

Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods

Member Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, May 14 2014 - **Draft**

Circle C Community Center

Austin, Texas

2014 Goals: Outreach, Education, Communication

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Schissler at 7:12 pm.

Member Neighborhoods Attending with an X

	Appaloosa Run Civic Association - Kathy Pounds	X	Meridian - Rich DePalma /
	Aviara - Debbie Unruh / Larry Burklow	--	New Villages of Western Oaks - Nancy Flores
X	Barker Ranch - Gary Gemar / Homero Cabella		Oak Acres NA – Robert Wiley / Sage Walker
X	Circle C Ranch – Claudia Corum / Karen Hibpshman		Oak Park Subdivision Asso – Ralph Weston /
	Circleville NA – Cheryl Grossman		Regents Hills NA – Sebastian Sadler / E. Kalbacher
	Covered Bridge POA – Amanda Lavin / Mike Conner	X	Scenic Brook West – Betsy Boyt / Jeff Brown
	Deer Park - Curry Teckenbrock / Mary Eichner		Sendera HOA – Eric Steen / David Williams
	Escondera - David Rhoads	X	Shady Hollow– Vikki Goodwin / Darin Laracuenta
X	Estates of Loma Vista – Dick Armitage		South Windmill Run – Tom Thayer / C. Cespedes
X	Estates of Shadow Ridge - Albert Cantara		Travis Country HOA – Deena. Perkins / C. Wilcox
	Gardens at Covered Bridge – Diane Goodloe / M. Lindgren	--	Valley View NA -
	GK Beckett Estates – Laura Faulk / James Hogan		Villages of Shady Hollow HOA - Lori DeMarco
X	Granada Hills & Estates – Rick Perkins / David Richardson	X	Westcreek NA – James Beckett / John Mendenhall
X	Heights of Loma Vista – Wendell Mills / Lila Oshatz	X	Western Oaks POA – Glenn Ross / Denise Pierce
	Hill Country Estates HOA – David Vandlinder / R. Kleeman	X	Westview Estates – Kevin Good
	Lantana Southwest HOA - Brian Talley /		Woods of Legend Oaks HOA - Katie Desikan /
X	Legend Oaks - Dan Page /		Wyldwood-Kelywood NA – Tom Bryan / L. Boardman
X	Legend Oaks 2 – Darryl Pruett / Nikki Tate		
X	Lewis Mountain – Aan Coleman / Maryann Bowling		
			Bold = OHAN Board Member
			-- Pending Membership

Guests:

Pat Boyt, Katie Long (for Eliza May), Farzad Mashood & Ralph Barrera (Austin American Statesman)

2. Presentations:

TxDOT Safety Improvements / Roadway Construction Status: Jim Schissler

Jim provided a handout from TxDOT that showed the current status of the road improvements around the Y at Oak Hill. TxDOT has been widening both Hwy 290 West and Hwy 71 West in an attempt to make the roads safer by adding a center turn lane and adding shoulders on the roads. Soon they will begin on a project from SW Parkway to about Scenic Brook, but they will NOT be widening the bridge over Williamson Creek at this time.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Aan Coleman, Coleman and Associates

Ms. Coleman presented information on xeriscaping design and hte types of plants to use in a central Texas xeriscape. She made mention of cases in central Texas where HOAs were in conflict with some of their neighbors desires to have and maintain a xeriscaped landscape. She discussed several problems that people have in the proper selection of plant materials and different types of grass options. Matching plant zones, so that they can receive similar types of water, is important, as is watering deeply and less frequently, but not to the point that a plant is dying. She said that planting grass under trees was usually a problem and that is a good area for planting beds and ground cover. She recommends plants such as Mountain Peak which is similar to Asiatic Jasmine, Frog Fruit, Xenia, Horse Herb, Sedge

3. Roll Call / Establishment of a quorum. Fifteen Member Neighborhoods were represented out of a possible 35; so at a bylaw quorum rule of 25% + 1, a quorum was present.

4. Approval of the Minutes from April. The draft minutes had been circulated electronically in advance and a motion was made and approved for passage of the draft minutes. Motion by Dan Page. It was unanimous.

5. Treasurer Report: The Treasurer was not in attendance, but President Schissler reported that we had dues from 3 more members, which has added another \$150 to our account.

6. Old Business:

Resolution: The second draft of the "Resolution in Support of Flow and Safety Improvements to RM 1826" that was introduced at the April meeting and had been circulated electronically to members, was discussed. A few changes were suggested and made and the body voted on the final resolution that passed unanimously. A copy is attached to these minutes. This resolution will be forwarded to our County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, City of Austin Connectivity / Roadway managers, TxDOT Regional Engineer Ben Englehardt, the chair of the CAMPO Technical Advisory Committee, as well as the Chair of CAMPO, Will Conley.

Future Meetings: President Schissler led a discussion on our next meetings and asked the body about possible different Candidate Forums that we could have in the upcoming months. The candidate forums will be held in conjunction with the Oak Hill Business and Professional Association (OHBPA) and hopefully will take place at the Southwest Family Fellowship Church where we had the primary forum for County Judge in February.

August 13th Meeting: Transportation Financing / Travis County Commissioners Court Judge

September 10th Meeting: City Council, District 8 candidates

October 8th Meeting: Mayoral candidates, City of Austin

7. New Business:

Oak Hill Young Businessperson Award: President Schissler mentioned several sizable scholarship awards being given by OHBPA from the money raised at their golf tournament last year. More info on the OHBPA website at www.ohbpa.org A link will be added to the OHAN.ORG website. Planning for this years OHBPA tournament has begun.

Foundation Communities Tour on June 18th, 11 am to 1 pm, free lunch: Secretary Perkins announced that a tour of the Southwest Trails Community will be in June and members should be receiving an RSVP request for that. This is the Affordable Housing community that OHAN supported in a resolution in February.

President Schissler adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Perkins

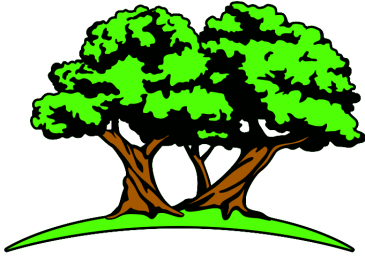
Approved:

Rick Perkins, Secretary

16 May 2014

Jim Schissler, President

Date



OAK HILL ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

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Resolution in Support of Flow and Safety Improvements to RM 1826

WHEREAS, the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods is an umbrella association of more than 35 neighborhoods in southwest Austin and southwest Travis County,

WHEREAS, the populations of the City of Austin and Travis County have been growing at the highest rates of all regions in the United States, and this trend is forecast to continue over the next 10 to 20 years,

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) has designated RM 1826 to be built as a 4-lane divided road with a center turn lane, sidewalks, and a wide shoulder,

WHEREAS, traffic congestion on Hwy 290 West and Loop 1 South (MoPac) causes drivers of automobiles and trucks to use shorter routes that often include portions of RM 1826,

WHEREAS, RM 1826 is currently a two-lane road without shoulders or safe left turn lanes and a posted speed limit of 55 MPH,

WHEREAS, the northern 5 miles of RM 1826 contains residential subdivisions on either side and includes a hospital and a middle school,

WHEREAS, the RM 1826 crossing over Slaughter Creek is dangerous for vehicles, equestrians, and pedestrians and does not have the minimum required safeguards for a bridge on a state roadway,

WHEREAS, bicycle traffic has increased on RM 1826 as vehicular traffic has increased causing an unsafe condition for users of the road attempting to access the Slaughter Creek Wildlands bike and equestrian trails,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods requests the Texas Department of Transportation, Travis County, and the City of Austin to allocate funding to plan, design, and construct a center turn lane, shoulders, and including, but not limited to, safe passage for pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians, and automobiles over Slaughter Creek, beginning on the northern section of RM 1826, to improve the safety for all users of the roadway.

Passed by unanimous consent on May 14, 2014.

Jim Schissler, President
Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods