

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2017 6:30 PM**  
**Mangia Pizza Meeting Room**

In attendance:

Joyce Statz, David Whitworth, Julie DePalma, Shannon Meroney, Jen Despina, Debra Danziger, Kirk Ashy, Ernie Saulmon, Chris Hajdu, Caroline Alexander, Cuatro Groos

Absent:

Rebecca Leightman, Vicki DeWeese, Stayton Wright, John Sepehri

Guest:

1. Chris Hajdu, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A Quorum was present.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: There were no citizens in attendance or registered.
3. CONSENT AGENDA. The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The Board reviewed the financial report for the end of January 2017, as well as the membership report for 2017. All these reports were adopted by consent with no changes. Julie DePalma agreed to sign on as Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair with Kirk Ashy.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Austin Oaks Update - Joyce Statz reported that the January Town Hall Meeting went very well with approximately 29 in attendance. Feedback was good that it was very informative. The Survey results were shown and discussed and have been posted on the Facebook page. The power point used will also be posted. The February 2 Council date for second reading at City Council was postponed until February 16. We again encouraged residents to attend and voice their opinions. The Board discussed the importance of reviewing the ordinance to be sure all the specifics we have asked for during discussions with the developer are included. Joyce and Ben Luckens met with CM Alter's new zoning aide, Leslie Pool's aide and Ann Kitchen's aide to brief them on the case. All meetings went well. The FAQs are now out on the website. David Whitworth informed the Board that a "Valid Petition" has been presented for certification which will require the Council to have a SuperMajority vote to pass the rezoning application. The most recent Survey results were presented and reviewed.
  - b. Annual Survey Update- Joyce circulated a draft and received some feedback. She has revised it and loaded the survey. It will be included in this week's NWACA Notes.
  - c. FABPAC & Parks Town Hall Report - Caroline Alexander reported that the two park designs for Murchison Park improvements were presented at the meeting. We had 14 attendees and received good feedback. We will do a specific survey on this issue and will ultimately need to raise approximately \$200,000 to fund it. Grants can be used in addition to individual contributions. Shannon Meroney reported on the FABPAC presentation and conversation. Future plans and proposals were discussed including the third party consultants, the results of their study and recommendations including a new elementary school in our area to alleviate overcrowding at Doss/Hill/Highland Park, and significant additions and renovations at Doss and Hill and Murchison.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Holdsworth Center - David Whitworth presented information on the Proposed PUD near Bull Creek and Lake Austin across from Austin Country Club on the north side of the river. It is outside of our boundaries. It is a new educational training and retreat location to benefit educators from districts throughout Texas, donated by the HEB Foundation. The Zoning Committee was briefed and voted no objection on the application.
- b. History Committee - Chris Hajdu presented that Rob Gordon and Grant Perkins have expressed interested in serving. Richard Denney is involved. Several members have asked to be involved. We would like to re-energize this committee. He will be reaching out to members who are interested.
- c. Recruiting of new Board members - The Nominating cycle starts in July. The President can appoint new members through March. The Board is encouraged to recruit new members actively and fill slots of those resigning.
- d. Annual Meeting - Chris Hajdu noted we need to consider nominees for volunteer of the year. The Board discussed potential topics including MoPac construction, FABPAC, Alison Alter to discuss civic issues, potentially Parks improvements at Murchison, and Julie Cowan would be helpful. May 11 has been reserved at the JCC.

6. ADJOURNMENT: David Whitworth moved, and Kirk Ashy seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.