



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2015 6:30PM
8012 MESA DR.

In attendance: Caroline Alexander, Stephanie Behrens, Debra Danzinger, Jen Despina, Carol Dochen, Cuatro Groos, Chris Hajdu, Carol Jones, Rebecca Leightman, Shannon Meroney, John Sepehri, Jack Skaggs, Joyce Statz, Robert Thomas

Absent: Kirk Ashy, Stacey Brewer, Matthew Grant, Miguel Romano, Ernie Saulmon.

Meeting called to order 6:40 pm. Minutes approved without revision.

Membership Committee Report by Chris Hajdu: Still behind by 10.8 percent over last year. He plans an end of year push and BOPA is coming, which we hope will close the gap. He encouraged board members to talk to their neighbors.

Garage Sale Committee Report by Carol Dochen - 52 houses on garage sale this year. Half were members. 10 were outside of NWACA boundaries. Notes were sent to encourage those who are not members to join NWACA. We didn't do the Statesman paper ad, but we did the online ad this year; we still had about the same number of participants. Next year, she recommends we do the print ad as well, although it triples the cost (\$180 vs \$400). Board discussed requiring membership to participate.

John Sepehri reported on the **October 6 Bond Forum** - 26 total people were in attendance (15 in audience). Conflict with National Night Out hurt attendance. The speakers were high quality and discussion was good. No new memberships were sold.

Robert Thomas reported on behalf of the **Nominations Committee** - The ballots for the Board have been printed and will be mailed this week. Officer nominations are encouraged by Monday. The Board discussed the election process and whether the Board will receive a list of nominees by November 1. Robert confirmed that will happen this year but didn't last time because only one person per office was nominated. We will vote at the November Board meeting.

Joyce Statz reported on behalf of the **Austin Oaks PUD Ad Hoc Committee**. The meeting with the 4 corners neighborhoods (except NSC whose rep could not attend), No PUD group, John Ruff (Spire) and his new attorney Michael Whellan was heated but productive in terms of resetting the tone of the discussions. Spire seems to be more focused on the desires of the neighbors going forward. Mr. Ruff commented that he wants to be the "face" of AO going forward. They are still interested in pursuing a charrette. A team of 7 people volunteered to coordinate finding leaders for the charrette and have been doing so. The next meeting of the neighborhood representatives is to be held on the 27th.

Robert Thomas reported on behalf of the **Transportation Committee**. Loop 360 study is ongoing. The request for a beacon on Far West near Doss Elementary is getting focus from Doss, which is asking CM Gallo to allot part of her new funds for this. A City engineer attending the Zoning and Transportation Committee meeting also addressed the speed signs and restriping issue on Mesa. A stakeholder meeting is coming up on the restriping. The City does have a new process for requesting a live speed monitor sign. The price quotes were very high. We requested more data. Our committee is researching vendors.

New Business: Cuatro Groos reported an uptick in burglaries and return of tire thieves. The Crime and Safety committee is creating an article for the newsletter to report the specifics and give advice to avoid these. The emphasis is on calling 911 if something looks suspicious. Valburn Circle has a Neighborhood Watch launch event coming up. More signs are needed. Stephanie Behrens moved to approve an expenditure for 20 signs. Caroline Alexander seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Available funds are in the budget.

Joyce Statz reminded people to check their calendar for December 9 Holiday party.

Stephanie Behrens moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47. Caroline Alexander 2nded. Motion carried unanimously.