

# Park Springs Neighborhood Association

## Minutes of Membership Meeting – February 2, 2016

- I. **Call to order** – President Maura called the meeting to order.
- II. **Minutes of previous meeting** – minutes of Nov 3, 2015 meeting emailed to members on 2/1/2016
- III. **Treasurer's report** - Report by Rod noted there was a bank balance of \$3,432.24
- IV. **Reports/Old Business**
  1. Update on proposed asphalt plant on Highway Old 20 - Jon reported on the asphalt plant It is situated on a 250 acre piece of land just west of Iron Horse. It is in Austin's extra territorial jurisdiction and does not require a permit since it is not discharging anything due to their technology. It is owned by Argon Materials which is the largest asphalt producer in the US. Iron Horse does not deal with asphalt but rather they produce a "mix" to make concrete.
  2. Taylor Lane improvements from Blake Manor Road to future Braker Lane extension – no information
  - 3, How to determine if your new neighbor applied for a septic permit when he built his house – With so many people moving to our area/building homes/ erecting mobile homes, we need to be diligent in making sure that all building permits are acquired. The freedom of information request is the only way you can find out if your neighbor is following septic regulations. The permits must be on display on a board at the construction site.
- V. **New Business/Concerns/Comments from members**
  1. Dogs killing cats on Parsons Street behind the water tower. It was reported that the dogs were trapped and that the Sheriff Department was called about this matter. Get a case number and if the deputy does not act on future instances, please have the case number and contact a supervisor who will make sure the call is forwarded to Animal Control.
  2. Guns being fired in the middle of the night
  3. Tall grass, standing water, abandoned cars, issues of dumping construction debris including sheet rock, asbestos shingles in a dry creek bed – it was reported and 10 violations were issued. Within a week, all of the materials had been hauled away. Ask for Environmental Detective Ava Reyna at (512) 854-9770 if you see environmental concerns.
- VI. **Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 1** –  
Richard Franklin, Arthur Sampson and Jeff Travillion made a five minute presentation about their candidacy. Candidate James Nortey did not attend
- VII. **Guest speaker – Malcom Brown "Lockwood Gardens"**  
Professor, Department of Botany, University of Texas discussed his landscaping projects, that our type of soil has a lot of moisture retention. Malcolm noted he planted sixty pounds of wildflower seeds on his property.
- VIII. **Other information** – A joint primary election comprised of Democratic and Republican candidates will be held on Tuesday, March 2.
- IX. **Adjourn** – the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

**Next Membership meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

Election of Officers

If you would like to be considered for an officer position, please see Maura