen last June.

Water Shaft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Much discussion regarding the two attached resolutions to be presented to the Austin Water Utility for conditions to be met during construction of the water line. Motion by Eric Deal to approve as an MNA resolution. Seconded by Drue Goodale and Sharon Blythe. Motion passed unanimously with eight votes.

Mountain Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale - Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone planning a sale is encouraged to participate on this same day. All need to be aware that there will be some traffic and yard waste that the hosting homeowner will need to clean up. Kara Thompson organizing. Proposal is to make this a twice-annual repeating event. Motion

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to approve up to \$100 for signs along the lines of “Mountain Garage Sale this weekend” passed unanimously.

Spring/Easter Social – Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:30 – 2:30pm. Judit has graciously volunteered to be the bunny! Usha would like to make this more than just a short egg hunt, and is looking for ways to draw in more families and adults of all ages.

City Council Candidate Forum - Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30pm at the Picnic Shelter at Mountainview Park. Already have over half of all the candidates running for City Council confirmed to attend, and the others are being contacted now. Sharon and Karen organizing, and will give the neighborhood the opportunity to submit questions and concerns in advance.

New neighbor welcome. Judit and Usha volunteered. Much support for some sort of a welcome packet with: MNA directory, MNA web site info, MNA schedule of events, etc. Suggestion is for the block captain to contact Judit Kolicsne (membership) who could then contact the new neighbor.

Northwest News Newsletter – include City Council Candidate Forum if relevant by date of delivery, and the Easter / Spring Social.

Membership/Advertising/Directory -- \$632 printing cost because went through RRISD Press vs. \$1600 last year; \$1340 advertising income in the print edition this year. Judit will add a box on the membership application to ask if members would like opportunity to advertise. Much appreciation was expressed to the Directory team for putting together such a good directory with such good finances.

Also, for advertisers that want a copy of the directory to see their ads and how it is being placed, going forward we will subtract out the section that contains personal information beyond what is available from Travis CAD. This motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Eric, Dan, and Drue. The motion passed.

Recommended Businesses on the MNA Web site. Decision was made to put this section behind the login so that only MNA members may access this section.

MNA Board Communications: we encourage the board members to make quick posts to the MNA web site whenever there are news items and get them posted on the MNA web. Almost everything noted in these meeting minutes can be / should be posted.

Eric will ask Walter if there is a Google calendar module that can be added to the MNA web.

Open Forum

Voter registration deputization will be at 3/23 6:30pm. Contact Sharon Blythe.

Support for having green landscaping talks for the neighborhood. Other ideas: xerascaping, water conservation, rebate for rain barrel, rebate for replacing turf

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replacement with native plants. Ed Labelle will contact the city for ideas on landscaping / rebate presentations.

The next meeting is planned for May.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 pm.