



NORTHWEST AUSTIN
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017 6:30 PM
Mangia Pizza Meeting Room

In attendance: Caroline Alexander, Kirk Ashy, Vicki DeWeese, Chris Hajdu, Rebecca Leightman, Ernie Saulmon, Joyce Statz

Absent: Debra Danziger, Julie DePalma, Jen Despins, Cuatro Groos, Shannon Meroney, John Sepehri, David Whitworth, Stayton Wright

Guests: Louri O'Leary, Elizabeth Christian, Bruce Todd

1. Chris Hajdu, President, called the meeting to order at 6:50.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: We asked those who had submitted proposals for the Project Reserve Funds to speak to their proposals at this meeting. Louri O'Leary described the problem with weeds at Dry Creek and 2222 that make the neighborhood unappealing. For \$20/month, a person would maintain it. A call to 311 didn't result in any fix. The property owner should be responsible for maintaining the property and keeping the sidewalk clear. The suggestion is that we talk with Tom Horn, our area Code Compliance person, to see what should be done. Until that information gathering is completed, approval of this project is on hold.

Elizabeth Christian and Bruce Todd spoke to the proposal for a 6-month trial of a constable to patrol NWACA for traffic control about 25 hours a month. Increasingly bad behavior has been observed, including two accidents that happened on Spicewood Springs Road involving employees recently. Changes made at a traffic light at Wood Hollow has made that intersection much safer. However, there are many problems being observed elsewhere in NWACA. A program in the Highland Park West Balcones neighborhood with a constable is being effective there, and the request is to do something like this in NWACA. We need to check whether or not our insurance company sees any issues here. We also need to talk with Officer Grayson, our APD District Representative, to ensure APD is aware. After finishing this research, the Board will conduct an email vote regarding this proposal. It was noted that in the future, if this program is successful, we may want to solicit money from sponsors and neighbors for even more coverage.

This proposal triggered doing a survey of the neighborhood about traffic issues. The key points in the survey summary were covered, and a full report was provided to the Board. The report will be posted to the NWACA web site, and a brief summary included in the July newsletter.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: Because there was no quorum, the Board delayed reviewing the minutes for April and financial reports for April and May. Membership is currently up 7% over last year at this time.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Austin Oaks final vote: on April 13, 2017, the Austin City Council had its third reading on the Austin Oaks rezoning case. After a series of amendments, they voted 8-2 to approve the PUD zoning. Those opposing the vote were Kathy Tovo and Alison Alter. Leslie Pool was out of town.
 - b. Charrette Lessons Learned: A meeting was held to discuss lessons learned from the charrette for Austin Oaks, attended by many of those who had worked on the charrette and its implementation from the NWACA committees, along with Michael Whellan representing Spire Realty and Sean Compton from TBG. A consolidated report of the lessons was distributed to the Board.
 - c. Annual Meeting Recap – We had a good turnout of about 100 people, good interactions at the tables, and good presentations
 - d. Parade Planning Report – We have 18 Platinum sponsors on the t-shirts which will be distributed at the end of June. Committee members are getting sponsors to sign up for tables/booths at the Freedom Festival. There is a need for volunteers, so all are asked to push out the message to volunteer. There is also a need to promote the floats. Tom Arbuckle will be honored as Parade Marshal. Atria is coordinating the transport of veterans in the parade from their facility, and Troop 511 will be transporting others.
 - e. Nominating Committee – Vicki DeWeese, Cuatro Groos, and Joyce Statz will be on the committee, and we will seek 3 NWACA members to serve. Nominations are due by August 1, with a slate of nominees due to the Board from the Committee by August 31.
 - f. Murchison Playground Survey and Fundraising – The survey showed the neighborhood favors the more natural, curved shape playground. Stephannie Behrens is chairing the effort and creating a funding proposal for \$100K from the Austin Parks Foundation; about \$100K will need to be raised in the neighborhood, of which we now have \$30K. The chair of the neighborhood fundraising campaign is Brewster McCracken. At the 4th of July Freedom Festival, there will be promotional fans, and yard signs in support of the playground may be sold if they are ready.
 - g. April Recycling Event Recap – This was our second electronics recycling event, and this year we also accepted Styrofoam. 73 households participated, and we had quite a large truck full of material to take to the City’s Household Waste Center in South Austin.
 - h. CodeNEXT Update – The Zoning and Transportation Committee met early in June to discuss their findings to date from reviewing the CodeNEXT text and maps. They provided a report to the Board and asked for a discussion of steps the Board wants to take going forward, to engage the neighborhood and express its concerns about CodeNEXT. The Board agreed to delve into this further when the second version of the code is released. At this point, we will post to Facebook and the web site some information telling people how to see their current zoning and their zoning under CodeNEXT. In the next several issues of the newsletter, we will have a series of articles going into depth on web tools to help understand current zoning and CodeNEXT zoning.
 - i. Proxy Voting – This matter was delayed, since there was no quorum.
5. NEW BUSINESS: none
6. ADJOURNMENT: Ernie Saulmon moved, and Kirk Ashy seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.