

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 1995 AUDUBON PLACE ASSOCIATION

Meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one change in wording from "except" to "accept". Motion approving the minutes was made by Keith Culver and second by Rob Devinney.

*Old business was discussed next with the Historic Deed Restrictions at the top of the list asking for everyone to help so that we could get the signatures we need by the end of April. Everyone was reminded that APA membership dues needed to be paid and that a statement had been mailed out. The statement also gave info, on joining **NEARTOWN** at the same time as APA at a discounted rate. The last of the old business involved a discussion on The Right Step organization, Rob & Laura Devinney along with Clay had met with The Right Step directors. They were told of the further plans and their moving of their administrative offices to the former auto repair building that they had purchased on W. Alabama & Rose/and. Clay said a letter was to be sent by APA asking them to make a few simple changes. There was some open discussion and all agreed that we should see what else we could find out about The Right Step.*

Some committee reports were given but not all committee's had reports. The treasurer's report was requested in a balance sheet form for the February meeting. Beautification reported that John O'Donnell did not have time to work on that this year. Frances Frietsch said she would like to work on the beautification so she was appointed committee chairperson. Valerie Peiser gave her P.I.P. report and Clay gave an update on the Alliance Security Patrol.

New Business started with the existing street lighting diagram being handed out for all to review. After some discussion as to what lighting existed and what some of the available options might be, it was suggested by Clay that before we appoint a committee for lighting that we all look over the next couple of weeks at what the lighting is around our own homes and within several blocks. Checking out what lights were blocked out by trees and where there are no lights at all. Everyone was to report back at the February meeting as to what they had observed. Currently we know we have 14 bulbs that need to be changed out to the more powerful bulbs. Clay reported that HL&P was working on an estimate for changing the 14 bulbs and he should have it at the next meeting.

Other new business included a discussion about Ed Kopinitz and Laura Devinney meeting with a representative from the Texas Historical Society on January 25th. Clay had made contact with him (office in Austin) and he said he would be glad to come and look at our area and give us his ideas and suggestions.

Clay called for a motion to adjourn. Ed Kopinitz made the motion and Keith Culver second, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p. m.

AUDUBON PLACE ASSOCIATION
MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 2, 1995

1) 7:30 *CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

2) *INTRODUCE GUEST SPEAKER, MR. JOHN PEAVY*

(CURRENTLY IN THE FEBRUARY RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR SHEILA JACKSON LEE'S
VACANT SEAT)

3) *START BUSINESS MEETING WITH SILENT READING OF
JANUARY'S MINUTES*

4) *TREASURES REPORT (SEE HAND OUT)*

5) *OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS*

6) *OLD BUSINESS*

A) *DEED RESTRICTIONS*

B) *STREETLIGHTS*

C) *RIGHT STEP*

D) *DUES: APA & ALLIANCE SECURITY*

E) *OTHER*

7) *NEW BUSINESS*

A) *OPENTOFLOOR*

8) *ADJOURN*

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 2, 1995

October 5, 1995

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at the River Cafe and called to order by President Clay Sterling at 7:40 p.m. Those attending were: Karen & Sam Bernstein, Ralph Cooper, Alex & Andrea DiBagno, Harry & Karen Deakin, Laura & Rob Devinney, Tracy Klein, Ed Kopinitz, John O'Donnell, Suzanne O'Meara, Valerie Peiser, Dinah Reddick, and Clay Sterling.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that APA has a balance of \$6,124.58, with \$5,004.17 in savings and \$1,120.41 in checking. \$2,302.46, is set aside for the Security Fund, and \$562. for the Lighting Fund.

September Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by those in attendance and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Preservation Committee - Laura Devinney reported that the photos of area homes and properties are due. We are still exploring the possibility of either UofH or Rice providing architecture students to assist us with our research. There is a Historical Landmarks Program workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. To register, call 216-5000, or fax 216-2143. A \$6. box lunch will be available to those who desire and pre-register.

Security - Laura Devinney reports that Walgreen's is being sued as a result of a parking lot robbery. There was discussion about whether we should support this suit and Laura agreed to further research it and report back to us at the November meeting. Chuck Noll reported a vagrant sleeping/camping in front of the Out Smart office on Audubon. Score Two For Security is scheduled for Monday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. To help with food, tickets, or publicity, please call Julie Adams @ 520-7017 or Robin Smith @ 528-5821.

Membership: 1996 Dues are Due!!

Recycling: No report

Neighborhood Quality: No report..

OLD BUSINESS:

A big THANK YOU to all of the members who worked on Deed Restrictions for are neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations Committee: The Nominations Committee presented their proposed slate for Audubon Place Association 1996 officers. The nominees are: President - Laura Devinney; 1st Vice President - Sam Bernstein; 2nd Vice President - Valerie Peiser; Secretary - Suzanne O'Meara; Treasurer - Maaika Van Bommel.

There were no further nominations made from the floor. This slate will be voted at the next regular meeting November 2, 1995, at 7:30 p.m. at the River Cafe.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Peiser
Acting Secretary

November 2, 1995

The monthly meeting of the Audubon Place Association was held at the River Cafe and called to order by vice-president Laura Devinney at 7:40 p.m. Those attending were: Karen & Sam Bernstein, Andrea DiBagno, Laura & Rob Devinney, Dean Johnson, Franz & Tracy Klein, Ed Kopinitz, Lewis & Sarah Ella La Master, John O'Donnell, John & Suzanne O'Meara, Buddy & Valerie Peiser, Karen & Kristin Smith, John Unger, and Maaike Van Bommel.

Guest Speakers: Candidates Michael "Grif" Griffin, Chris Bell, Jesse Frazier and Saundria Chase Gray each presented their platform for the positions sought. Questions followed the presentations.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that APA has a balance of \$6,203.22, with \$5,012.81 in savings and \$1,190.41 in checking. \$2,302.46, is set aside for the Security Fund, and \$562. for the Lighting Fund. The Treasurer reported that she had obtained prices for safety deposit boxes from our bank and it was agreed that we should rent whatever is necessary to store our documents.

October Minutes: The minutes were reviewed by those in attendance and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Preservation Committee - Several APA members attended the workshop held October 21 and found it to be very helpful. We still need to gather photos, abstracts, deeds, and history of properties. Questionnaires will be distributed to help us gather this info. Buddy Peiser suggested we publish interesting "discoveries" in the Newsletter.

Security - The fund-raiser at the HSPVA was poorly attended and this was attributed to scheduling changes and lack of publicity. Karen Bernstein recommended we no longer depend on the school for fund-raisers. Rob Devinney asked what percentage of residents are contributing to the Security Patrol. He was referred to the quarterly statements mailed to each participant. Also, will participants be receiving stickers or decals? Laura will find out about the possibility of getting these. Buddy Peiser suggested we put percentage of participants in the Newsletter and this was accepted.

Membership: 1996 Dues are Due!

Recycling: No report

Neighborhood Quality: Sam Bernstein is still taking names of those interested in having their trees trimmed and/or fertilized.

OLD BUSINESS:

Walgreen's: it was reported that there are no lawsuits pending at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walgreen's: Dean Johnson reported that there are homeless living behind the abandoned Walgreen's building. Tax records show that Walgreen's is the owner of record and Rob Devinney agreed to be our liaison with Walgreen's and try to remedy the situation.

Westheimer Street Festival: Decided that APA should take their own stand re: the festival. The Secretary will present a draft of a letter to Mayor Lanier at the assn.'s Christmas party December 7, expressing our opposition.

APA Christmas Party: This year's party will be held at Alex and Andrea DeBagno's house, 608 Harold at 7:30 p.m. Call Andrea to coordinate food and drink at 529-6525.

Nominations Committee: There being no further nominations a motion was made to accept the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee at the October meeting. There was a second and the slate was approved unanimously. The 1996 officers of Audubon Place Association are: President - Laura Devinney; 1st Vice President - Sam Bernstein; 2nd Vice President - Valerie Peiser; Secretary - Suzanne O'Meara; Treasurer - Maaike Van Bommel.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Peiser
Acting Secretary