**Alta Vista Neighborhood Association**

**Board meeting minutes**

**5 April 2023**

Present: Katie Adams, President; Erin Zayko, Vice President; Cheryl Dozier, Treasurer; Mary Kenney, Secretary; Alston Beinhorn, Director-at-Large; April Driesslein, Director-at-Large; Jennifer Khoshbin, Director-at-Large.

The meeting opened at 6:03 pm.

Approval of 1 March Board meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Erin Zayko, seconded by Mary Kenney.

Treasurer’s Report: Music for the Session at Outlaws Kitchen is $250. The malware program was $200 for the first year. The cost rises steeply in the second year. Malware will renew in June automatically if not cancelled. We need to look for a cheaper service.

Technical Committee - 509 W. Mistletoe Avenue requested an 8’ solid fence in front of their house. There is 2’ limit for a solid fence and a 4’ limit for a fence with spaces. The Board of Adjustment will probably not approve this request as it is out of code. This request has been put on hold until Katie receives a clarification. Erin said that she could phone DSD as an option. We need to revisit the setback expansion from 2’ 4” to 5 ‘.

Concerning 705 W. Craig, Erin will write a letter to the Board of Adjustment about a variance for the 2-2-1 NCD requirement. The city decided that the owner needed to apply for a variance AFTER plans were approved. The staff member who approved the plans is no longer there.

538 W. Woodlawn. On 2 March an inspector went out. (We have just recently found out that the property is for sale.)

Katie Adams will mail a letter to 501 W. Agarita and email Crystal. The property may be a candidate for the Vacant Buildings program. 435 W. Gramercy is vacant. Katie will phone Crystal and register this property as vacant.

Arts Committee – PorchFest will take place 6 May from 1pm to 7pm. Fund-raising is underway with $200 already received. [SATXPorchfest@gmail.com](mailto:SATXPorchfest@gmail.com). A call for volunteers will be sent out. The Food Pantry funding has been streamlined. Jen Khoshbin has set up a monthly donation account which keeps growing. Jen stated congratulations to Outlaws Kitchen session.

Newsletter updates – The AVNA newsletter is issued every other month. May will be next. PorchFest should be included. Peggy Howe and Corey Schultz used to do neighborhood spotlight articles. Katie Adams said that she is willing to write and to add photographs. Suggested businesses include: Philocoffee, Housman Mill Works, Mr. Juicy, Rainbow Jewelry Repair, Hyped Goods, and the barbershop upstairs from them. Alston Beinhorn suggested a book review and promotion of Together We Read at the public library. Kris and Erin Zayko are working on the newsletter.

Messages from our representatives - Dorian Keller and Officer Jesus Hinojosa. 946 W. Ashby will be reinspected 15 April by COE officers. The 1000 block of W. Summit ? Alleyways in our neighborhood need safety measures, especially those not used for trash pickup. The new section of San Pedro Park was the subject of two meetings with a councilman, police, Hector Cardenas, and Monte Vista. Perhaps we could activate a park conservancy as Friends of San Pedro Park. The San Pedro Park patrol may expand to a 24/7 presence.

The brick walkway for the traffic islands project is reorganizing. Nick Nancy, retried civil engineer, and Johan Coetzee may be available to oversee the project. Erin will contact Nick. We need a “notional” estimate for the costs. Steps include: review of the hand-drawn plans, review of existing materials like the stored bricks, a proposal of costs over the approved $500 from the Contreras Fund.

Around the Room - Are we still considering a San Pedro Park clean-up? (Chris Forbridge?)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kenney, Secretary