

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

**Date:** January 7, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Attending:** President Richard Thomas, Vice-President Barbara Salser, Treasurer Grace Darling, Board Members Gene Prater, Dale Bergeron, Russell Hildebrandt, Phil McConnell, Russell Hildebrandt, Floreen Henry, Guests Joe Bergeron, Jim Gayda

**Absent:** Lea Worcester, Rebecca Boxall, Joe Schaefer

**Minutes:** The secretary being absent, the corrected minutes for December could not be reviewed and were tabled.

**Treasurer's Report:** Grace Darling presented the treasurer's report, which showed an ending balance of \$2,984.47 as of December 31, 2015. The membership count stands at 37 with several renewals pending. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

### **Old Business:**

- **Financial Audit:** No report.
- **HANA Membership Meetings for 2016:** The board approved the proposed meeting schedule of second Monday of February, May, August, and November. The meeting venue will be the Fireside Room of Grace Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.
- **Future Programs:** The list of potential speakers prepared by Barbara Salser was reviewed and discussed. The board agreed to ask Jay Warren with the City of Arlington for February 8; Barbara Salser will follow up. At a future date we may ask Keith Melton and Mindy Carmichael of the Public Works Dept. for an update on traffic and speeding cars on Center St. and the traffic light on Cooper St. at the Sonic Drive-In.

### **New Business:**

- **Drainage Problem:** Barbara Salser discussed the drainage problems some homeowners on Meadow Road were experiencing as a result of water runoff from Good Shepherd and St. Mark's churches. Barbara Salser will make Lana Wolff aware of the situation and follow up with the homeowners in question.
- **Invite Council Members to General Meeting:** The board decided to send a special invitation to our at-large city council members to attend our quarterly meetings. Barbara Salser will follow up.
- **Vinson Center:** The email from the developer of Vinson Center was discussed and it was decided that HANA will not officially comment for or against the project.

### **Announcements:**

- **Arlington On Tap:** Richard Thomas told us of an event at J Gilligan's Tuesday evening, January 12, with Bob Pruitt and Chris Hightower as guest speakers.
- **Julia Burgen Park:** Phase 1 of the master plan will be presented January 20 to the Planning and Zoning Commission for its approval.

### **Potential Grant Projects:**

There was considerable discussion about applying for a Neighborhood Matching Grant for one of the following:

- **Sign toppers:** 44 extra signs (no hardware) are in storage in Samuel Smith's attic and a few others are scattered in board members' homes; HANA could order 200 more sign toppers with hardware and combine their installation with a promotional flyer, acquire a non-profit mailing permit, and buy postage with grant award, and mail to the complete

mailing list used by Clayton Husband for the HANA pre-neighborhood action plan survey.

- **Sidewalks:** The board agreed that sidewalks were needed on Park Row between Oak and Center streets but Floreen Henry is sure that neighbors will not agree to relinquish their easements and the project was tabled indefinitely.
- **Center-Hwy 303 Properties:** Floreen Henry presented the plan to create a natural preservation area on two city-owned properties at the NW corner of Center Street and Pioneer Parkway (Hwy 303). Board members are invited to meet with city staff from Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, and Real Estate Services to discuss this issue. The meeting will be at 4 pm January 11, second floor of City Hall.
- **Microloans for Home Repair:** Grace Darling has met with Lana Wolff to discuss this project. Lana was enthusiastic and said she'd follow up with appropriate personnel at the city as well as potential private and public partners and get back with us. Because of the magnitude of the initiative, funding by the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program would be inadequate and this project was scratched from the list.

The conclusion reached by the board was that the two projects that best fit the requirements of the city's matching grant program were the sign topper and Center-Hwy 303 projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Grace Darling  
Revised by Dick Thomas