

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 12, 2017 6:30 PM**  
**Mangia Pizza Meeting Room**

In attendance: Caroline Alexander, Vicki DeWeese, Rebecca Leightman, Ernie Saulmon, Joyce Statz, Debra Danziger, Stayton Wright, Cutro Groos, Shannon Meroney, Julie DePalma, David Whitworth,

Absent: Jen Despina, John Sepehri, Kirk Ashy, Chris Hajdu

Guests: None

1. Cuatro Groos, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:40.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.
3. CONSENT AGENDA: The Board approved the consent agenda items including the minutes for March, April & June, Financial Reports for March, April and May, and Membership Reports for May and June. Membership is down 4% over last year at this time. Sponsorships are up.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Special Project Items - On the Dry Creek/2222 median, Vicki DeWeese spoke with Code Enforcement who promised to have an answer on this issue tomorrow. The City has in the past maintained it, despite it being private property. It is on a municipal easement. Feedback from the Boy Scouts Troop 301 is that they would be happy to take this project on. The Board discussed various options to solve this problem. Caroline Alexander calls the question. The motion failed unanimously.
  - b. Special Item - Constable Patrol Pilot Project - Joyce Statz met with the Constables office on June 30. We do not need a legal agreement with them for a 6 month pilot. The fee would be \$60 an hour for 25 hours per week (\$45 for car \$15 for Constable). They will bill us and provide us a report to show the statistics we are interested in. Highland Park West/Balcones NA reports on citations per day, locals or visiting people. The Constable would issue citations from the County and include speeding and criminal violation reports - any report of state law violations. The County would retain liability. We have received multiple emails from members in favor of this proposition. David Whitworth moved that to support the pilot project as described in the proposal from Elizabeth Christian. The motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Proxy Voting Proposal - Vicki DeWeese suggested that we make better use of Doodle polls to gauge attendance before Board Meetings. The Board discussed whether proxies would result in lower attendance. Vicki amended her proposed proxy form to reflect that each Board member can hold no more than 2 proxies and a Board member may only vote by proxy two times per year. The motion passed by a vote of 10-1.
  - d. Parade Committee Recap - The parade was a huge success. Everything seemed to run smoothly. The rabbits were missed. The Board discussed building a float with fans and ice to accommodate the rabbits. The veterans rode in Corvettes which was positively received. An article will run in the West Austin News this week and one of the veterans wrote in to the Statesman about what a good experience he had. We will publish it in our newsletter.
  - e. Nominating Committee & VP Groos Resignation – Vice President Cuatro Groos announced his resignation effective immediately due to other commitments which are

proving to be more time consuming than expected. Rebecca Leightman also announced her resignation due to her family's pending move to Houston. It was noted that Joyce Statz, Ernie Saulmon and Shannon Meroney will be rolling off of the Board at the end of the year due to term limits and Kirk Ashy will be ending his term. The Nominations Committee will have a big job this year and is beginning meetings soon. They are working on identifying nonBoard members and have found one.

- f. Murchison Park Fundraising - The fundraising committee will begin meeting soon. The plan preferred by our membership will cost around \$280,000 to build which was much higher than expected. They will be using grant applications going forward in addition to local individual giving.
  - g. Transportation Committee – Speed bump status. Generally negative feedback has been received about the speed bumps installed on Mesa. Similar bumps have been installed in Jester and that neighborhood has lead the charge in getting them removed. They have created a petition and formulated a "road diet" alternative plan they have put forward with narrow lanes and asphalt cushions. The Mayor is meeting Friday with a Committee on Citizens with Disabilities and the road bumps are on the agenda. Nwaca will monitor it. Additional bumps have been funded for Burney, Mesa toward 2222, and Hart Lane. Greystone has an app pending.
  - h. Overlook on Spicewood Springs update - The neighbors near this proposed development have submitted a valid Petition to the proposal which will mean 9 members of Council must support it for it to pass. It will go to ZAP on August 2. The property is outside NWACA's bounds but many of the neighbors who live near it are within are bounds and signed the petition. The NWACA Board voted back in August of 2014 to support the neighbors but the specifics of the case have changed since then and the petition was not on file. Since the NWACA Board will have an opportunity to meet again before it goes to Council, we will continue to monitor it at this time at ZAP and discuss again when it is closer to a Council vote.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Anderson Gym Project - Since the Anderson High School gym was removed from potential Bond funding, the Anderson parents have taken on the task of renovating and updating it. They are attempting to raise \$25,000 for the project and have so far raised \$6,000. The Board discussed the initiative and agreed to support the project and promote it using our communication tools. We may also visit the possibility of supporting with Community Project funds if they are available in the Fall.
  - b. Parks Committee - The Committee will have a pool party on July 22 at Murchison Pool. Mangia will provide free pizza. They wil talk to Kona Ice about free snow cones as well. Volunteer assistance is welcome from Board members.
6. ADJOURNMENT: Julie DePalma and Stayton Wright seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28.