

**OWANA Steering Committee
Special Meeting
March 3, 2002**

Members in Attendance: Mike Whisenhunt, Margaret Bruch, Nancy Toelle, Saralyn Stewart, Laura Morrison, Daniel Traverso, Stella Powell

Guest: Marjorie Moore

Margaret called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

The minutes for the special meetings held February 17, 2002 and February 22, 2002 were approved.

1. Jay Irick's Variance Request of 900 W. Lynn and Subsequent Rezoning

Concerns were raised over the following:

- This is not a case that is supported by the OWA Neighborhood Plan (NP), and it is not a case of small lot amnesty (which is included in the OWA NP)
- This is a special situation due to the fact that there are preexisting houses already on one lot, and that a vote to "not oppose" by the Steering Committee cannot be seen as a precedent for future requests for support (or to "not oppose") variance requests to subdivide lots
- The application for the variance submitted by Mr. Irick has two inaccuracies: under #1 ("The proposed rezoning follows the guidelines of the OWA NP" – it does not); and under #2 ("...and the neighborhood association fully supports the re-zoning." – OWANA has not voted as yet to support, not oppose, or oppose this re-zoning.)

Mr. Irick has committed to apply for a zoning rollback from MF to SF (as supported in the NP), on the new lots (if the subdivision is approved) and will participate in the upcoming workshop on rolling back residential zoning. He will proceed with the rollback after that. Mr. Irick will provide Nancy with a letter to this effect.

Nancy made a motion that the SC "not oppose" this variance, and that in the SC letter to the city:

- the above concerns be explained
- the SC request of the city that Mr. Irick's application be amended to correct the inaccuracies
- and Mr. Irick's intentions to rollback the zoning be cited.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on West Austin Park and Interaction with the City

Margaret provided an update on events since the meeting was held with the City to discuss the situation at the park. Acting Assistant City Manager Chief MacDonald has

agreed to support going forward with a trial period of a fenced leash-free area in the park (OWA NP, Action #77) and believes that a fence should be constructed with City funds. He stressed however, that there would be zero-tolerance for dogs off leash outside of the area or posted times. In addition, he believes that the General Meeting on March 5, 2002, should not be used as a time to rehash history but to move forward.

3. The Format for the General Membership Meeting on March 5, 2002

Logistics for the meeting were discussed as follows:

Sign-in will be as a resident member (i.e. voting member), resident non-member, or visitor, and nametags will be color-coded

Tables will be set up in front, one for the SC, another for the visiting City Staff

The meeting will be run according to Robert's Rules of Order

Speakers from the audience will be limited to one minute

A hand-out will be prepared for attendees to describe the current status in working with the City on the park issue

A parliamentarian will be sought, preferably one from outside the neighborhood

4. Reconstituting Committees

The proposed chairs for Subcommittees are as follows:

Parks – Marjorie Moore

Historic Preservation – co-chairs Laura Morrison and Katy O'Neill

Zoning – Nancy Toelle

Transportation – Stella Powell

Neighborhood Plan Implementation – Mark Stine

Public Safety – Daniel Traverso

Stella Powell moved that these names be approved as chair of the special subcommittees.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.