

MINUTES
ORIGINAL AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (OANA)
August 20, 2013

The Board of Directors of OANA met at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Room, The Regency Apartments, 601 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Chairman Ted Siff called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. Directors in attendance were Ted Siff, Albert Stowell, Perry Lorenz, John Horton, Bill Schnell, Ray Canfield, and Paul Isham. Directors Blake Tollett, Tom Borders, Karen Armstrong and Rick Hardin were absent with approval. No guests were present for the meeting.

Since Blake Tollett was absent, Paul Isham volunteered to record the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of the June, 2013 Board meeting were approved by consensus.

Chairman Ted Siff called the Board to consider the CURRENT ACTION ITEMS listed on the agenda and discussed the Great Austin Parks advocacy effort to increase the City's PARD FY14 budget by \$4.75 million for trees, trails, pools and general maintenance. After discussion, Albert Stowell moved and Perry Lorentz seconded a motion for President Siff to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council supporting the Great Austin Parks advocacy for the additional \$4.75 million conditioned upon maintaining the City's current ad valorem tax rate. The motion was adopted unanimously.

John Horton discussed the issue of supporting the City's Police Department's request for 47 police officers in FY14 including 16 that would be deployed in the downtown sector. After discussion, John Horton moved and Ray Canfield seconded a motion for President Siff to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council supporting APD's request for an additional 47 police officers including 16 dedicated to the downtown sector. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then considered the **Committee** reports.

- a. **Finance Report & Membership:** Albert Stowell reported concerning money on hand including contributions and expenses for the Shoal Creek Conservancy. There were no new members since the last meeting.
- b. **Marketing:** Bill Schnell reported that it was time for another OANA newsletter and he was shooting for getting it out the last week in August or shortly after Labor Day. There was a discussion concerning what items to include in the newsletter.
- c. **Planning and Zoning:** Ted Siff explained what was happening at 1303 San Antonio, but no action was taken by the Board.

Ted Siff then discussed the application concerning 1402 West Avenue. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Albert Stowell moved and Paul Isham seconded a motion for OANA to support the application with the condition of sufficiently screening the commercial uses at the site. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the issue of the Judges' Hill area filing for a historic district designation. No action was taken on the matter.

- d. **Parks and Open Space:** Ted Siff gave additional update on the Shoal Creek Conservancy, the contributions and pledges received by SCC, and that SCC was moving forward with becoming a nonprofit corporation and obtaining a Sec. 501(c)3 designation for the Internal Revenue Service.

John Horton gave an update on Wooldridge Park and passed out information listing a Schedule of Events for the Grand Reopening of the Park. The Grand Reopening will be September 13 & 14 and all OANA members are encouraged to attend.

- e. **Other.** Ted Siff reported that ACC had decided to delay its bond election until November, 2014. Also, there will be a \$65 million Austin affordable housing bond issue on the November, 2013 ballot.

No additional matters were discussed by the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 18, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Paul Isham, Acting Secretary