

## **Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** July 9, 2015

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Attending:** President Dick Thomas, Vice-President Barbara Salser, Secretary Lea Worcester, Treasurer Grace Darling, Neighborhood Representatives: Gene Prater, Dale Bergeron, Rebecca Boxall, Russell Hildebrandt; also attending: Joe Bergeron, Don Boxall, and Floreen Henry

**Absent:** Joe Schaefer, Phil McConnell, and Rich Bilanceri

**June Minutes:** Grace Darling moved to approve the minutes from the June Board meeting; Dale Bergeron seconded. The motion was passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report was submitted by Treasurer Grace Darling. The balance was \$2,796.55. The report was accepted and referred for audit.

**Old Business -August Meeting:** The guest speaker will be Cary Siegfried from the Arlington Public Library System with an opportunity for Lana Wolff and others that attend to update HANA members on what is happening in Arlington. Rebecca Boxall discussed options for keeping the ice cream for the meeting frozen and the option of having soft drinks to make floats.

**New Business:**

- **Reverse 911:** Grace Darling introduced the topic of Reverse 911 and its effectiveness in events such as the one when fracking fluid leaked out of a well causing 100 residents to leave their homes.
- **HANA Bylaws Revision:** Dick Thomas passed out copies of the HANA bylaws with highlighted sections and a summary of comments for review. Included were comments on having more than one membership class in Article III.
- **Grocery Store Proposal:** Grace Darling suggested that a company, perhaps ALDI, could be encouraged to build a grocery store on the southeast corner of Abram and Cooper Streets. The Board discussed local organizations and individuals that HANA could contact to gain support for the idea. The list included John Hall at Downtown Arlington Management Corp., Sue Phillips at East Arlington Renewal, and Devan Allen, UT Arlington Assistant Director for Government & Community Relations.
- **South Center Street Historical District Preservation:** It was proposed that it would be a good idea to contact the homeowners of the 500 and 600 blocks and get their comments and support for historic preservation in their area.
- **Update on Sapphire Project and 404 East Border Project:** Lea Worcester reported that the Sapphire Project area on Center and Hosack Streets has been cleared. Dick Thomas reported that the 404 East Border structure now has 3 floors framed and there may be a 4<sup>th</sup> floor on a part of the building.
- **Updates on Problem Properties:** Three homes on east 2<sup>nd</sup> street that in the past have been considered problems are now showing some improvement.
- **City and UTA Newsletters:** The board discussed the potential for using HANA Facebook to send city and UTA newsletters to HANA members to keep them apprised of local issues and events. Facebook will also be used to post information about the August Quarterly Meeting.
- **HANA Records Consolidation:** The board discussed the need to preserve HANA's records. Dale Bergeron moved that HANA collect past organization records and submit them to the UT Arlington Special Collections for archiving. Barbara Salser seconded the motion. Floreen Henry said that she had HANA records and would make certain that they were brought to UT Arlington Special Collections for preservation.

- **Other Business:**
  - Floreen Henry suggested that the small, undeveloped area on the northwest corner of Pioneer Parkway and Center Street be considered as a pocket park and even be used as a site for a welcome to Arlington monument similar to the one on north Center Street. Options were discussed including potential grants and the process of working with the Arlington City Council and Arlington Parks and Recreation Department.
  - Floreen Henry mentioned that the owners of Sunny's Food Market on Center Street wanted to join HANA.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lea Worcester, Secretary