

**Heritage Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
March 2, 2009 7 p.m.**

Anne Heinen, presiding, at the First English Lutheran Church, with 20 present:

Brenda Bell	Anne Heinen	Martha Morgan
Anne Boyer	Dirk Heinen	Wade Odell
Jerry Canady	Jolene Kiolbassa	Julia Penn
Tara Carmean	Susan Marler	JW Walthall
Jay Farrell	Jarred Maxwell	Jeff Webster
Al Godfrey	Sommer Maxwell	Wendy Weiss
Betsy Greenberg	& Child	

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MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING MARTHA MORGAN, SECRETARY

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OVERVIEW OF PAST YEAR — ANNE HEINEN, PRESIDENT

1. Traffic circle installed April 2008
2. Keep Austin Beautiful beautification grant application submitted
3. Bungalows demolished on Washington Square. Columns salvaged for neighborhood and erected in traffic circle
4. Various zoning issues, particularly our VMU (Vertical Mixed Use) opt-in/opt-out application to the City Council, which opted out many properties on the Core Transit Corridors that encompass our small neighborhood footprint. This process will likely conclude this month.
5. Negotiations with the Medical Science Center at 711 West 38th St. concerning zoning and VMU entitlements

6. Heaps property zoning case on Kings Lane, continuing deliberations this month.
7. Visit by Police Department representative A.J. Rodríguez
8. Visit from Council Member Lee Leffingwell to discuss the fire station on Guadalupe left vacant by Ballet Austin
9. Fourth of July potluck picnic and parade with live band
10. Visit from Mr. Tomasovic from the Code Enforcement Department to discuss that department and the PACE (Public Assembly Code Enforcement) team
11. Wrap up of the Austin Clean Water project
12. Crosswalk at 31st and Guadalupe streets across from Wheatsville Coop
13. Negotiations for sidewalks on West 31st Street
14. Representation at Neighborhood Side Design Standards meetings
15. Representation at CANPAC (Central Austin Neighborhood Advisory Committee)
16. Representation at ANC (Austin Neighborhood Council)

OFFICER AND STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

1. Al Godfrey, seconded by Susan Marler, made a motion to re-elect the following officers by acclamation: Anne Heinen, president; Betsy Greenberg, treasurer, Martha Morgan, secretary. The motion passed.
2. Accepted Steering Committee resignations tendered by Jeff Webster, Lindsey Crow, and Mikal Grimes.
3. Endorsed slate of 9 returning Steering Committee members (response from Brenda Bell pending):

Jay Farrell	Anne Heinen	Martha Morgan
Al Godfrey	Jolene Kiobassa	Dan Mottola
Betsy Greenberg	Laurie Limbacher	Wade Odell
4. Nominated and elected 3 new Steering Committee members, upon condition of establishing membership by paying dues: Tara Carmean, J.W. Hyde, Susan Marler.

TREE PROPOSAL VMU TRACT 10 MEDICAL SCIENCE CENTER AT 711 WEST 38TH

1. Al Godfrey, seconded by Dirk Heinen, made the following motion to adopt the specific language proposed by Anne Heinen:

Preserve all trees within 15 feet of the back of curb on West Avenue, West 38th Street, and King Street, and all trees within 35 feet of the back of the curb at Buildings 1A and 2A.

This is less than what the city arborist, Michael Embesi, recommended, namely, the preservation of all trees within 40 feet. Our specific mention of tree preservation prevents the interpretation that we tacitly abdicated a position on the issue.

2. Godfrey amended the motion such that HNA grants permission to our negotiating team of Betsy Greenberg and Jolene Kiolbassa to negotiate to secure the best deal for the neighborhood. seconded by Jeff Greenberg. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Jolene Kiolbassa agreed to bring the tree issue up at the Austin Neighborhood Council meeting Thursday for their endorsement.
4. Susan Marler agreed to spearhead an initiative among Austin's tree-conscious groups to back our position.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MOVING BELMONT COLUMNS TO TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Anne Heinen brought up the need to reimburse Jolene Kiolbassa for expenses she undertook to move the columns from the Belmont cottages on Washington Square to the traffic circle. Jolene declined this reimbursement. Julia Penn said she had gotten an agreement from Marshall Durrett's team on Grandview concerning the use of heavy equipment. A discussion followed about whether the traffic circle has improved our situation. Jerry Canady and others said yes it had, insofar as vehicular traffic is concerned. Anne Heinen noted that pedestrian traffic safety was not improved, since cars never stop now.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND CRIME ISSUES — DAN MOTTOLA

Austin Police Department Officer Kelly Lahood is our neighborhood's Neighborhood Watch district representative. She can be reached at (512) 974-5833 or Kelly.Lahood@ci.austin.tx.us. Dan Mottola will work up a neighborhood map by quadrants with residents' phone numbers. Block captains will be needed. Call 311 for suspicious activity, 911 for criminal activity. See <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/downloads/neighborhoodwatchmanual.pdf>

AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ANC) REPORT — JOLENE KIOLBASSA

Jolene notes that at the 7:30 a.m. meeting tomorrow Carol Welder from the Hyde Park neighborhood will speak about the Neighborhood Watch program and that Police Chief Art Acevedo urges us to call in so they can dynamically assign units to problem areas.

The city's Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department has tapped Carol Gibbs of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association and Jodie Zemel of the Austin Neighborhoods Council and the Bouldin Neighborhood Association to fill the two neighborhood advisor posts. Beginning March 16, 2009, they will help groups through the city's development process. See "[Neighborhood advisers hired.](#)"

ANC will host a City Council candidate forum on March 25, 2009. Submissions for questions to appear on the questionnaire are solicited.

Fundraising efforts, such as home tours, were discussed.

Rhoda Mae Kerr, new chief of the fire department, spoke. It has been asserted that fires such as the one we had at Buckingham Square five years ago will not happen again since the infrastructure has been upgraded.

**CENTRAL AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CANPAC) REPORT
— AL GODFREY**

Al reported on CANPAC's help in offering advice and writing a letter of support for the Heaps zoning case on Kings Lane.

CANPAC so hopes to clarify what defines a club or lodge and what zoning designations can or cannot have such entities. Al described what the PACE (Public Assembly Code Enforcement) team does with respect to gatherings sponsored by clubs and fraternities.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS HEAPS ZONING ON KINGS LANE — AL
GODFREY**

Al pointed out that even though city staff recommended what the applicant wanted, MU, the commission voted unanimously 9-0 for the neighborhood's recommendation of SF4-A. Godfrey that since Robert Mace and Wendy Weiss presented a valid petition, the applicant must gain at least a 6-1 vote instead of only 4-3. The case goes to council week after next.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY GARDENING AND
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK — JW WALTHALL et al.**

Walthall is the owner of a condo at 2907 Pearl. Community gardening there is out, and the waiting list for other gardens, such as Sunshine Gardens, is 2 years long. He's looking for someone who has land and would like to do community gardening. This issue brought up concern for using grant funds to buy land for a neighborhood park, land such as the land between W. 33rd and W. 34th at King Street. A subcommittee may be formed to pursue this further.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS HNA DUES — BETSY GREENBERG,
TREASURER**

Betsy collected dues from several of the members present.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS CLEAN SWEEP — DAN MOTTOLA

Dan says he's organizing a Clean Sweep event on the April 4th date for his area of the neighborhood. If others are interested, please contact Dan at dmottola@austin.rr.com.

*Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.
Submitted by Martha Morgan*