

**Zilker Neighborhood Association Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum
January 5, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Zilker Neighborhood Association (“ZNA”) Executive Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on the date set forth above.

The following members of the executive committee (collectively, the “Members”) were present:

Lorraine Atherton
Dave Floyd
Richard Gravois
David King
Bill Neale
Dave Piper
Jacob Scheick
Gardner Sumner
Elizabeth Yevich

The Committee discussed the minutes from the August 4, 2014 and November 13, 2014 meetings, and the minutes of the general meeting held on October 27, 2014 (collectively, the “Minutes”). The Committee discussed amendments to the Minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes as amended were approved.

Lorraine Atherton next provided the membership report. The Committee discussed. The Committee also discussed the potential of raising the membership fees at some point in the future.

David King next provided a treasury report. He reported on the ZNA’s projected budget for 2015. He indicated that \$2,460 was received in donations for and \$3,399 was spent on the Holiday Families Program. The Committee discussed.

Dave Floyd next discussed the Holiday Families Program. He reported that the Program was a big success and the eight sponsored families were very happy with the gifts from ZNA members and neighborhood residents. The Committee discussed.

Lorraine Atherton next discussed a proposal to donate \$5,000 for improvements to the Little Zilker Park. ZNA member Mary Sledd recommended that the donation be voted on by the general membership. Lorraine indicated that Gina Diehl, member of the Friends of Little Zilker Park, was still gathering bids and we don’t yet know the total cost for the improvements. David indicated that the ZNA plans to apply for a grant from the Austin Parks Foundation for improvements to parkland in the neighborhood. The Committee discussed but took no action.

David King next discussed a proposal to donate \$500 to the Zilker Kite Festival. He indicated that it would be good for the ZNA to have a table at the Kite Festival to distribute information about the ZNA and sign up new members. The Committee discussed but took no action. David indicated that this item would be discussed at the next Committee meeting on February 2, 2015.

Jeff Jack next discussed the South Lamar Transportation Corridor Study. He indicated that the public instead of the consultants should define the priority goals for the Study. He suggested that the preservation of neighborhood character and strategies to discourage cut-through traffic in the neighborhood should be included in the goals. The Committee discussed but took no action.

Bill Neale next discussed ZNA member Raphael Oyervides's request for a residential parking permit zone near South Lamar Boulevard between Rabb Glen and Frazier Street. ZNA member Jill Carpenter indicated that parking by customers of businesses in that area was not a serious problem at this time. Bill suggested that the Committee monitor the situation but take no action at this time. The Committee discussed and by consensus agreed to monitor the situation but take no action.

New Business:

The Committee next discussed the appointment of Sabrena Wright as interim Treasurer. Sabrena provided an overview of her experience. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously approved Sabrena as interim Treasurer.

Lorraine Atherton next discussed the agenda for the ZNA General Membership Meeting on February 23, 2015. Potential items included the South Lamar Corridor Study, the special events ordinance, a discussion on neighborhood priorities with Councilmember Ann Kitchen, neighborhood parks, approval of a \$5,000 donation for Little Zilker Park, sidewalks, and Butler Pitch & Putt. The Committee discussed but took no action.

David King then discussed the planning meeting for USA Cyclocross at Zilker Park held on December 12, 2014, and his expressed concerns over damage to the park. He indicated that the event producer and Parks Department staff assured him that the course would be routed to avoid damaging trees.

Bill Neale next provided the report of the Zoning Committee and volunteer members. A list of cases being followed by the Zoning Committee was distributed to the Committee. It included these updates:

- **1215 S. Lamar**, Odd Duck, CUP application has been reviewed by City staff, and Odd Duck has till May 16, 2015, to respond to comments.
- **1405 Rabb Road**, the resubdivision application is shown on the City Web site as expired.
- **1300 S. Lamar**, members of the ZNA zoning committee, Stuart Hersh of the Mary Lee Foundation, and owner Scott Trainer met on New Year's Eve to review interior changes to the bar proposed by Trainer. We confirmed that they should not affect our Restrictive Covenant. If the city requires a new CUP hearing for the changes to the bar, we anticipate that ZNA and Mary Lee will have no objections.
- **903 Ethel**, BoA variance for garage door has been withdrawn and replaced with 80% opening variance. BoA hearing scheduled for Jan 12, 2015. Zoning committee recommends no further action on the part of ZNA.
- **1502 Oxford**, garage-door variance postponed by RDCC in December. It has not been posted on the RDCC's Jan 7 agenda, and we have no indication that the owners will pursue a BoA variance.

McMansion building permits

- **904 Jessie**, scheduled for BoA reinterpretation Jan 12, 2015, for measurement and carport exemption issues
- **2015 Goodrich**, resolved with builder for measurement issues, BoA reconsideration of attic exemption issue withdrawn based on staff agreement to clarify staff interpretation of habitable attic provisions of the Code
- **2113 LaCasa**, resolved with builder for measurement and carport issues
- **1911 Collier**, resolved with builder for measurement and carport issues
- **1308 Oxford**, resolved with builder for measurement and carport issues
- **1507 Oxford**, resolved with builder for measurement and carport issues
- **1708 Bauerle**, resolved with builder for measurement and carport issues, before appeal

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved Bobby Rigney as a new member of the Zoning Committee. Mary Sledd questioned Tony Lore's eligibility for membership on the Zoning Committee on the basis of residency in the neighborhood. David indicated that a decision on Tony's membership on the Zoning Committee would be postponed to the next Committee meeting on February 2, 2015.

Ms. Catania's father and three residents of the neighborhood, Craig Parker, Brian Bowers, and ??? spoke in support of a garage door for 903 Ethel Street. Zoning Committee members explained that the garage door variance request was withdrawn and replaced with a request for a variance to the 80% open requirement for carport walls. The ZNA does not oppose the variance to the 80% open requirement.

A discussion by those in attendance ensued about the McMansion ordinance. David King indicated that the Zoning Committee is reviewing building applications for McMansion projects as soon as they are approved by the City to ensure that they comply with McMansion requirements. The purpose is to catch mistakes as early as possible before construction starts and help reduce violations of floor area ratio (FAR) and impervious cover limits.

David King next discussed the potential for officer insurance. Dave Floyd and Sabrena Wright agreed to get a price quote for officer insurance by the next meeting of the Committee on February 2, 2015.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:

President