

COCHRAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
of
April 10, 2012 Meeting

The March quarterly meeting of CHNA took place at Fitzhugh Urban Flats on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. After attendees signed in, socialized, and members picked up their voting cards, **CHNA Vice-President Kent Cobb** (who was presiding in place of **Ryan Kruger** who was out of town and unable to attend) called the meeting to order and declared a quorum to be present. **Kent** thanked **Ronda Maass** and Urban Flats for hosting our meeting, and then introduced **Ryan Trimble**, District Director for **Dan Branch**, our Legislative Representative in Austin, who was visiting to meet us and get a sense of our neighborhood and our concerns. **Ryan** answered questions about Bonham School and spoke about their efforts to keep it open.

Kent then asked for the Treasurer's report (**Mary Cronin**, the Treasurer, stated that we have \$11,668.67 in the bank) and then **Mary** explained the Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol sponsored /paid for by Consilient. She then introduced **Dennis Cozby**, one of our Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol Officers, who spoke about crime and crime prevention in our neighborhood, and then answered attendees' questions.

Kent called for new neighbors/members to be introduced. The Minutes from the December meeting/holiday party were read and approved. **Kent** then asked **Judy Sullivan**, a Board Member At-Large to talk about Bonham School and the contents of CHNA's letter to the School Board, City officials and others, stating our disagreement with the decision to close the school, and our hopes for the future disposition of the property. A copy of the letter in substantially final form was distributed to the attendees and **Kent** called for discussion and discussion ensued. **Arlene Colbert** informed everyone that the Principal and her entire staff of teachers will be moving to a new school, Adelfa Callejo Elementary, in Pleasant Grove. **Cynthia Mondell** moved, and **Arlene** seconded, that CHNA accept the letter as written and that it be sent from CHNA; there were 27 votes in favor, 0 against.

Kent then gave a short update of the latest on the Milam parking lot – it is the opinion of the neighbors who are directly adjacent to the proposed lot (Michael Anderson, Connie Uhri, Thom Faust and Jack Kemp) that the City would be violating City Code by approving the construction of the parking lot. Since David Cossum, the City employee who did the review, intends to approve the plan as is, there is one last action that can be taken by the adjacent property owners – appear in protest before the Neighborhood Adjacency Review Board at the City, for a fee of \$900.00. **Allen Mondell** moved that the CHNA support the appeal of the City's decision by paying up to \$900.00 for the protest fee. After some discussion, **Allen** withdrew his motion and re-presented a motion that the CHNA reject the City's granting approval of the parking lot plan and support the neighbors who would be protesting the lot plan approval. After further discussion, the motion was voted on, as amended, that CHNA expresses its moral support to the adjacent neighbors should they decide to appeal to the Board of Adjustment. The motion passed with 11 in favor, 7 against.

Kent then distributed and talked about the CHNA “Bucket List”, a list of positive ideas to put in place, by neighbors who get involved, for the ongoing improvement of our neighborhood. Due to the time spent on other issues, discussion of the bucket list projects was deferred to a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller
CHNA Secretary,