



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2015 6:30PM

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In attendance: Caroline Alexander, Kirk Ashy, Stacey Brewer, Debra Danziger, Jen Despina, Cuatro Groos, Carol Jones, Rebecca Leightman, Shannon Meroney, Joyce Stutz, Ernie Saulmon

Absent: Stacey Brewer, Chris Hajdu, John Sepehri, Robert Thomas, Vicki DeWeese, David Whitworth

Visitor: Kevin Gantz, Carolyn Abernathy

1. Vice President, Cuatro Groos called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm in the absence of President, Chris Hajdu.
2. Cuatro Groos asked if the board had reviewed the consent items and if there were any additions or corrections. Kirk Ashy moved to approve the consent items, Caroline Alexander seconded the motion. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**
3. Rebecca Leightman gave the end of the year financial report on behalf of the Treasurer. We ended the year 5 percent behind in membership overall. We ended the year with a net income gain, largely due to budgeted expenses which did not occur. Those monies will go into our reserves. Ernie Saulmon moved to accept the Financial Report; Kirk Ashy seconded the **motion which passed unanimously.**
4. Kevin Gantz spoke during Citizen Communication time. He voiced concerns regarding ATT trenches and their refusal to repair the landscaping in yards in the neighborhood. Vice President Groos asked him to coordinate addresses that had been impacted. He reported 6 foot holes/trenches past the utility easement in his yard. The Board discussed raising this issue through our Councilmember to seek relief.
5. Cutaro Groos presented the Committee roster lists and asked members to proof their information and ensure their accuracy. We still need Chairs for Sponsorship and Wildlife Management and a CoChair on Tree & Environment; Membership will be split out from Sponsorship and move to the Treasurer job's. Transportation will consider moving into Zoning. Kirk Ashy & Caroline Alexander volunteered to help with Sponsorships. All Board members were reminded of their responsibility to serve on or lead a committee.



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6. Joyce Statz presented updates to Board Books and presented new members with new books. This included discussion about the storage unit, calendar, Outcomes and involvement from 2015, survey results, ByLaws, Roberts Rules and other items. The Board discussed concerns about a possible upcoming Bond election on school facility funding and at what level NWACA should get involved in educating and surveying our membership on the issue.
7. Treasurer Joyce Statz provided an update on the 2016 NWACA Budget and changes for 2016. Updates are needed as committees develop their final budgets for the year. Thoughts for how to spend annual reserves were also discussed. Chairs were encouraged to finalize their budgets as soon as possible.
8. Secretary Shannon Meroney reviewed the monthly calendar for Committee Reports - a form was attached in the documents sent out with the Agenda. Committees are encouraged to meet regularly. Reports are requested one week prior to Board meetings so Exec can review them and incorporate any motions in the agenda. Ms. Meroney sent a reminder to the Board when reports were due. Agendas should be distributed by the Sunday before each Board meeting.
9. Joyce Statz and Shannon Meroney discussed the progress on Austin Oaks Charrette/PUD application. A summary was provided of the Visioning Workshops. Attendance was good. The grant from National Association of Realtors was received for \$15,000 to cover out of pocket expenses for our consultants during the Charrette. The working group will meet again tomorrow regarding revising the OSM to integrate feedback received from the workshop. The Board discussed some of the conversation during the workshops. Participation during the evening on Tuesday and Thursday of the Charrettes was discussed as the key times to come and go. The need for real time remote participation was discussed. Five ZAP Commissioners (including Chair), our Councilmember and an AISD Trustee attended the workshop this week.
10. Debra Danziger discussed the variety of ways she can assist people with communicating their committee's issues to our membership including website, newsletter, facebook page, email, etc. Please respect her deadlines for the newsletter when you receive notices. Weekly email news should be received by Tuesday for that week's Thursday email. Anything in need of design assistance should have 2 weeks lead time.



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11. Joyce Statz discussed potential renovation of the Old Quarry Library and information obtained from the City about funding in the budget to do so. She will continue to monitor the progress through our member, Deborah Pardo-Kaplan, who is in direct communication with the city.
12. Shannon Meroney discussed a member request we received for NWACA to have and publish a phone number. The Board agreed to discuss it in further detail next month. We will consider getting a digital number that can be forwarded to a Board member's phone.
13. Carolyn Abernathy briefed the board on current coyote activity in the neighborhood. She discussed the Wildlife Committee's request for an official resolution concerning the City's and County's contract with Texas Wildlife Services. They provide the coyote management services for our neighborhood. Without the contract, we will not have services. The City would be moving toward a "no kill" policy on coyotes. The majority of County Commissioners support the contract. NWACA's Wildlife Committee has worked extensively on this issue and the request comes on its behalf. Kirk Ashy moved to oppose recommendation #3 of the 10-16-2015 Memo on Wildlife Recommendation of the City of Austin's Animal Advisory Commission to opt out of the contract with Texas Wildlife Services. Caroline Alexander seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**
14. Jennifer Despins moved to adjourn the meeting. Ernie Saulmon seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.