

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 8, 2017 6:30 PM**

**Mangia Pizza Meeting Room**

In attendance:

Joyce Statz, David Whitworth, Julie DePalma, Shannon Meroney, Kirk Ashy, Ernie Saulmon, Chris Hajdu, Caroline Alexander, Cuatro Groos, Rebecca Leightman, Vicki DeWeese

Absent:

Jen Despina, Debra Danziger, Stayton Wright, John Sepehri

Guest: None

1. Chris Hajdu, President, called the meeting to order at 6:44 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.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Austin Oaks Update - Joyce Statz and David Whitworth reported that continued meetings with City Council members are going well. The Council is appreciative of the work we have done and hearing the information from us about surveys and the Charrette. Possible proposed changes were discussed by Councilmember Alter including additional height and residential to add affordable housing. She believes Greg Casar will be bringing those revisions from the Dias. Last week's hearing was postponed to March 23. Speakers can appear at 2:30 or at the later time when the issue is called up. Updates have been provided to the neighborhood via the Facebook page, website and newsletter.
  - b. Annual Survey Update- Joyce circulated the results from our Annual Interest Survey. 267 responses were received. Approximately half of respondents attended the Parade last year, most do not have a preference on the route but more prefer North Hills to Far West. Media awareness indicated our newsletter and weekly email have the highest usage. Facebook and Next Door were next. The vast majority never use the bus. More than half have attended a recycling event and would like to see an event for styrofoam and electronics. The "Most Crucial Local Items" were Zoning, Traffic Speed and Crime prevention. "Most Crucial City Items" were school overcrowding, property taxes and CodeNext.
  - c. Annual Meeting - the Board discussed having speakers on Code Next, CouncilMember Alter, FABPAC activities, and Austin Oaks. Joyce will need assistance on sign preparation of the new date.
  - d. Parade Planning - Caroline Alexander and Julie DePalma reported that meetings have occurred, the letter has been updated, discussions re sponsorships have taken place and the Committee will meet again tomorrow morning.
  - e. Nominating Chair - Chris Hajdu reported that Aaron Daniels has expressed interest in joining the Board and helping with Sponsorships. Chris Hajdu asked Joyce Statz and Vicky DeWeese to serve on Nominating. Other potential nonBoard members were discussed.

- f. Parks Committee - Murchison Pool Improvements - Concept B was the winning design through our survey. We raised approximately \$5,500 through Amplify Austin and qualified for a \$1250 match from Austin Parks. The Committee will now go back to the City with our final design choice for formal approval. They will then apply for grants to fully fund the project from Austin Parks Foundation.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Proxy Voting - Vicky DeWeese presented a proposed Proxy Form for use by Board members. The Board discussed Proxies being helpful for low attendance months or votes called by email on an emergency basis due to time. We will revisit the issue next month and refine the form.
- b. April Recycling event - This is scheduled for Sat April 15 8-10:00. Help will be needed to load the truck. That date may change due to a conflict with Easter.
- c. Soccer Field update - The Doss field was approved for a mixed use field. Construction is imminent.
- d. CodeNext engagement - The Board discussed how to engage neighbors in the planning process. Education is needed for the future of Far West and 2222 and Spicewood Springs to Steck is Urban Roadway. Maps will be released on April 18. April 8 2-4:00 will be a CodeNext Code Talk at Anderson High School. NWACA will promote these opportunities.
- e. Special Project Solicitations - The Board had discussed twice yearly applications. We will begin advertising the next solicitation in the next newsletter. Solicitations will be accepted through May with presentations and decision in June.

6. ADJOURNMENT: Julie DePalma moved, and Cuatro Groos seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.