

**NORTH PARK ESTATES
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2007**

Board members present included the following:

Board Officers

President -Dale Sellers

V. Pres. – Mark Farver

Secretary - Mary Allen

Treasurer -Sammy Amsler

Members at Large

Wes Allen

Larie Amsler

Pat Huffstutler

Entrance Sign Committee Member

A. J. Walker

Call to Order

The President, Dale Sellers, called the meeting to order and passed out the agenda.

Old Business

1. The **minutes** of the annual meeting on 5-5-07 were read by Mary Allen and approved by the group.
2. The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Sammy Amsler and is posted on the website. There's a total balance of \$1322.96. This is made up of \$298.59 for the Entrance Sign Fund, \$103.19 for the Flower fund, and \$921.18 for the Dues Fund.
3. Walt Esquivel has been working on getting neighbors to clear up **zoning and code violations** and has had some good success. He was not present, but Dale detailed the improvements. A relatively new pile of rocks and a tree trunk are on the city's easement at the end of Circle Bend. Walt will be asked to contact the property owner there, or to call the city.

4. The **Shell station work** at Braker Lane and Parkfield is under way. It will sell beer and wine, and be open 24/7. Their current filing is for the gas station and a future restaurant. Dale doesn't think there is anything we can do, but Mark says if there are problems after it opens, then we will have cause to protest. We will need to be cognizant of possible loiterers and alcohol sales to minors. We'll also need to keep an eye on them when they file for the restaurant, hoping we can protest the drive thru or the hours of being open.

5. A. J. Walker **repaired the entrance signs** and he has a quart of paint to repair future potential damage to the letters. He replaced the 3 top concrete blocks and 1 large concrete block. He said Tracy Maurey did the 2 firings of the donor blocks, and that he has incurred \$80.31 more in expenses for the repairs and the tiles. We discussed where to fix the name tiles, and it was decided that the back side of the sign on Oracle's property would be the safest place, since that area is watched by their 24 hour guards.

6. A schedule was decided upon for the rest of this year's Board Meetings. It is as follows: July 24th, Sept. 25th, and Nov. 27th. Beginning in 2008, the meetings are planned to be the 4th Tuesday of January, April, July and October. We'll be moving to every 3 months, instead of every other month.

New Business

1. **Public hearing on rezoning the Mobile Home Park.** Dottie and Gene Gault, who owned the mobile home park on Lamar, by the fire department, have sold it for \$3,000,000 to Thomas Leiou and his brother, but the Gaults have permission to continue to live there for the next two years. The Leious are attempting to get the property rezoned from LO to LR. We speculated that they will try to buy more adjoining property and eventually build something bigger there. As of now, their rezoning is requesting to put a convenience store on that property – but we think that that isn't their final objective, as it doesn't seem like a good location for one. We concluded that our options are:

1. Oppose the LR and allow LO,
2. Ignore the rezoning because anything other than a mobile home park might be preferable,
3. Ask Thomas Leiou what their objective is and ask him to present his plan to the neighborhood association.

Dale will carry out #3. There are two properties across Lamar that are zoned "county".

2. **New Officers** At the annual meeting, Laverne Purcell, whose phone number is 836-5792 volunteered to be a Member-at-Large for the new Board. Dale, after much arm twisting, agreed to stay on, but perhaps not be called President, but to delegate out various responsibilities to a number of committees, such as a zoning committee, a picnic committee, and a trash committee so he won't feel unable to stay on top of all the issues involving our neighborhood. It was later explained that a "committee" can be one willing person who will recruit help if needed. Mark Farver will continue to help out.

A. J. Walker suggested putting a request in the next newsletter for officers and committee members and committee heads. A. J. also noted that the North Austin Alliance is a big support for zoning issues, and that Mary, in Gracy Woods, handles North Austin Alliance's business. Another group to get on is the Police Forum. A person doesn't have to be a Board Member to attend these other meetings.

3. **Neighborhood Night Out** is scheduled for August 8, 2007.

4. **Newsletters** Dale says that a couple of newsletter deliverers need to be replaced. It was suggested that Sarah and Joseph Poirer replace Paul and Carol Askenasy and deliver to all of Eubank. The next newsletter is scheduled to be ready by 7-28-07.

Sammy Amsler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Huffstutler seconded, and the vote was unanimous.