

The minutes of the Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) held on March 16, 2009, at 601 W 11<sup>th</sup> Street follow below. The agenda from the meeting notice was followed as shown below.

#### DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Call the meeting to order – Ted Siff**
2. **Welcome, Introductions and any personal announcements – All**
3. **Discussion and setting of the official agenda**
4. **Report on old business:**
  - **800 West Avenue zoning application withdrawn – Bob Ohlendorf**
  - **Downtown Austin Plan, Phase II funding approved by Council – Ted Siff**
  - **Status report on Historic District effort – Susan Morrison**
  - **ACC Gym Renovation landscaping plan submitted – Ted Siff**
  - ***Certificate of Formation-Ted Siff and Tom Buckle***
  - ***Report on development at 800 West 6<sup>th</sup> St. – Albert Stowall***
5. **Discussion, review and possible action on draft OANA Bylaws – Tom Buckle**

(There are a lot of important decisions for us to make in approving the bylaws, so I'm listing each section of this 17 page draft, so we can use it as a guide to our discussion)

- **Article I – (Physical) Offices**
  - **Article II – Members**
  - **Article III – Directors**
  - **Article IV – Officers**
  - **Article V – Certificates of Membership**
  - **Article VI – Indemnification & Insurance**
  - **Article VII – Miscellaneous**
  - **Article VIII – Construction**
  - **Article IX – Amendment of Bylaws**
6. **New & Other business – All**
    - ***Invitation to be a member in the Austin Neighborhood Council – Ted Siff***
    - ***Sponsor for City Council Candidate Forum – Ted Siff***
  7. **Set future meeting date and adjourn – Ted Siff**

The meeting began at 6:00PM as scheduled; after the call to order and introductions, several items were added to the agenda. These items were inserted into the agenda and are shown in Italics. Ted asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the February 16, 2009, OANA meeting; there were none.

#### REPORT ON OLD BUSINESS

**Development at 800 West Avenue.** Bob Ohlendorf reported that even though the developer had changed the boundaries of the property to be rezoned, the petition previously submitted by Ben Procter et al remained valid and required a super majority of the Council for approval. Richard Suttle, attorney for the developer, anticipated that the zoning request would be defeated so he asked that the case be withdrawn during the Council Meeting. The City Council acknowledged the withdrawal at their meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>; consequently the zoning change request is dead. It was Bob's understanding that any new request for rezoning would have to begin as a new zoning request.

**ACTION: Bob to call Robert Heil and confirm that any new zoning request for 800 West Avenue must begin as a new zoning case.**

**Downtown Austin Plan.** Ted Siff reported that the City Council passed the funding request for Phase II of the Downtown Austin Plan. This funding will allow further planning including more details on two districts in Downtown Austin. One of the two districts is the North West District which includes the OANA area. This presents an opportunity to pursue a historic district status for our area.

**Historic District Effort.** Susan Morrison reported that she had attended one of the Heritage Society Meetings and commented that many areas were actively working to obtain Historic Status.

**ACC Gym Renovation.** Ted Siff has a plat of the renovation.

**ACTION:** Ted Siff will distribute the plat map via email and try to get it posted on the OANA web site.

**800 W 6<sup>th</sup> St Development.** Albert Stowall talked to the City Case Manager, Sue Welch, and found that seven departments in the City are reviewing the case. Bob Ohlendorf believes that the developer is attempting to get a flood variance approved administratively.

**Certificate of Formation.** Tom Buckle led the discussion most of which centered on the choice of names:

Old Austin Neighborhood Association

Original Austin Neighborhood Association

1839 Austin Neighborhood Association

A motion was made to accept the name Original Austin Neighborhood Association; during discussion another motion was made to accept the name of 1839 Austin Neighborhood Association. Finally a motion was made and seconded to accept the name Original Austin Neighborhood Association. A subsequent motion and second to adopt the Certificate of Foundation with the name Original Austin Neighborhood Association was passed.

**OANA Bylaws.** Tom Buckle began the discussion by stating that the membership criteria must be established. Most of the Bylaws are pretty standard, but establishing membership and dues criteria is sometimes difficult. Possibilities include owners, businesses, leasees, and residents. A more inclusive membership criteria would probably make more of an impact with the City Council. Many expressed the concern that if leasees were included, they might easily approve issues that owners may not support. Those wanting a more inclusive membership criteria pointed out that typically only those very interested in the organization will attend while many of the members will not. In addition to membership classes, the voting power of each could be weighted.

**ACTION:** Ted Siff to submit a proposal on membership and dues to be distributed two weeks before the next meeting. A vote will be taken on Ted's proposal at the next meeting.

**Austin Neighborhood Council:** Those attending agreed that OANA should become a member. Ted will initially attend. The next Neighborhood Council meeting is March 25.

**City Council Candidate Forum:** Those attending agreed that OANA should join as a sponsor for the forum. The forum will be on April 4.

**ACTION:** Ted Siff to send an email giving the time and place for each of above meetings.

**The next meeting was set for April 27th, 601 West 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00AM.**

Noted by Bob Ohlendorf