

# MINUTES

of April 10, 2017

## **I. Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by President Darryl Pruet at 7:07 pm. Secretary Robert Tobiansky recorded the minutes.

## **II. Introduction of the newly elected OHAN Board, attending Members and Guests**

## **III. Introduction of Speakers:**

- a) John Droomgule, owner of the **Natural Gardener** Comments: It is one of top 5 nurseries in U.S, produces biologics, organically maintains and sells botanicals. Concern for preservation of trees. Hotspots (around Austin) increased presumably due to climate change. Use of organic materials instead of crushed granite. Suggests planting more trees. Use insecticidal soap pesticides in lieu of Round-up or Black Flag type. Suggest using drip irrigation and compost to prepare for drought.
- b) Travis County Appraisal District (**TCAD**): Bruce Elfant: Tax Collector, Paul Snyder & Mike Cooper, Director of Residential Appraisal:
  - We need to reform 'Robin hood' recapture for AISD (40% gets returned & goes to other areas)
  - 65 year old seniors can now pay quarterly payments as an option
  - Approx. 157 families move to Austin daily. Home values (and R.E taxes) have continued to go up, because of more demand than supply.
  - Skip the trip; pay taxes online; e-bill. Find more information: <https://tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/>
  - State of Texas cut \$1.4 Billion from education, then asks local government to cut their budget but they (all cities) are responsible to make up for their deficits.
  - Need to lobby for (real estate) 'sales disclosure'. This would reduce approx. \$1.5 million per year for data mining
- c) Art Bedrosan of Escondera **JBN Sound Systems** (concerning neighborhoods sound challenges)
  - Art has sound evaluation experience
  - An innovative sound system (from Australia) recently supported by Austin Mayor Adler
  - Unique technology creates vertical tile conical alignment providing a reduction of sound. 100dB at 30'-40' ft nearly inaudible, keeping sound in confined space.
- d) President Darryl Pruet presented and discussed drafted language of **LASA** (Liberal Arts and Science Academy) resolution. (Re: school centrality, overpopulation, and possible relocation of some of the programs). It was approved by membership with authority given to Darryl and Rich DePalma to draft the final language in April. It would then be posted on the OHAN website

## **IV. Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum:**

At roll call, 14 member neighborhoods were represented out of a possible 28 paid or eligible members; so at bylaw quorum rule of 25% + 1, a quorum was present.

## **V. Approval of Minutes:**

March 8, 2017 minutes were approved after revision, addressing typo error on account balance

## **VI. Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer, Alan Watts reported the most recent bank account balance was \$ 1600.70

## **VII. Old Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:**

David Richardson suggested that the OHAN Board reach out to additional neighborhoods and possibly rental developments in the Oak Hill area, to join OHAN.

**IX. Miscellaneous:** none

**X. Adjourn**

President Pruett adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A Tobiansky, Secretary  
April 28, 2017

Approved:

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Darryl Pruett, President

May 10 ,2017  
Date