

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

**Date:** February 4, 2016

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

**Attending:** President Richard Thomas, Vice-President Barbara Salser, Treasurer Grace Darling, Board Members Gene Prater, Joe Schaefer, Dale Bergeron, Russell Hildebrandt, Floreen Henry, Rebecca Boxall, Guests Joe Bergeron, Jim Gayda, Don Boxall, Hostess Cathy Thomas

**Absent:** Lea Worcester, Phil McConnell

**Minutes:** The secretary, although absent, had submitted minutes for the December meeting. Corrections were suggested and accepted. Grace Darling submitted minutes of the January meeting, to which corrections were also suggested and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Grace Darling presented the treasurer's report, which showed an ending balance of \$3,042.47 as of January 31, 2016.

**Old Business:**

- **Financial Audit:** Grace Darling to provide financial records to Audit Committee chairman Don Boxall.
- **February General Meeting:** February 8, 2016, at 7:00 pm in Fireside Room at Grace Lutheran Church. Rebecca Boxall to provide usual beverages and desert items. Board members to arrive by 6:30 to set up and prepare for meeting. Grace Darling to bring projector and laptop.
- **Neighborhood Improvement Projects:**
  - **City Matching Grants:**
    - **Training sessions:** Dick Thomas, Barbara Salser, and Floreen Henry attended a training session on January 30. Grace Darling attended one just prior to this meeting.
    - **Center Street Lots at Pioneer Parkway:** Floreen Henry and Grace Darling to pursue grant for creating a natural preservation area, perhaps with a Monarch Waystation. A fence is needed on the north boundary. Include a split rail fence and a historic marker in grant request.
    - **Signtoppers:** Dick Thomas, Gene Prater, and Joe Schafer to survey HANA intersections, get pricing information, and prepare grant request. A discussion of whether to install them with volunteer labor, as done previously, led to a decision to hire the work done.
  - **HANA Branding and Improved Communication:** The signtopper project is part of this effort. While it might be possible to request a grant for printing brochures and mailing material to residents and possibly obtaining a mailing list from the City, we decided that there is not time to properly develop such a plan with the detail that would be needed for a grant application. The signtopper project is likely to consume all the resources we have at present.
  - **Pedestrian Safety on Park Row:** There was an extended discussion of the need for sidewalks on Park Row between Pecan and Center, especially on the south side. Floreen Henry, while in favor of the project, believes it is unlikely that all the property owners can be persuaded to grant the easements necessary to construct the sidewalk. The board feels that this is an important and urgent issue for the neighborhood and for the city. We plan to pursue this issue after the grant

applications are completed.

**New Business:**

- **Meeting with UTA CAPP Dean:** Dick Thomas, Barbara Salser, Gene Prater, and Rebecca Boxall have an appointment to meet with Nan Ellin, Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs at UTA on February 15. She has told us the subject of our meeting will be building affordable housing on vacant lots in our area. We are concerned that we already have more affordable housing within HANA than we need, and that more upscale housing might be more interesting to us.

Recorded by Rebecca Boxall

Revised by Dick Thomas