

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2016 6:30 PM
Mangia Pizza Meeting Room

In attendance: Debra Danziger, Jen Despina, Cuatro Groos, Chris Hajdu, Joyce Statz, David Whitworth, Julie DePalma, Shannon Meroney, Stayton Wright, Rebecca Leightman,

Absent: Caroline Alexander, Ernie Saulmon, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Jones, John Sepehri.

Visitors: Gary Prant, Karen Sironi, Neal Tanner

1. The President, Chris Hajdu, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:
 - a. Gary Prant spoke to the Board in support of his Special Projects application to purchase recycling trash containers for Bull Creek Park and Murchison Park. The Board asked questions regarding the maintenance and pick up of the deposits.
 - b. Karen Sironi spoke in support of her Special Project application to create landscaping for the Far West median. The Board discussed that the City staff has so far not been supportive of this idea or the maintenance that would be required. Karen was advised to try to work with our Councilmember on gaining some support from the City in order to pursue this idea further. President Hajdu asked that the Parks Committee work with Ms. Sironi to get a meeting with our Councilmember on this topic.
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 August, as well as the membership report for August. All these reports were adopted by consent with no changes.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Coyote Management resolution: Joyce Statz updated the Board on activities related to the Resolution passed by the Board last month. The Animal Services Department has been asked and agreed to provide their reports and contract with the vendor TWS. Councilmember Gallo has been helpful in facilitating this. We have not received them yet. The City's Wildlife Educator also spoke to a group of citizens at the library and has offered to present to NWACA. We have agreed to host them but would prefer to wait until the reports and contract have been provided and a more detailed presentation of information can be prepared.
 - b. Garage Sale: Vicki DeWeese provided an update via email on the status of the Garage Sale and sent some signs to be picked up. Signs have been delivered to hosts and ads have been placed and Board members should put up their promotional signs today if they have not already.
 - c. Special Projects: Joyce Statz presented the one complete application for funds that we have received (Gary Prant's). Stayton Wright moved to approve the application in the amount of \$2000. David Whitworth seconded the motion. During discussion he suggested that a

- NWACA sticker be placed on the bins. Mr. Wright accepted the amendment. The vote carried unanimously.
- d. Bull Creek Park resolution: Joyce Statz summarized activities since last month's Resolution was passed. The park is now nonalcoholic, parking on Lakewood drive is prohibited, signage has been increased and trash and recycling containers have been increased and the police have been patrolling more often. The Resolution we passed was very effective. Councilmember Gallo has been very helpful in getting all relevant parts of the City to a meeting that led to these actions.
 - e. Austin Oaks Update/Zoning Committee: David Whitworth summarized the process up to this point. Our goal of the Austin Oaks subcommittee primarily has been to ensure that the documents filed by the Developer and related submissions adhere as closely to the outcome of the Charrette as possible. The Committee did identify several issues that needed to be addressed. Only one remains outstanding which is a request for a site plan to be included along with the documents. The City was hesitant to require that since their approval process is based only on the documents but the issue is still being discussed. Joyce Statz also provided an update on the Subcommittee's work. Since the Charrette, the Working Group has disbanded into two separate groups who have worked separately with the developer and City. One joint meeting was held recently at the request of those opposed to the development. Ms. Statz presented slides comparing the Charrette results with "Update 7" which is the current version of the documents filed with the City. This included a comparison of parkland, the budget to develop it, the new HeritagePark, several buildings that are reduced in height and approximately 5000 square feet smaller in size, and a mean sea level comparison for height, fewer heritage trees preserved but more protected trees preserved, traffic impact is slightly higher but mostly due to a different trip count estimation being used by the City. Residential units have been increased from 210 to 250 but detail has been released regarding the size and floor plans which will weigh against large families using them. The process for future changes was discussed - as a nearby neighborhood association, NWACA will be notified of any requested changes going forward. Administrative changes will give us notice and opportunity to challenge them; substantial changes must go through the same public process as the original PUD. David Whitworth moved on behalf of the Zoning Committee that the Board pass the proposed Resolution. The Board discussed and revised the Resolution proposed by the Committee. Mr. Whitworth accepted all friendly amendments. The Motion and Resolution passed without objection on a voice vote; one member abstained from voting.
 - f. The Zoning Committee presented information about its recommendation to hire an independent consultant to review the final PUD documentation for technical compliance. A proposal from Alice Glasco was presented. The Board examined the budget for available funds and agreed to move a \$3000 line item for Bookkeeper Services which are not currently being used to fund this Professional Service which is needed. As a result, Ms. Glasgow can be retained without any budget impact. David Whitworth moved to approve the contract and engage Ms. Glasgow's professional service for \$3,000. Cuatro Groos seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Parks Committee is planning a Movie Night in the Park on Oct 22. Funds budgeted for the cancelled pool party in
- b. August will be used to the extent needed.

- c. The Board was reminded that NWACA does not make political endorsements per its Bylaws and the members were encouraged not to do so in their capacity as Board members.
 - d. The Board discussed the recent student assault across the street from Anderson High School and whether we should be involved in some way with our neighborhood business.
 - e. Tree & Environment Committee is planning an event on October 22 and needs some manpower to assist with loading.
 - f. Robert Thomas has resigned his position on the Board after serving since January 2012.
6. ADJOURNMENT: David Whitworth moved, and Debra Danziger seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-5

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2016, the Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) Board of Directors passed a resolution endorsing the process of the Austin Oaks Charrette and supporting the charrette outcome; and,

WHEREAS, since that time a subcommittee of the NWACA Zoning Committee has carefully examined each submission of Spire Realty, as well as the responses of City Staff, to verify that the resulting submission from the applicant supports the outcome of the charrette; and,

WHEREAS, the subcommittee discussed items in the submission that were at odds with the charrette outcome with both the applicant and various City staff; and,

WHEREAS, the items at issue were resolved in the submission, with significant and necessary detail reflected in the submission; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION (NWACA) Board of Directors THAT:

The NWACA Board of Directors finds that the applicant's PUD submission, as of September 1, 2016 supports the Austin Oaks Charrette outcome. Exhibit C (the Land Use Plan) of the September 1, 2016 submission, depicting building footprints, uses, height, and square feet reflects the charrette outcome and it is essential to maintaining the integrity of the charrette outcome.

ADOPTED: September 14, 2016

ATTEST: _____
Shannon P. Meroney,
Secretary

