



NORTHWEST AUSTIN  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2016 6:30 PM**

**Mangia Pizza Meeting Room**

In attendance: Kirk Ashy, Debra Danziger, Jen Despins, Vicki DeWeese, Cuatro Groos, Chris Hajdu, Carol Jones, John Sepehri, Joyce Statz, Robert Thomas, David Whitworth

Absent: Caroline Alexander, Julie DePalma, Rebecca Leightman, Shannon Meroney, Ernie Saulmon, Stayton Wright

1. The President, Chris Hajdu, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. Kristin Ashy, Member of AISD Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee (FABPAC), provided the Board with a status report on the committee's work. Since the fall of 2015, this standing committee has been updating the school district's Facility Master Plan and gathering input for bond recommendations for the next several years. With respect to the bond planning, their focus has been on establishing criteria for how to prioritize which schools get what types of updates. They are working with consultants to audit each of the schools with respect to their facilities, and also working with a consulting company to help them develop a bond. Community meetings are coming up in the fall to review the guiding principles and planning strategies and to discuss preliminary bond recommendations based on data and community feedback. Regular communication about the work of the FABPAC will also be provided through NWACA media, as information is available.
  - b. Sheri Gallo, District 10 Councilmember, provided an overview of the items being considered by City Council at this point. Much focus is on reviewing and evolving the budget for next year, as well as reviewing the Austin Energy rate case and the \$720 million mobility bond proposed for this fall's election. Among the improvements proposed in the bond is money to improve Spicewood Springs Road and intersections of Loop 360. Important to NWACA, one of the items now absent from the budget is money to renovate the Old Quarry Library, which was in the initial version of the budget; neighbors will need to testify at Council to see if we can get the funding restored.
3. CONSENT AGENDA. The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and made no changes. Treasurer Joyce Statz reviewed the financial report for the end of July, as well as the membership report for July. Membership numbers are just a few members more than last year at this time. All these reports were adopted by consent with no changes.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Bull Creek Park resolution: A number of issues need to be addressed at Bull Creek Park, as discussed at the last board meeting. Members of the NWACA Parks Committee, the president of the Bull Creek Foundation, and neighbors in Lakewood have met with

Councilmember Gallo's office and about 10 members of City staff to consider the issues and potential solutions. The meeting was very productive, with several departments agreeing to appropriate changes. A draft resolution regarding the issues and requested changes was reviewed and discussed. **Joyce Statz moved and Jen Despins seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The Board voted unanimously to approve.** (see resolution below)

- b. Coyote Management resolution: Following up on discussion at the last meeting and with input from the Wildlife Management Committee, the board reviewed a proposed resolution regarding the City's implementation of the Coyote Management Plan. The resolution cites work that needs to be done by City staff as required in the November 2014 Plan; information about hazing and data on coyote management has not been reported as required. The resolution asks for that to happen, as well as retaining Texas Wildlife Services to handle errant coyotes. **Joyce Statz moved and Kirk Ashy seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The Board voted unanimously to approve.** (see resolution below)
  - c. Austin Oaks Update: David Whitworth pointed out that the Zoning and Transportation Committee appointed a subcommittee to study the PUD updates done by Spire over the last several months and that the subcommittee's findings would be discussed at the upcoming August committee meeting. After that meeting the committee expects to make a report to the Board, with a recommendation for how the Board should proceed. Joyce Statz quickly reviewed some of the recent meetings of the subcommittee with City staff to discuss issues with the updates. For the most part, the PUD updates are consistent with the outcome of the charrette, but there are still several areas being worked on. It is expected that the PUD proposal will go before Environmental and ZAP Commissions and City Council in the next several months. At this point, City staff is still working on their responses.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Help needed for August 20 Pool Party: Chris Hajdu asked Board members to help with the upcoming pool party, and noted that the sponsorship committee was working on getting the pizza donated for the party.
  - b. Help needed for September 17 garage sales: Chris Hajdu asked for one or two Board members who would help run the annual Neighborhood Garage Sales. Carol Dochen, who ran them for six years, mostly on her own, is no longer on the Board. She's willing to help, but needs to hand off most of the effort. Vicki DeWeese volunteered to work on this, with help from the Communications Committee and webmaster.
6. ADJOURNMENT: David Whitworth moved, and Debra Danziger seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

RESOLUTION 2016 – 3

WHEREAS, the Bull Creek District Park and Greenbelt has seen a significant increase in usage since late May 2016;

WHEREAS, it is a regular occurrence to have cars parked illegally all along Lakewood Drive with many groups of people enjoying recreational activities in and along the creek;

WHEREAS, groups are bringing large coolers and drinking all day long and with impaired judgement are swimming, jumping off waterfalls, and then driving away, thus endangering themselves and others;

WHEREAS, there is minimal signage regarding the current county-wide burn ban, people continue to use grills with open fires in the park and dump hot coals out on the ground, at great wildfire risk;

WHEREAS, the majority of park visitors leave their trash behind, much of it on the ground, much of it recyclable, requiring extensive effort by neighborhood volunteers to keep the park clean; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION (NWACA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

We urge the following actions:

- Bull Creek District Park be made a non-alcohol park, with prominent signage indicating penalties for noncompliance
- Parking be prohibited along Lakewood Drive, with signage posted by the City of Austin
- Prominent signage be posted regarding the burn ban and prohibition of open fires (with the exception of propane grills), indicating penalties for noncompliance
- PARD make available more trash containers, establish recycling containers, and place signage at the park about handling trash, as well as work with neighborhood groups to distribute educational material via their media
- APD Park Police regularly patrol Bull Creek District Park to enforce these regulations, as well as other existing City and PARD regulations.

ADOPTED by the Board on 8/10/16

RESOLUTION 2016 – 4

WHEREAS, the City of Austin adopted a coyote management policy on November 20, 2014 (See Resolution 20141120-088);

WHEREAS, the referenced resolution directs the City Manager to professionally assess an area to determine how hazing can be used and hazing initiated, in the event that coyotes are seen in and around school playgrounds and areas where children congregate; coyotes are approaching, following, or chasing humans; or coyotes are acting aggressively towards humans;

WHEREAS, the referenced resolution directs the City Manager to provide a progress report to the Public Health and Human Services Committee on or before May 31, 2015 regarding coyote management efforts, including availability and distribution of educational materials about minimizing coyote attractants and hazing methods, the methods in use for trapping, the number of traps set, and the number of animals caught, as well as periodic 6-month reviews of the program;

WHEREAS, the reports that had been generated for the City of Austin by Texas Wildlife Services are no longer being created because City of Austin data is not being provided by Austin 3-1-1;

WHEREAS, Texas Wildlife Services has provided efficient and effective coyote management services for the City of Austin for more than 11 years; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION (NWACA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

We urge the following actions:

- The results of the hazing assessment be posted on the City of Austin web site along with other coyote management information, as well as being provided to the Health and Human Services Committee before the end of 2016.
- Regular reports on coyote management, as specified in the resolution, be provided every 6 months by the City of Austin staff to the Health and Human Services Committee and posted to the City of Austin web site along with other coyote management information.
- The City of Austin retain Texas Wildlife Services to handle special problem coyotes, using the inexpensive \$10,000/year inter-local agreement with Travis County.

ADOPTED by the Board on 8/10/16