

**MINUTES
HCCA BOARD MEETING**

4/4/12

President Cathy Hudson convened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Present: Wally Carson, Brian England, Stu Kohn, Cathy Hudson, Bridget Mugane, Barbara Russell

Guests: Paul Kendall, Russ Swatek

Minutes: approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: dues submitted to Paypal worked well for new members but not as well for renewals; this has been fixed. The Personal Property Tax Return was filed.

Russ Swatek volunteered to take over coordination of the membership list; he will get information from Wally and distribute it to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

HB 127 - would further restrict referendum rights by requiring that signers handwrite the information and the circulators must have each page notarized, creating cost. Russ reported that 14 testified against it and 1 for it. The bill was introduced in reaction to the redistricting and same-sex marriage referenda attempts that are underway. The bill was not voted out of committee and died. It was noted that the first referendum in 20 years at the state level, The Dream Act (no tuition for illegal aliens) succeeded by gathering signatures electronically; it complied with the current stringent criteria.

Nominations Committee - the group's nominees so far are, Officers: Cathy Hudson, president; Bridget Mugane, secretary; Walter Carson, Treasurer; At Large Members: Brian England, Paul Kendall, Stu Kohn, J.D. Smith.

Annual Meeting - Brian will book the Hawthorn Center for either May 14 or May 21. It was decided to have a group discussion of attendees, including members of the public, rather than outside speakers, to get in touch with members' concerns. This can help establish priorities for the coming year and set in motion new projects. Refreshments will be served. Stu, Barbara and Bridget will do meeting notices.

PELU - a meeting is being arranged with Jen Terrasa and Mary Kay Sigaty; a key item will be possible establishment of an independent website for development information.

Howard Hughes Co. - An HCCA Downtown Committee was appointed: Cathy, Brian, Bridget, Barbara and Russ Swatek. Cathy will set up a follow-up meeting for the Committee with Mr. DeWolfe concerning Downtown development.

General Plan - Cathy will testify for HCCA at the April 18 Planning Board hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Mugane
Secretary