

## **Bull Creek Road Coalition Meeting – January 7, 2015**

Attendees: Marian Alexander, Gina Allen, Arten Avakian, Bennet Briar, Charlotte and Gary Cooper, Ben Cross, Robert Deegan, John Eastman, Donna Edgar, Jesse Greendyk, August Harris, John Heal, Carl Hehmsoth, Daniel Hernandez, Jeff Howard, Betty Littrell, Garrett Martin, Jason Meeker, Leslie Pool, Joe Reynolds, Bob Rutishauser, Aamer Shaukat, Andy Simmons, Ron Thrower, Kathy Tyler, Sara Speights, Steve Walkup, Ed Wallace, Tom Whatley

Meeting called to order at 5:55 PM

### **Report from Nominating Committee -**

**ISSUE 1**—The bylaws call for two vice-presidents. We have never had but one, and can see no reason to name more than that.

**RECOMMENDATION**—Amend the bylaws to stipulate only one vice president.

**ISSUE 2**—The bylaws do not mention the existence of an Executive Committee, or a role for the immediate past president. Most organizations designate who serves on an executive committee, and it often includes the position of immediate past president. Now that we are moving into a time when some decisions may need to be made quickly, such as effectively responding to city proposals or other situations, it seems appropriate to name such a group. This should be a group small enough to act quickly between Board meetings, but large enough to have the confidence of the Board members. The nominations committee imagines it working this way: The President or his designee identifies an action or issue that needs guidance or a decision sooner than the full board can be assembled in its monthly meeting. The issue is presented by email to the full BCRC listserv group, stating deadlines by which the Executive Committee members must submit a response. All BCRC listserv members, voting and non-voting, may express an opinion by email. By the deadline, Exec. Com. members express their position.

**RECOMMENDATION**—Amend the bylaws to designate the immediate past president as a voting member of the board, and amend the bylaws to designate an executive committee made up of the following six members: Immediate Past President, President, Vice president, Secretary/Treasurer, Chair of the Legislative Committee and Chair of the Design Principles Committee

**ISSUE 3**—In several instances Board members actually hold two voting positions. For example, John Eastman votes for his neighborhood association (Ridgelea) and is also eligible to vote as President of BCRC. Our practice has been that each person—regardless of how many voting positions held—is actually entitled to only one vote. But the bylaws are silent on this issue.

**RECOMMENDATION**—State in the bylaws that each voting board member is eligible to vote only once on an issue regardless of how many voting positions are held by that person.

### **--2015 BCRC Officer and Standing Committee Recommendations--**

The Nominations Committee makes the following recommendations for 2015 officers and chairs of standing committees:

President—Carl Hehmsoth (Oakmont Heights)

Vice President—Sara Speights (Allandale)

Secretary/Treasurer—Gina Allen (Rosedale)

Legislative Chair—Tom Whatley (Oakmont Heights)

\*Design Principles Chair—Ed Wallace (Highland Park West) (Leslie Pool will be resigning this position since she was elected to the Austin City Council, District 7.)

Leslie moved to adopt the changes and the nominated slate and Joe seconded.

**Presentation by Milestone - Garrett Martin - CEO, Jeff Howard - Attorney, Steve Walkup - Project Manager, Ron Thrower - Zoning, Robert Deegan - Norris Design, Jason Meeker - Public Relations**

Milestone Home Builders are Austin's largest privately held home builder. Their work includes both individual infill and new suburban neighborhoods. They believe in zoning as a collaborative process and will work to inform neighbors through both low and high tech avenues. They want to build a legacy project that endures for 100 years and gives something back to the neighborhood. The company also gives back to the community through various projects with local charities.

Their process will be iterative and they hope to meet with BCRC and neighbors every 2 weeks. There will be a Vision Meeting on 1/21/2015 and a Planning Concepts Meeting on 1/28/2015.

Time line - hopefully 5 months to get them through zoning with the City.

3 year leaseback on 29 acres - Milestone's plan is to develop the whole tract as one comprehensive project and then deal with the TXDoT lease.

A question was asked about construction noise and Milestone said that since many of their properties are infill they are used to working with neighborhoods to be respectful during the construction phase.

John reminded them that there are larger pieces that shouldn't be ignored such as creating the trailhead and traffic management issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM