

Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)

2 January 2018

The OANA Board of Directors (BoD) came together at 4 PM for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 2 January 2018 at the Shoal Creek Saloon. BoD members in attendance were Michael Portman, Charles Peveto, Bill Schnell, Blake Tollett, Diana Zuniga, Ted Siff, Ray Canfield and Katie Jackson. Advisory Committee members in attendance were Chris Riley and Kathy Marcus. Paul Beyers sat in as our guest.

Upon motion from Charles with Diana seconding, we unanimously adopted the December 2017 minutes and Bill will post them on our website.

Our main discussion centered on our annual General Membership meeting coming up on Tuesday 30 January here at the Saloon from 5:30 to 7 PM. BoD members up for reelection include Michael Portman, Charles Peveto, Austin Stowell, Perry Horton, Ray Canfield and Ted Siff. To the best of our understanding, everyone will stand, but if there is room, Paul Beyers has asked to be considered. The meeting will begin with a social time (free food and a free drink for new members) followed by a recitation of our past year's highlights, a short talk from our President, an election of BoD members, and ending with more social interaction. Kathy has been working on a flyer and she and Michael will finalize it and send it along to Bill for use in social media outreach.

We then turned to the November 2018 City of Austin general election featuring Mayoral and City Council races along with a bond package:

- In our District 9, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo has initiated a petition campaign that if successful will allow her to serve another term on the Council. It is unknown if she would have a challenger.
- In the mayoral race, Mayor Adler is seeking reelection. One known challenger is former City Council Member Laura Morrison.
- There are currently no specific earmarks/recommendations in front of the Bond Election Advisory Task force to finish out the master plans for Wooldridge Square and Duncan Parks. Charles is working with a group advocating the renovation of the decommissioned Faulk Library into an annex of the Austin History Center. Those so inclined are encouraged to go to the City's website for information on upcoming public hearings on the bond package.

Katie, Chris, Charles and Bill are going to meet with Grayson Rosato this month and will report back to the BoD in February.

Under Committee Reports and Action Items:

- Our Chris Riley has been leading up the giant chess programming at Wooldridge Square Park (see their Facebook page for more information). Charles relates that again, the funding needed to complete the park's master plan is not showing up in the current

PARD budget and he stressed the need to have these funds specifically allocated in the upcoming bond proposal.

- The finalization of the master plan for Duncan Park also faces the same monetary shortfall. In the bond proposal, PARD is asking for monies for planning, but there is no specific call out for where the money is allocated. The lack of specificity allows for flexibility, but it also leads to uncertainty.
- For Shoal Creek Conservancy updates Ted refers us to their website.

Under Marketing, Bill will have a winter newsletter with an Annual General Membership Meeting announcement out soon. Michael continues to work on arranging presentations to Home Owner Associations within our neighborhood. The developers of the 5th & West condominiums have offered the BoD the opportunity to tour their new residential structure some time in late February, either the 20th or the 27th.

Our February OANA BoD meeting will be on the 6th. Charles will check on the availability of the Austin History Center with the idea of a presentation from them on their proposed expansion plans into the now decommissioned Faulk Library building.

We adjourned at 5:30.

Blake Tollett, Secretary
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