



Cherrywood Urban Landscape and Arts League (CHULA League)

Annual Membership Meeting
November 13, 2006

Agenda:

1. Call to order.
2. History and mission of CHULA.
3. Bylaws.
4. Financial statements.
5. Summary of 2006 activity.
6. Board member election.
7. Direction for 2007.
8. Invitation to join.
9. Adjourn.

1. Call to Order

The regular annual membership meeting of CHULA was called to order by Priscilla Boston, Board Chair, at 7:00 pm on November 13, 2006 at the home of Jane Walton. Attending were:

Lee Clippard, 3814 Half Penny
Vanessa McMahan and daughter Brittany, 1407 Crestwood
Shanda Sansing, 1428 Briarcliff Blvd, Windsor Park
Chris Scharff, 3710 Robinson
Mark & Beverly Schiff, 3207 French Place
Maddie Kadas, 1307 Bradwood Rd
Priscilla Boston, Board Chair
Jane Walton, Secretary/Treasurer

A quorum was present. Each attendee made a brief self-introduction. Vanessa McMahan distributed two booklets from the City of Austin: "Green Neighbor" and "Native and Adapted Landscape Plants".

2. History and mission of CHULA

Boston provided a history of the Cherrywood Art Fair, and the decision to form a separate non-profit organization to continue the fair without dependence on other organizations. She explained the CHULA mission of supporting both art and landscape in East Austin. The "boundaries" of the CHULA geographical area were discussed.

3. Bylaws

Jane Walton provided a handout "Bylaws Summary" (attached to these minutes) and the bylaws were briefly explained.

4. Financial statements

The current balance sheet and profit and loss statement (attached to these minutes) were distributed and discussed. In particular, the budget for the art fair expected remaining proceeds was explained.

5. Summary of 2006 activity

Boston highlighted the two major projects for 2006—the 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ street bus stop project, and the 2006 art fair.

6. Board member election

Each Board member serves a 2-year term. Board members rotate off the board in staggered terms. The board term of Kathy McTee, Vice-Chairman, was scheduled to end on December 31, 2006.

The nominating committee composed of Priscilla Boston (board member) and Girard Kinney (member at large) proposed that Kathy McTee be elected for a second term to run from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. The nomination was seconded by Maddie Kadas. McTee was elected unanimously.

Boston suggested that the next board member to be added would have a landscape emphasis, and members supported this suggestion.

7. Direction for 2007

The following ideas were offered by attendees:

- Directory of artists and landscapers in CHULA triangle
- Neighborhood sign restoration
- History and heritage of neighborhoods in artful maps or signs
- Landscape booth at Art Fair
- Art gallery in Mueller or other area
- Planting in Patterson Park for beauty and erosion control
- Adopt an area in Patterson Park to combine art and landscape
- Community garden
- Art in Patterson Park
- Umlauf-like area in Patterson Park
- Art classes, perhaps at Asbury, perhaps for children and adults, perhaps during the summer, perhaps pay neighborhood artists to conduct them
- Gardening classes
- Lecture series by people with great yards in neighborhood
- Paint concrete tables in Patterson Park as murals
- Paint intersections as murals
- Work on various islands in neighborhoods
- Blocks in Patterson Park to discourage vehicles, for sitting, for beauty
- "Guerilla" art projects (signs to everywhere project in Wisconsin)
- Fundraiser, equinox or May Day, festival with parade, floats, culminating at area with booths, foods, etc. Fremont-like activity (Seattle)
- Violet Crown-like activity, including such things as history tent
- Wine, cheese and chocolate art evening
- Theater as art, relationships with Vanguard and Vortex
- It's Your Park Day partnership
- Free plants, ideas, partnership with Wildflower Center
- Trees, ideas, partnership with Treefolks.org

8. Invitation to join

In response to an invitation to join CHULA, the following membership applications and application fees were been received. These applications will be considered at the next board meeting on November 18th:

Lee Clippard	3814 Half Penny	Resident
Vanessa McMahan & Adrian Tillett	1407 Crestwood	Resident
Chris Scharff	3710 Robinson	Resident
Mark & Beverly Schiff	3207 French Place	Resident
Maddie Kadas	1307 Bradwood Rd	Resident

(Maddie Kadas made an additional \$95 contribution)

Mark Schiff and Lee Clippard took stacks of postcards for the Art Fair to place them in a business on South First and in the studios in the EAST tour that are located in the CHULA area.

9. Adjournment

Boston adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Walton, Secretary



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Bylaws summary:

1. Exclusively charitable – all funds must go to charitable purposes.
2. Mission – to ensure that the arts and public outdoor spaces play a valued role in the educational, economic and cultural well being of Cherrywood and adjacent neighborhoods.
3. Purpose – to encourage enrichment of private landscapes and surroundings through art, design and creative activity; enhancement and preservation of the beauty of public outdoor spaces through art, design and creative activity; arts and environmental education; charitable events related to the appreciation of the arts and aesthetic landscapes; and to seek grant funding and sponsorship donations for art education and public outdoor space improvements.
4. Members are residents of, property owners in, or business operators in Cherrywood and adjacent neighborhoods that supports this purpose. Members are voted in by the board. Members can cast votes in elections. Members can resign.
5. The annual meeting of members is in November each year. Agenda includes electing board members, receiving reports on activities, and determining direction for the coming year. Special meetings can be held if called. Voting issues are decided by simple majority.
6. The board can have 3 to 15 members. Board members serve two-year staggered terms, and can be re-elected. (Note: Kathy McTee is rotating off the board this year.) A nominating committee comprised of one Board member and one member-at-large nominates prospective board members. Members can also nominate candidates from the floor. Board members are then elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Board members can resign.
7. The board meets quarterly. The board elects its own officers, a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The Vice-Chair is in charge of programs. The board can form committees as needed. The Executive Committee (the four officers) conducts day to day business, and their actions are reviewed by the full board.
8. A finance committee prepares the budget for approval by the board. The Treasurer submits regular financial statements. Financial records are public information.
9. CHULA can't make grants to foreign entities, engage in lobbying, or do anything else charitable organizations can't do. It also can't buy things from or sell things to Board members unless 2/3 of the board approves it.
10. CHULA can be dissolved by a vote of 2/3 of the board, but all its assets must go to another charitable organization of similar purpose, or to Austin Parks Foundation.

CHULA League Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2006

CHULA - P&L Compared to Budget 2006

	<u>Jan - Dec 06</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Donations	10.00	100.00	-90.00
Membership Dues	35.00	50.00	-15.00
Program Fees			
Booth Fees Art Fair	0.00	4,200.00	-4,200.00
Food Sales Art Fair	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Neighbors of 38.5	505.00	500.00	5.00
Silent Auction	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Sponsorships Art Fair	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total Program Fees	<u>505.00</u>	<u>6,950.00</u>	<u>-6,445.00</u>
Total Income	550.00	7,100.00	-6,550.00
Expense			
Bank Service Charges	2.50	30.00	-27.50
Grants to Other Organizations	1,000.00	2,000.00	-1,000.00
Interest Expense			
Finance Charge	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Total Interest Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>-30.00</u>
Internet Hosting	83.63	175.00	-91.37
Licenses and Permits	150.00	150.00	0.00
Postage and Delivery	0.00	70.00	-70.00
Program Expense			
Art Supplies Art Fair	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Janitorial Art Fair	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Neighbors of 38.5 Street	759.91	750.00	9.91
Printing Lamination Art Fair	163.78	165.00	-1.22
Publicity Art Fair	792.34	1,200.00	-407.66
Refreshments Art Fair	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total Program Expense	<u>1,716.03</u>	<u>2,765.00</u>	<u>-1,048.97</u>
Web Site Expense	69.95	70.00	-0.05
Total Expense	<u>3,022.11</u>	<u>5,290.00</u>	<u>-2,267.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-2,472.11</u>	<u>1,810.00</u>	<u>-4,282.11</u>
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