



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2016 6:30PM

8012 MESA DRIVE, MANGIA PIZZA

In attendance: Caroline Alexander, Kirk Ashy, Stacey Brewer, Debra Danziger, Jen Despina, Cuatro Groos, Shannon Meroney, Joyce Statz, Ernie Saulmon, Stacey Brewer, John Sepehri, David Whitworth, Stayton Wright

Absent: Carol Jones, Rebecca Leightman, Vicki DeWeese, Chris Hajdu, Robert Thomas

Visitor: Allan Becker

1. The Vice President, Cuatro Groos, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
 2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** - Allan Becker spoke about his concerns and opposition to the City's move toward adopting once a week yard watering as a permanent restriction. He has attended City meetings on the issue and noted many other people in opposition. The Council will consider the issue in mid-April and has surveyed the neighborhoods as to their positions. District 10 was opposed to once a week watering. He has also contacted CM Gallo about his concerns and would like NWACA to weigh in. Our Tree and Environment Chair will be covering the issue in our newsletter and other news sources. The Board committed to use our communication tools to publicize the issue and District 10's opposition.
 3. **CONSENT** - The Board reviewed the Consent items. Corrections were offered and accepted. Minutes was adopted as amended by Stayton Wright. Treasurer Joyce Statz gave the Financial Report on behalf of the Finance Committee and announced the Committee will be meeting to discuss management of Reserves. The Financial Report was adopted by consent without amendment.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. **AUSTIN OAKS AD HOC COMMITTEE** - Joyce Statz and Shannon Meroney gave an update on this issue. The Working Group had a final meeting with the Developer at his invitation to receive an update on activities since the Charrette. He reported that the design



team has been made aware of the concerns and requests raised after conclusion of the Charrette by a subset of the Working Group. He did not instruct the team to accommodate them or tell them not to. They are working on refinements to the plan based on the feedback received and the overall engineering feasibility of the plan. He is hopeful that they will be able to save a few more trees. Underground parking is still something they are discussing and think is possible. He estimates it will be 4-5 weeks before a final plan is released. He agreed to share that plan with the Working Group and neighborhoods before submitting it to the City. The Plan will then again go through the City's usual process and committees and eventually Council for approval. He asked the stakeholders to "just breathe" until that time.

That evening, three members of the Working Group attended the ZAP Commission meeting (Austin Oaks was not on the agenda) and spoke during Citizen Communication time. They expressed concerns with the Charrette process and alleged that NWACA representatives had knowledge that a "vote" would take place before it happened. They did not mention that they had asked for such a vote to take place.

Austin Oaks will be on the ZAP Commission agenda in two weeks as the City Staff will be asking for an indefinite postponement to allow time for the new Charrette Plan to be refined and filed for approval. The Chair has asked that representatives of neighborhood groups email him for permission to speak. The Board discussed who would be in town and which representatives would be the most appropriate to speak on our behalf. Joyce and Chris agreed to do so. The Board assumed Ben Luckens will also speak as the Project Manager. Talking points were discussed.

5. OAK WILT - The neighbor who had applied for Oak Wilt reimbursement was paid. Concerns about pruning reports were discussed. The Tree & Environment Committee will put out new information reminding neighbors about the danger of pruning off season.

6. TRANSPORTATION - The restriping of Mesa has been completed according to the City's compromise plan of widening the bike lanes but allowing parking in them. The Board is hopeful this will be acceptable to all the neighbors with varying concerns.



7. AT&T YARD DAMAGE - Secretary Meroney reported that she spoke with Council Member Gallo about this concern. She has not heard reports from any other neighbors and recommended we take the concerns directly to AT&T.

NEW BUSINESS

8. ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING - This year's meeting will be on May 5 at the JCC. Speakers were discussed and the Executive Committee's progress was reported - CM Gallo and Steve Pustelnyk with CTRMA will speak. It was suggested that Julie Cowan (AISD) be invited.

9. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - Candidates and nominations for this year's recipient were suggested and encouraged. Board members were urged to send these Nominations to the Secretary for a vote next month. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

10. Jennifer Despins moved to adjourn the meeting. Kirk Ashy seconded it. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.