

ASPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 20, 2005

7:12 Meeting called to order by President Phelps

Welcomes Members, Board of Directors and Special Guest, Dorinda Puliam

ROLL CALL:

Present: Judy Phelps, Will Mitchell, Peter Lohmann Terri Stewart, Jessie Mannicia and Pam Lougee.

Absent: Director Van Nostrand and Director Cokins.

Director Van Nostrand was working out of town. Motion to approve Director Van Nostrand's absence is approved.

Paul Meisler, Pioneer Properties, is absent, due to a prior engagement.

Established a quorum

President Phelps made a motion to approve the minutes of last meeting of December 7, 2004.

Director Mitchell, second the motion

Motion passed

Special guest, Dorinda Puliam, Assistant Director of the Travis Co Health and Human Services, reported on the findings of the Travis County Commissioners Court concerning the leash law and dangerous animal law. Currently the procedure is to wait until events such as a human is bitten before any action can be taken. With the proposed ordinance, there will be three changes: 1) the definition of a dangerous dog 2) At present, the case has to go before a Judge before a dog can be classified as dangerous. Under new ordinance, dangerous dogs will be handled at an Administrative level, which how it handled in the City of Austin. The new ordinance would bring the city and county into line with each other. The new ordinance will require owners to keep dogs on owner property or on a leash while walking with their owner. Violations will allow citations to be written or that the animal will be impounded. Registration will be recommended which will identify dogs, will also protect them by getting them back home. Registration will need to be updated annually. ID tags help identify the dogs and there is a 10 day waiting period at the pound instead of 3 days for unregistered. Volunteers will be needed to help distribute flyers to get the word out when the law passes. They are hoping to get the funding for programs for free rabies vaccinations and free sterilizations to low income neighborhoods. Sterilization helps in the reduction of bites. They are restructuring man power to work closely with the Sheriffs' department to get all the calls about the dangerous animals handled. She is confident that the law will pass soon and she is targeting neighborhoods with more problems. High level of demand equals high level of service and they will prioritize calls.

Questions to Ms. Puliam, from the membership-

(Ms. Puliam's response in italics)-

Lance Hadley: questions manpower and "need". *High level demand areas will receive manpower. It depends on the number of complaints, urbanization of the area, and number of people in the area.*

Corinna Reed: questions unregistered dogs on loose. *Once the new law is in place, traps can be placed on private property with the community's help. Animals can be trapped and picked up.*

Mikus Grinsberg: ask how long to implement, once the law is passed. *The new language should be completed in two weeks; a court hearing will be held in three*

weeks for approval of language. This will be followed by a public hearing and voted on, with the new law possibly taking effect as soon as the end of February. They are already working on changing the signage on the trucks and uniforms to reflect Travis County as well as City of Austin.

Sandra Kimball: states that we have learned that even good dogs become bad dogs when they run in packs. She also wants to know about the language changes concerning provocation. *It is rare that the language omits provocation but that the attorney's in this case assure her that they will.*

James Ezell: What evidence will be required to label a dog dangerous? *Affidavits from witnesses and conducting hearings and investigations.*

Boyd Graves: Doesn't seem that registration will be effective.

The registration provides for the following: ten days in shelter, ride home by office, emergency medical up to \$600.00 for injuries, and your dog is taken off the street for its safety. . Anyone can register dogs through the vet or with the city They also offer micro chips for \$15.00 through city programs.

Lance Hadley: Newsletter may be a good way to get info to community.

Suggests Isam add info to the website.

President Phelps: confirms the ordinance will be complaint driven. *Yes, Animal Control will rely on residents to call in regarding dog problems. The Community will need to be active with this program to assure success in each neighborhood Dialing 311, option 2 will get help in the mean time.*

Director's Reports

President's Report/ Judy Phelps:

- There will be a public hearing on the 8th of February for the dog issue with the Travis County Commissioners Court.
- Renee Crowder has resigned her position with the Board, she has our thanks and she will be missed.
- Judy Higgins has moved from the neighborhood and will no longer be doing the newsletter for us. She has our thanks and will be missed. We have postponed the newsletter until February.
- Disaster readiness workshop on Feb. 8, 15, and 22 at the Travis County Sheriff Department Annex on Hudson Bend Road. A fee of \$5.00 is requested for the handbook. Pre-registration is required.
- Red tag at the Lakeside Park (on the landing dock) is close to being resolved. Required documents will be delivered to the City of Austin next week.
- The Lake Apache issue is still being worked on. Still waiting for "second opinion" bid from Raba Kister Consultants.
- Thanks to Doug Saile for the recent completed road work and for his part on seeing this project to finish.
- Maintenance fees are due March 1st; if paid after that date, late fees will be added.

Property Management Report: Paul Meisler had a conflict with tonight meeting date and could not attend. His report is in the meeting packet.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly report is included in the management packet.

Admin report: Changing office hours has been discussed; at this time, the hours will remain the same.

Maintenance report/Director Mitchell: moving forward with daily maintenance.

Communications/President Phelps: newsletter slated for mid-February. Deadline for submission of articles is Feb. 4, 2005.

Architectural report/Director Lohmann: approval of building plans is constant. Seeing several requests for older mobile homes. Would like to address Sectional Reps.

Committee Reports:

Park Committee/Jesse Maniccia:

Reports work for the children's park began in June of 04. Now have a site plan, permits, and three bids for the work on the bridge. Thanks to Peter Lohmann and Larry Albee who volunteered with the work day at the park and helped with the demolition of the bridge and playground equipment. The contractor will move forward with the bridge and fall zone.

Roads Report/Doug Saile:

Doug suggested a larger assessment to help with the road work that is needed. He is writing a new policy for choosing roads for improvement. Public road meetings are held annually. Public input is encouraged.

Lakeside Park Committee/President Phelps:

The bulkheads need to be repaired while the lake is lowered. This will be a non-budgeted, non-expected item. Judy asks the Board approve giving the executive committee approval to vote on funds as we get the bids in for each project.

Greenbelt Committee/Pam Lougee: a volunteer workday is scheduled for January 29th, depending on the weather. The greenbelt committee consists of the following members: Pam Lougee, Tom Delaney, Nicki Roberts, Jesse Maniccia, Paul Kyle, Marci Roberts, Bob Cawthon, Will Mitchell and Marge Whitehead).

Members Input-

Mikus Grinsberg: having billing issues. Requests a print out of his payment history.

Boyd Graves: want policy for selection of roads to be worked on. Also, wants minutes from committee meetings and road paving scheduling. President Phelps invites Mr. Graves to join the road committee.

Tom Delaney: wants to know what happens if the assessment fails.

Mikus Grinsberg: suggests a back up plan for the assessment.

It is agreed that President Phelps and Doug Saile will set up a meeting for "assessment review/forum" for membership input. Date to be determined.

New Business-

- Lakeside Committee acknowledged by the Board of Directors, with Director Van Nostrand serving as Chair of this Committee.
Motion by:
Second by:
Motion passes.

- Lakeside Improvements-Funds for emergency items to be approved by the Executive Committee
Motion by: President Phelps
Second by: Director Mitchell
Motion passes.
- Surveys for amenity and common areas. Approval of funds will be handled by the Executive Committee.
Motion by: President Phelps
Second by: Director Maniccia
Motion passes
- Community Forum Committee (Section Representatives Committee) recognized by the Board of Directors, with Director Lohmann serving as the chairperson.
Motion by Director Lohmann
Second by President Phelps
Motion passes
- Motion to approve 1998 mobile home move-on with following stipulations: must repair siding seams and paint exterior for final inspection @ 2400 White Bead. Architectural committee has approved the above trailer and recommends approval.
Motion by Director Lohmann
Second by Director Maniccia
Motion passes (5 in favor-1 opposed)
- Motion to approve placement of old trailer onto adjacent second lot for demolition to be completed in 45 days. Members has placed newly purchased trailer on old location. Address: 1410 Red Fox Architectural committee has approved the above trailer and recommends approval.
Motion by Director Lohmann
Second by Director Lougee
Motion passes (5 in favor-1 opposed)
- Motion to approve 1998 completely remodeled mobile home at 14951 Running Deer. Architectural committee has approved the above trailer and recommends approval.
Motion by Director Lohmann
Second by Director Mitchell
Motion passes (5 in favor-1 opposed)

Motion to adjourn made by President Phelps
Second by Director Maniccia
Meeting adjourned 9:50PM