

**MINUTES**  
**ORIGINAL AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (OANA)**  
**August 12, 2014**

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. Directors in attendance were Ted Siff, Albert Stowell, Paul Isham, Charles Peveto, Michael Portman, and John Horton. Directors Ray Canfield, Rick Hardin, Perry Lorenz, Blake Tollett, and Bill Schnell were absent with approval. No guests were present for the meeting.

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

Charles Peveto moved and Michael Portman seconded a motion to approve the July, 2014 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**CURRENT NEWS AND ACTION ITEMS:** Charles Peveto reviewed the Pease Park Draft Master Plan and requested that the Board authorize President Siff to send a letter to the City supporting the plan. Albert Stowell moved that the Board authorize a support letter for the Draft Master Plan and John Horton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- a. **Finance Report & Membership:** Albert Stowell reported that there has been no change in the Association's finances since the meeting in July.
- b. **Government Relations/Social Order:** John Horton reported that there have been no major issues arise since the last meeting. He also mentioned that Mobile Loaves & Fishes is opening its new facility called Community First on August 27, 2014. He also mentioned that there was a link on the Mobile Loaves and Fishes website about Community First.
- c. **Marketing:** Bill Schell was absent so there was no report on marketing. Ted Siff reported that the Association owned both the [www.oldaustin.org](http://www.oldaustin.org) and [www.originalaustin.org](http://www.originalaustin.org) URLs and the [www.oldaustin.org](http://www.oldaustin.org) site refers people to the [www.originalaustin.org](http://www.originalaustin.org) Site.
- d. **Membership:** A brief discussion occurred with regard to increasing the memberships in OANA. Paul Isham raised the issue of whether OANA should consider extending its borders in an easterly direction towards Congress Avenue. President Siff reviewed current projects under construction as well as projects soon to be started and noted that more than 1,000 living units should be added to the existing OANA boundaries within the next 4-5 years. In light of this fact, there was no further discussion with regard to the issue of expanding borders. Michael Portman and Ted Siff said that they would meet and discuss methods or programs designed to increase membership, and specifically concentrating on the new developments, and report back to the Board with suggestions or recommendations.

- e. **Planning and Zoning:** It was mentioned that President Siff and Paul Isham were attempting to schedule a meeting with Greg Guernsey, the City's Planning and Development Review Director, to discuss the issue of concrete pours during off peak hours. President Siff said that a report would be made at the next meeting if such a meeting occurred.
  
- f. **Parks and Open Space:** Charles Peveto gave an update on the Friends of Wooldridge Park. He said that Mr. McGill had stepped down as Chairman of the organization and that Mitchell McGovern and Charles had been appointed Co-Chairs. He said that funds were available for funding both short-term and long-term improvements at Wooldridge Park including \$16,000 in carryover funds, \$200,000 in 2012 Park General Obligation Bond funds for downtown parks, and a \$170,000 parkland dedication fee from Aspen Heights Company, as part of the entitlements for its apartment project on Nueces and W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Urban Trails Master Plan was discussed noting that over 400 miles of trails are identified in the Master Plan. President Siff mentioned that about 75 miles of trails have been given high priority by the City including existing and recently built trails. Michael Portman mentioned that the Walnut Creek hike and bike trail is included in the Master Plan and that a portion of the trail has been constructed with an extension to be constructed in the near future.

- g. **Other Matters.** Albert Stowell said that a portion of the upcoming ACC bond election was devoted to improvements at the Rio Grande campus, but he didn't know how much.

No additional matters were discussed by the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Paul Isham, Acting Secretary