

1/25/11 OANA Annual meeting minutes (draft) below taken by Mark Holzbach

Attendees: Please email Mark Holzbach with recommended modifications at your earliest possible convenience before Feb 7th. Mark will be departing Austin on an international trip starting Feb 8th and will be unavailable for at least one month (possibly longer).

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM by OANA President, Ted Siff.

Attendees:

Ted Siff

Al Stowell

Rick Hardin

Christie Nalle

Joe Bryson

Bill Schnell (Cirrus Logic)

Jocelyn DaBeau

Mark Holzbach

Kay Stowell

Chris Riley

Ted Siff reviewed the procedures for voting, the open board positions & the proposed amendment to the bylaws. Ted passed around ballots to the meeting attendees.

Al Stowell nominated John Horton, Perry Lorenz, and Rick Hardin, and Mark seconded the motion.

Joe Bryson nominated himself, and Rick Hardin seconded the motion.

Jocelyn DaBeau nominated herself and Al Stowell seconded the motion.

Bill Schnell nominated himself, and Christie Nalle seconded the motion.

Attendees conversed as they filled out the voting forms (ballots) and returned them to Al Stowell along with proxies to be considered for the election tally. Al Stowell counted the ballots.

Bill Schnell discussed Cirrus Logic's progress with preparations for their building at the corner of West Ave and 6th St. Ted described the Shoal Creek committee (a sub-committee of the OANA parks and open space committee) and said that their first meeting will be scheduled soon.

Election Results (including all proxy votes): Jocelyn DaBeau, Bill Schnell, Rick Hardin, John Horton, and Perry Lorenz

The Bylaws amendment passed unanimously. Ted Siff noted that OANA was honored by Austin City councilman Chris Riley's attendance.

Chris Riley addressed the attendees, describing the planning work to improve the Shoal Creek greenway, his opposition to the proposed AISD closure of Pease Elementary School, and he volunteered to speak to OANA at some future meeting about the Downtown Austin Plan, DAP, (Chris would especially like to discuss design standards and setbacks with OANA members). Ted, Al, and Rick expressed strong interest in OANA's scheduling such a meeting soon.

Chris said the DAP idea is to have a standard rule that is tailored to each neighborhood on things such as setbacks, but given the current lack of consistency in some areas, Chris believes it will hard to create one rule that works well. Chris hopes that conversations can take place to ensure what happens is truly appropriate to the individual neighborhoods such as OANA.

Al Stowell as committee chair of OANA's zoning and planning committee, described the ongoing work of the "Friends of Pease" – and encourages all to donate to "Keep Pease Open" and to visit the Friends of Pease Facebook page.

Ted noted that OANA hasn't yet taken a formal position on this (Pease) issue.

Ted expressed his opinion that the city attorney should be appointed by council rather than the city manager (current arrangement).

Chris Riley is up for re-election for a 3-year term. Chris's campaign website is <http://www.chrisforaustin.com/>

Al Stowell expressed appreciation to Chris and his office for being so available, open to discussions, and transparent. Chris expressed appreciation to OANA.

Joe Bryson expressed concern that West 6th street is becoming more and more like East 6th street with the proliferation of bars and nightclubs serving alcohol.

The meeting officially adjourned at 7 PM.

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Thanks Mark,

These are great minutes. My only 'edit' is that you explain the substance of the bylaw amendment: That it establishes a nonvoting category of OANA membership for people who rent office or commercial space in the neighborhood.

After making this change, please post these draft minutes pending the new board's formal approval of them at our February meeting.

Best, Ted

Ted Siff