

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 12, 2016 6:30 PM**  
**Mangia Pizza Meeting Room**

In attendance: Jen Despina, Cuatro Groos, Chris Hajdu, Joyce Statz, David Whitworth, Julie DePalma, Shannon Meroney, Rebecca Leightman, John Sepehri

Absent: Caroline Alexander, Ernie Saulmon, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Jones, Debra Danziger, Stayton Wright, Kirk Ashy

Visitors: Davis Ward

1. The President, Chris Hajdu, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. A Quorum was present.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Davis Ward spoke to the Board in support of his Special Projects application to create a soccer field at Doss Park. He presented a detailed presentation with photos. His original proposal included real grass but he is now proposing artificial turf which is more expensive on the front end but better for maintenance. Ranger Excavation has agreed to donate their series. One tree would be removed (11.5 inches). Several bids for turf have been received. A site survey has been completed by a professional excavation firm and includes plans to enhance surface water run off mitigation as well as to avoid impacting critical root zones of existing trees. Board members asked questions about the maintenance and other funding sources which would include multiple third parties.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA.** The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. Vicki DeWeese proposed a change on Robert Thomas' service to read "since January 1, 2012." The final Resolution language as passed will be attached. Treasurer Joyce Statz reviewed the financial report for the end of September, as well as the membership report for September. 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 City Council approved a request to allow the Animal Services Department to contract with the TWS when needed for the removal of coyotes at the discretion of the Animal Services Department Director.
  - b. **Garage Sale:** Vicki DeWeese provided a final report via email of the Garage Sale. 20 promo signs were put at intersections. 70 signs were delivered to neighbors hosting sales. Photos were taken and posted on the website. Lessons for next year included remembering to place the "sign up" signs a few weeks before the event; recruiting volunteers to help with sign delivery; having NWACA Board members visit the garage sales.
  - c. **Special Projects:** Cuatro Groos moved to support Davis Ward's proposal for \$3,000 contingent upon approval by other third party funding sources to fully fund the project. David Whitworth seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously with two abstentions.
  - d. **Austin Oaks Update:** Joyce Statz summarized activities since last month's Resolution was passed. The Environmental Commission met and was unable to come to a consensus on the

- application. 4 voted in favor; 3 voted against; 3 were absent; 1 spot is open. The application will now go to ZAP on Tuesday without a recommendation (either way) by Environmental Commission. Representation of NWACA by a Board member at that meeting was discussed.
- e. Parks - Movie in the Park: A movie night was planned at Bull Creek Park. The service recommended by the City costs \$600-700. Part of it is City fees which may be waivable. The date is also a concern because the 22nd is F1 weekend. The 29th is the other option. Movie choices: Hotel Transylvania, Peanuts - the Great Pumpkin. The logistics, date and potential conflicts were discussed in terms of cost versus benefit. Both weekends have multiple conflicts because of Halloween activities and events. The Board recommends cancelling this event.
  - f. Tree & Environmental Committee - BOPA Event: Oct 22 in the morning; this event needs volunteers.
  - g. Old Quarry Library Funding - The funding we sought from the COA Budget was not approved. We are told we are high on the list for the next year. Please thank Debra Pardo Kaplan for her work.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. City Council Forum - Monday Oct 17 - All 4 Candidates will attend. John Sepehri reported that he has received some volunteers and he is working on the reformulated questions. We will have some audience questions and some prepared.
  - b. Annual Neighborhood Interest Survey - Joyce Statz reported that NWACA annually surveys its membership about hot topics. We plan to implement this near the end of the year after the Far West/Mesa construction to be sure we can get feedback on that issue.
  - c. Crime & Safety Committee - Cuatro Groos reported on a crime yesterday where two people dressed as utility workers knocked on a door on Ledge Mountain and tied up the homeowner and robbed her when she opened it. Cuatro posted safety tips on the Facebook page and a news story ran tonight for which he gave an interview.
6. ADJOURNMENT: David Whitworth moved, and Joyce Statz seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.