

Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association
Quarterly Meeting
February 9, 2015

Meeting Minutes:

Dick Thomas called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions:

Dick Thomas welcomed Lana Wolff, Arlington City Council member for District 5, new member Sheila Carter, and visitors. The HANA board members were introduced.

News and Information:

- Grace Darling said that there are only 8 plots left in the UTA community garden.
- Russell Hildebrandt announced that the ribbon cutting for the Grace Lutheran Church and School athletic field will be held Sunday, February 22 after each worship service.
- HANA Facebook Group – members were encouraged to join.
- Nextdoor Arlington – members were encouraged to join and fliers were made available.

“Dream” Sculpture for Arlington

Bob Pruitt described the “Dream” sculpture project for downtown Arlington. The \$75,000 project is backed by the Downtown Arlington Management Corp. and scheduled to be installed as early as September. Pruitt showed several concept illustrations of the sculpture that should last 50-60 years.

Information Committee

Dick Thomas introduced the Information Committee which is composed of Dick Thomas, Barbara Salser, Bruce Whitson, and Don Boxall.

Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Chair Rebecca Boxall asked for volunteers for the committee.

HANA 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status & HANA Photographs

Members were reminded that their membership dues qualified as a donation for tax purposes. Dick Thomas encouraged members to send him pictures of the neighborhood to put online.

Grace Lutheran Church Asset Mapping Project

Pastor Hildebrandt encouraged HANA members to join the church in a community project designed to get to know the local businesses on Cooper and Park Row. The church’s goal is to understand their dreams, concerns, and willingness to help the community.

HANA Neighborhood Problem Houses

Tim Laitinen discussed the problems that occur in neighborhoods with absentee landlords and neglectful homeowners. Suggested solutions included working with Arlington Code Compliance Services and supporting a ban on the rental of a home to no more than three unrelated occupants. HANA has met with Dr. Timothy Quinnan, the

newly hired UTA Vice President for Student Affairs, to discuss UTA regulating students' off-campus behavior in rental houses.

Street Sign Toppers

Grace Darling reported that we are unlikely to get a grant for street sign toppers. We will get information on how much the signs will cost so that we can decide the best course to take on the issue.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Lea Worcester, Secretary