

Zilker Neighborhood Association Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Details

Scheduled Time

April 3, 2023 at 7 pm CDT

Location

Umlauf Sculpture Garden Conference Room

Attendees (Committee)

- Gary Hamilton - President
- Patti Amaya - VP Social
- Tanya Payne - VP Communications
- Robin Rather - VP Parks & Env.
- Lydia Zaidman - VP Zoning
- JD Leonard - Treasurer
- Jane Santiago - Secretary
- Jeff Jack - ANC Delegate

Attendees (Guests)

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Agenda & Discussion

1. Meeting commenced at 7:06pm
2. Motion to approve [March 1 ExCom minutes](#)
 - a. 6/6 Approved (Jeff Jack abstained)
3. Motion to approve [March 6 General Member Meeting minutes](#)
 - a. 7/7 Approved
4. Motion to approve [March 20 Special Member Meeting minutes](#)
 - a. 6/6 Approved (Jeff Jack abstained)
5. New Secretary
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Motion to appoint Jane Santiago as Secretary
 - i. 7/7 Approved
6. Q1 General Membership Meeting
 - a. ~61 attendees
 - b. Feedback from members
 - i. Setting rules for how to handle order of comments in crowd

1. Such as, "Please state your name, what you do, and how long you've been in the neighborhood."
 - ii. Do we keep changing the location? Or find one consistent location?
 - iii. Creating space for members to propose questions/topics to agenda prior to meeting?
7. Q2 General Membership Meeting
 - a. Monday, April 24, 2023 at Kinney Avenue Christian Fellowship
 - i. Can we rephrase the "Christian Fellowship" part of communications about the meeting to not emphasize the religious affiliation of the venue? (Tanya?)
 - b. 6:30 pm sign-in and socialize
 - c. 7-8:30 pm meeting
 - d. Agenda items
 - i. Vote on [bylaw amendments presented at Q1 meeting](#)
 - ii. Possible speakers:
 1. [15m] CapMetro/Project Connect speaker Lonny Stern
 - a. JD to reach out
 2. [15m] Trying to confirm Councilman Zo. Patti and Lydia will confirm Zo strongly. Ask Zo what he would like to talk about. Affordable housing?
 - iii. Possible topics:
 1. Transit
 2. Public safety? Should we invite our APD person?
 3. Affordable housing
 4. Traffic and infrastructure on Lamar and parking garage in Zilker.
 5. Q&A
 - iv. Voting?
 1. Via colored cards. # of cards needs to = # of eligible voters
 2. Can this be done at the beginning of the meeting?
 - e. Be sure to invite Alter (not to speak)
 - f. Be sure to invite affordable housing community members (ask Lorraine)
8. Q3 General Membership Meeting
 - a. Motion to schedule Q3 General Membership Meeting for Monday, July 31st
 - i. 7/7 Approved
 - b. Venue?
 - i. Probably Kinney Christian Fellowship
 - c. 6:30 pm sign-in and socialize
 - d. 7-8:30 pm meeting
 - e. Agenda items
 - i. Mayor Watson?
9. Next ExCom meeting
 - a. Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 7 pm
 - b. Motion to continue having ExCom meetings at Umlauf
 - i. 7/7 Approved

10. Communications

- a. Think about ZNews articles and submit to Tanya
- b. Any other ExCom members want to receive “Ask ZNA” emails (those sent to zna@zilkerneighborhood.org)?
 - i. Jeff
- c. Response to Steve Barnick’s email about ZPVP?
 - i. Robin to draft an email for Gary to send in response
- d. Postcards
 - i. Second round mailed on Friday
 - ii. There’s a way to send a 6x9 postcard to “new movers” to the USPS routes that cover ZNA’s boundaries for ~\$90/month on average (\$0.79 per address) – varies seasonally based on number of new movers
 - 1.
 - iii. We could automatically send a postcard introducing new residents to ZNA!
 - iv. Motion to send an introductory postcard to each month’s new residents
 1. 6/7 Approved (Lydia abstained)

11. Treasurer

- a. Motion to reimburse Gary for the Q1 meeting venue cost of \$350
 - i. 6/6 Approved (Gary abstained)
- b. Membership stats
 - i. 2021
 1. 259 members
 - ii. 2022 (likely missing some cash paying members)
 1. 228 eligible
 2. 7 suspected ineligible
 3. 4 undetermined
 - iii. 2023 through April 2
 1. 221 eligible
 2. 4 suspected ineligible
 3. Goal: 500 members?
 - a. Flyers with QR code around popular restaurants
- c. Financial report
 - i. We have \$1,587 more in the bank today than one year prior
 - ii. [Draft income statement YTD](#)
 - iii. [Balance sheet looking back a few years](#)
 1. Note that our bank balance is always highest at the end of the year because we have Holiday Family donations but haven’t reimbursed the elves yet (also, ACL ticket sales revenue)
 2. There’s something screwy with the Liabilities section that I need to fix — please ignore that
- d. Bill’s request for ZNA to donate \$3k to Community Not Commodity
 - i. Motion to contribute \$3,000 to Community Not Commodity (Save Our City Austin, Inc.) unrestricted

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12. Social
 - a. Next social event
 - b. Weekend: Alamo Draffhouse, Potluck or Food trucks on tennis courts, food at the restaurant.
 - c. Mix of healthy food and desserts.
13. Equity Action Request related to the overall City of Austin Budget (Robin)
 - a. Led by Cathy Mitchell
 - b. A point person from ZNA to Equity Action?
 - c. ZNA would be 1/30 organizations to join at no cost
 - d. Motion for ZNA to join Equity Action
 - i. Robin and Jeff to rotate this position as point person
 - ii. 7/7 Approved
14. Zoning
 - a. Community Not Commodity filed a lawsuit against VMU2 regarding giving notice
 - b. Lydia has a personal request that would normally go to ZNA's VP of Zoning, but she is the VP of Zoning
 - i. 5 ft height variance request
 - ii. Ethics of how to handle request without bias was discussed
 - iii. Gary to ask Lorraine to arbitrate fairly
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

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