

COVNA Executive Board Meeting
February 15, 2024, 6p - Ron's house (9003 Queenswood)

1. Call to order & Attendance- 6:07PM Denise, Will, Ron, Rita, Julie and Dorothy

1. Pending Business

- a. Membership update/action plans to increase membership- Ron hasn't received any additional members from last meeting. We discussed new ideas to connect with the neighborhood. Ron said in the past the Newsletter has been the best form of communication. Denise mentioned the COVNA page and group COVNA community page on FB.

ACTION ITEM: Denise will investigate adding additional admins on COVNA Facebook page.

2. New Business

- a. Discuss the Home Initiative- Rita shared she is staying neutral regarding our neighborhood while representing CONVA in the ANC meetings. The ANC does not support the new ordinance. We are currently under phase one, but phase two is coming down the pipeline. For our neighborhood, the most significant piece is that now we are now zoned SF1. What is important for us to understand is that our zoning is nonexistent now. How many houses on lot depends on zoning but under the Home Initiative owners can go up to 3 homes per lot, phase 2 goes to 6 on lot. Homes can go closer to the lot line front and back as well as height. Rita went onto say- we should pay attention to trees and how they are impacted as they may no longer be protected. She also included that this initiative was intended to increase housing supply however there is no affordability component to this change. Dorothy shared that property owners may have an opportunity to protest when a neighboring property applies to take part in the home initiative. Ron asked about homes being scraped for the lots, Dorothy shared that if a home is over 50 years old that they would have to gain approval from the Historic Commission. She also shared that since the neighborhood is over 50 years old, we qualify to be designated as an Austin Historic Neighborhood and she has contacts who could help with the process. Denise asked if Dorothy could invite them as a guest speaker at the Spring Fling to share more details.

ACTION ITEM: Dorothy to reach-out to Texas Historic Commission/Preservation Austin to invite speakers to the Spring Fling to educate us on what it means to be a neighborhood with a historic designation and what the application process looks like.

3. Newsletter update- Julie reported that the newsletter is printed needs to be picked-up.

Volunteers have been identified and are ready to deliver as soon as the newsletters arrive. Julie is shooting for Tuesday to start deliveries.

4. Event update- Garage sale is our next event. As we near the date it's time to check-in on stickers or any needed updates to the signs

ACTION ITEM: Dorothy to reach-out to Tom Bray regarding the garage sale date and what he needs from COVNA to update signs.

5. Future agenda items- Ron requested \$72.95 reimbursement for newsletter/dues envelopes, all approved. Julie requested \$74.56 reimbursement for newsletter printing, all approved. Will shared Colingwood welcome sign has incorrect speed limit posted/Dorothy mentioned Castlewood speed limit posted as 30. We will add "speed limit signage" to next meeting agenda.
6. Future meeting- hosted by Rita
7. Adjourn- 7:01 PM