

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2017 6:30 PM
Mangia Pizza Meeting Room

In attendance:

Joyce Statz, Julie DePalma, Shannon Meroney, Kirk Ashy, Ernie Saulmon, Chris Hajdu, Caroline Alexander, Cuatro Groos, Vicki DeWeese, Jen Despina, Debra Danziger, Stayton Wright, Rebecca Leightman, John Sepehri

Absent:

David Whitworth, Kirk Ashy

Guest: Amy Hajdu

1. Chris Hajdu, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. A Quorum was present.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: There were no citizens in attendance or registered.
3. CONSENT AGENDA. The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The Board reviewed the financial report for the end of February 2017, as well as the membership report for 2017. All these reports were adopted by consent with no changes. Of note, membership is up 18% from last year.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Amy Hajdu, July 4th Parade Chair, gave a report about parade planning. The committee has 14 members and has met many times already. The route will again be on North Hills starting at the Huels house again this year. Tom Arbuckle will be honored for his decades of service as the Marshall. The Permit request has been submitted. Letters are going out to elected officials to join. Tshirt design was discussed and approved. Sponsor solicitations are going well. Lawn Pop is donating fake turf for the after party to add some ambiance.
 - b. Austin Oaks Update - Joyce Statz reported that the PUD application is on tomorrow's Council agenda. CM Alter is asking for a delay for 3rd reading. The Zoning Committee met and discussed the version Council passed on 2nd reading. They decided to continue supporting the Charrette outcome which is now quite different than the 2nd reading plan. Joyce met with Casar and Alter's aides and discussed with the mayor a potential amendment which would bring the proposal closer to the outcome of the Charrette in terms of site design. She has also spoken with the Mayor about this goal. The Board discussed NWACA's position on the Application at 3rd reading. Ernie Saulmon made the following motion: **I move to oppose the Austin Oaks Plan passed by the Austin City Council on 2nd reading because of the multiple changes made to the Plan during that reading which have resulted in a significant departure from the Charrette design. These changes had a negative impact on the overall plan quality the community benefits and the balanced comprised reached during the Charrette process. These changes include but are not limited to the addition of a new building with 175 more residential units, removal of the hotel, parking garages above restaurants, loss of additional trees, and additional height in the building along MoPac.** Vicky DeWeese seconded the Motion. The Board discussed the motion. Jennifer Despina called the question. John Sepehri opposed. Joyce Statz abstained from the vote. The motion carried with 10 votes in favor.

- c. Annual Meeting -The speakers and agenda were discussed. Board Members were asked to sign up for signs to promote.
 - d. Proxy Voting - The Board discussed the issue of proxy voting. Limits on the time a proxy is valid and the number one person can hold a proxy were discussed and a maximum of three per year per Board member. The vote on this issue was tabled until the June meeting.
 - e. Volunteer of the Year - Two nominations were received. Jerry Levinson and Ben Luekens were discussed. **Vicky DeWeese moved to award both candidates with the honor. John Sepehri seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
 - f. Oak Wilt - Joyce Statz discussed Oak Wilt donations which now total \$38,000. We have disbursed very little each year. **Joyce moved that we discontinue soliciting for donations to the Oak Wilt Fund on our materials. Caroline Alexander seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**
 - g. FABPAC Update - Jen Despina provided the Board with an update on the FABPAC's Facilities Plan Recommendation which was passed by the AISD Board of Trustees recently. The approved plan would include the construction of a new elementary school (probably along Loop 360) which would take approximately 200 students from Doss. Also approved was a complete modernization for Doss Elementary which would result in all the portable buildings being replaced with permanent structures. The renovation of Murchison will be done in two phases with a design and then modernization phase. LASA will also be moved to a central stand-alone location. The soccer fields at Doss Elementary have been completed. NWACA's \$3000 will go toward purchasing the goals on the field and fences around it.
 - h. Anderson Field update - Cuatro Groos provided an update on the Anderson HS field which was badly in need of replacement and expansion. The field will be completed tomorrow. The field will be used by Pop Warner, Trojan Lacrosse and other youth sports groups, Anderson band, Belles and other field oriented groups. Lights will be the next request to increase the capacity of the field.
 - i. The NWACA CapMetro event is planned for April 30 to Peter Pan mini golf. Board members were encouraged to sign up and participate.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Recycling Event - April 22 8-10:00 am. Volunteers are needed.
 - b. K2 letter - K2 is an illegal synthetic drug. City Council will consider an item tomorrow for additional funding for outreach and education on K2.
6. ADJOURNMENT: Julie DePalma moved, and Cuatro Groos seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.