



GENERAL ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
December 08, 2020 **6:45PM**
Venue: Zoom Video Conference

OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY BCNA STEERING COMMITTEE ON: January 04, 2021

6:45pm *SECRETARY'S NOTE:* Meeting start time was delayed due to an inactive ZOOM link. The problem was solved by Ingrid Weigand. Secretary Coldwell issued a notice to the Yahoo and Groups IO forums of the change in venue and provided a new link before the meeting convened.

7:00pm *CONVENE:* Tres. Ronnie Dittmar requested that all participants register/sign-in to the meeting via the chat function in order to create a record of attendance. President Jesse Moore thanked everyone for joining the delayed virtual meeting and having obtained a quorum, convened the General Association(GA) meeting agenda.

7:01pm *ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS & SECTOR REPS. FOR 2021*

President Jesse Moore announced that the voting for this GA meeting shall be by voice vote or with hands raised unless objections arise. Hearing none, he recognized Ingrid Weigand, Chair of the Election Committee, to introduce and present the slate of candidates for election.

- Ingrid Weigand reminded all participants that only Voting Members may cast a vote for candidates, a Voting Member being defined as a resident, over the age of 18, who has previously attended a BCNA GA meeting or virtual meeting within the year or failing that, has registered with the Treasurer their request to continue a Voting Membership.
- A slate of uncontested general officers was presented and personal introductions made by each candidate. After introductions, Tres. Dittmar motioned - President Moore 2nd to elect the slate of general officer candidates by a voice vote. **Motion to elect the slate of general officers passed: 21/0/0**
- Chair Weigand then presented an uncontested slate of Sector Reps. with the newly formed Aqua Zone as the only one vacant. Introductions ensued with only the Brown sector candidate absent. Chair Weigand clarified that a candidate did not have to be present in order for their name to be placed on the slate. Tres. Dittmar motioned - Stephen Brower 2nd to elect the slate of Sector Reps candidates as presented. **Motion to elect the slate of Sector Reps passed: 22/0/0**
- Secretary's note: The official list of elected candidates appears at the end of these minutes.

7:17pm *GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:*

- BCNA FORUM NEWS: President Moore announced that the migration from the YAHOO group forum was occurring smoothly, that the new forum server, GROUPS-IO has over 250 members and that the Yahoo forum is likely to shut down due to YAHOO's discontinuance of the service soon.

- HEALTHY STREETS UPDATE: President Moore confirmed that he has commented to the City about the need and desire of residents to prolong the Healthy Street initiative along Bouldin Ave. He also cited that a City survey is available for citizens to provide input. Kevin Lewis volunteered to provide the links to the BCNA Forum that covered this issue and ways to connect with local boards & commissions regarding pedestrians & urban transportation.
- DOUGHERTY ARTS CENTER(DAC) UPDATE: The City of Austin is seeking input from residents concerning the design of the new Dougherty Arts Center. A small group meeting of Toomey Road Residents and Neighbors is scheduled for December 15, 2020. In addition a “Community Survey,” has been extended to January 03, 2020. The link to these shall be posted on the BCNA Forum.
- TXDOT is seeking Input for the I-35 expansion project.
- THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ALLIANCE (DAA) is looking for feedback on two proposed transit routes it hopes will make traveling between different parts of downtown faster and more convenient. The proposed downtown circulator routes would serve, South Congress and some of East Austin. Jody Zemel volunteered to post the links on the BCNA Forum.
- SOCO PARKING STUDY: President Moore yielded to Jeff Seiden who said the last public input meeting was in September, 2020. Due to COVID-19 and other issues the approval and implementation of the study has been put on hold. Jeff indicated that a more uniform version of RPP is likely to be one of the outcomes from the study.

7:27pm *APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GARY HYATT:*

President Moore recognized Jody Zemel to read a draft resolution for a certificate of appreciation to Gary Hyatt for his long term, volunteer work as Newsletter Czar. After the reading, a motion of approval from Tres. Dittmar - President Moore as 2nd was presented to the GA. **Motion to approve the certificate passed, 24/0/0** Secretary’s note: Text of the resolution shown at end of the minutes.

7:31pm *ZONING UPDATES:*

President Moore recognized Paul Strange, Chair of the Zoning Comm. to provide an update on pending cases:

- 703 & 705 FLETCHER ST. an application to the Board of Adjustment has been made for a variance to the Mc Mansion ordinance on two adjoining lots. The developer wishes to pierce the height envelope by extending the highest allowable point of the roof top across to the adjoining lot. The applicant cited as a hardship the narrowness of the lots (35’) and the difficulty designing on them. Paul indicated that the Zoning Comm had reviewed the materials provided by the applicant and found that there was no hardship on the property to require a variance from existing code. The Zoning Committee voted to oppose the variance. The Steering Committee had also reviewed the plans and voted not to support it on Dec. 07, 2020.

Discussion

- It was mentioned that the developer had reasonable alternatives to build new homes within the ordinance, particularly in light that they were adjoining and could be part of a condo-regime. Allowing a variance simply because the lots were narrow was not defined as a hardship by the City.
- Questions and discussion concerning what the BCNA supports or advocates were brought up.
- Concerns were raised if opposing the variance might negatively affect surrounding home values.
- Had the adjoining neighbors been asked about it or provided input to the case?
- It was cited that in this instance BCNA simply had the plans that were submitted by the builder and that the Zoning Comm. could only act or judge based upon them. The BOA public hearing for these sites has not been set. But all neighbors within 500’ as well as the neighborhood association are notified of the hearing date and have an option to write a response or attend the hearing on-line.
- Further discussion was limited by time and a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Comm. was placed by President Moore - Tres. Dittmar 2nd.

- **Motion to approve the opposition of the pending Board of Adjustment variance at 703 & 705 Fletcher St passed on a vote of 19//0/5**

7:57pm *NEXT MEETING AND VENUE*

President elect Paul Strange, indicated he wants to have the next Steering Committee meeting with ZOOM January 04, 2021.

7:58pm *ADJOURNMENT:*

President Moore thanked all in attendance for a great meeting and wished the newly elected officers a successful and happy 2021. Meeting Adjourned.

SLATE OF ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2021

General Officers:

Paul Strange,	President
Aaron Scruggs,	Vice President – Neighborhood Issues: back-up Nadia Barulich
Thom Parker,	Vice President – External Affairs
Denice Zucco,	Communications Dir.
Ronnie Dittmar,	Treasurer
Matt Coldwell,	Secretary

Sector Representatives:

Green Sector:	Nick Sargologos, back-up Melynda Nuss
Purple Sector:	Paul Langely
Blue Sector:	Rebecca Harrell
Yellow Sector:	Jeff Seiden, back-up Jody Zemel
Pink Sector:	Scottee Downing, back-up Stephanie Scholten
Orange Sector:	Ross Wilson
Brown Sector:	Cameron Zuniga
Aqua Sector:	VACANT

RESOLUTION TEXT FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO GARY HYATT

Whereas Gary Hyatt has expended a great deal of personal effort in serving for over 15 years as the Newsletter Czar for the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association and the association has appreciated his hard work in getting the newsletters distributed;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association, on behalf of the residents, officially extends its appreciation to Gary Hyatt for his dedication to neighborhood communications.