WNA Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2010
6304 Sanderson (Barb's house)

In attendance: Chris Schexnayder, Gary Buvenick, Jan Boswell, Chris Morris, Barbara Huffman, Jennifer Voss, Vicki Phillips, and Trudy Hasan

- Jan presented the Treasurer's Report. Ninety-one (91) homeowners have paid their dues so far this year. Only 10 have signed up via the website.

- The Board approved the February 2010 minutes.

- Chris S. introduced new board member Vicki Phillips (Member at Large #1).

- Barbara Huffman is the chair of the Neighborhood Enhancement Committee (NEC). Jennifer Voss and Hannah Williams will be serving on the NEC to assist Barb with all issues regarding neighborhood aesthetics (thanks Jennifer and Hannah!). Chris S. has updated the code enforcement form. Discussed unmowed yards, disabled vehicles, and boats/RVs in view. Give a week or two to see if the problem is just temporary, then provide a notice to the homeowner or renter. If the notice is ignored, then report to 311. If the house is a rental, send a notice first to the tenant, and then to the property owner if there is no response. If you mail or give an enforcement form to someone, send a copy of it to Barb (email) along with a photo. She will keep a spreadsheet of who is receiving code enforcement notices.

  Discussed the Yard of the Month (YOM) with respect to the newsletter deadline. The weekend before the 10th of each month is our deadline for getting information to Karen. Do we want to skip April YOM since the winter was longer than usual? Gary suggested that we not be restricted by the newsletter deadline. Let's pick an April YOM winner later in the month and post it immediately to the website and Yahoo group.

  Discussed the YOM gift certificates provided by Randalls and Emerald Gardens. Would they be willing to provide several months at a time instead of going to them each month? What can we do for them? Website advertising is free; Peel is not. Are there potential other sponsors? Discussed how to increase neighborhood interest in aesthetics: positive examples highlighted in the newsletter or website, stories such as “Bumbling Ben”, reminder that YOM is open to all residents, not just WNA members.

- Gary and Chris updated the Board on the status of the Trail Cleanup by Stefano Crispieri, an Eagle Scout candidate. For the Eagle Scout project to be “worthy”, it has to have some permanent aspects. Stefano has revised his proposal accordingly. Simple benches will be constructed along with a low wooden bridge. Three benches are planned in a circle in a clearing around the big oak near Small MS. The stone steps will be replaced with uniform blocks of limestone. The estimated cost for materials is $375. Gary moved to allow a maximum of $250 in materials for pocket park improvements to be paid by WNA. The motion was seconded and then approved by the Board. WNA will purchase a gift card from Lowe's or Home Depot for Stefano to use.

Discussed City of Austin waiver and city arborist inspection. Gary and Rick Perkins will meet with the arborist next week. The first scout work day is tentatively scheduled for April 17th Bartlett Tree is scheduled for 6 hours on April 17th.

- Membership Drive - Gary has drafted a letter to neighbors encouraging membership in the WNA. After the Board edits and approves it, he will post it to the website, Yahoo group, and listserve. Discussed flyers – one of the two companies has gone out of business. Flyers are cheaper than a mass-mailout and he will get a quote and send an email out for votes.

- Trudy discussed Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep scheduled for Saturday April 10th. We have almost all of the volunteers that we requested (30 total). Decided to postpone the graffiti cleanup – notify Officer LaHood and maybe plan for that in the Fall. For the KAB cleanup, Chris S. offered two long folding tables to use. The dead-end of Yellow Rose could be used as a drag out point for trash. May need to send listserve email for more volunteers. Will ask Randalls about parking in their lot for trash pickup under Mopac bridge.

- Agenda Item #8 – Chris S. and Chris M. will discuss the WNA non-profit status at a later date.

- The Board approves $75 for a plaque to be made for Judy Jefferson's contributions to the WNA. Thank you Judy!

- Chris S. received a letter from Chuy's notifying WNA that part of William Cannon will be closed for the Hot to Trot Run on May 8th.. The WNA supports Chuy's Hot to Trot Run and will notify residents of the lane closure via the website, listserve, and yahoo group.

- Monitoring of Yahoo Group – Elaine will decide who can join the group.

- WNA Garage Sale will be Saturday May 15th. Will be advertised in the Statesman, Oak Hill Gazette, and Community Impact.

- Patton PTA landscaping - $500 proposed/approved as donation from WNA.

- Brush Country mowing is needed again (lots of rain). Approved $125 for mowing.

- The next meeting will be Friday April 30th at 6 pm at Gary's house (5401 Porsche Lane).

Meeting Adjourned.