

Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017 6:30 PM
Mangia Pizza Meeting Room

In attendance: Caroline Alexander, Vicki DeWeese, Joyce Statz, Debra Danziger, Stayton Wright, Shannon Meroney, David Whitworth, Chris Hajdu, Kirk Ashy, Ernie Saulmon

Absent: Jen Despina, Julie DePalma, John Sepehri

Guests: Ray Hendren, Brad Banister, Ruven Brooks, Tracey Fine, Chris Roddy, Roger Bolick, Mike Polston, Mehlam Bhiwandiwala, Lauren Ward.

1. President Chris Hajdu called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.
2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: Several incoming Board members introduced themselves. They attended to watch the meeting in preparation for taking office in 2018. Mr Hendren spoke to the group about changes in our water drainage charges on our utility bills from the City. His is now \$41.00 but was previously \$9.80 The City explained that the changes were made because condo owners complained about having to pay too much compared to houses. Also the City raised the rate after they had to make repairs to the drainage systems after the flood of 1982. The fee is based on impervious cover. Decks get a 50% credit. He has spent a lot of time with the City trying to correct their mistakes in calculating his bill. It is now down to \$30 and they are going to credit him back to 2015. He would like this information to be publicized to the rest of the neighbors who should have the information. Mr. Hajdu noted that they use aerial photos only and there may be things about our yards that are not obvious.
3. CONSENT AGENDA: The Board approved the consent agenda items including the minutes for October, Financial Reports for November, and Membership Reports for November.
4. OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Constable Survey - Joyce Statz discussed the results of the Constable's Report as well as the survey results. The report notes that in addition to traffic stops, he has responded to local calls like a domestic violence call, DUIs and drug possession cases. On the survey results, people mostly reported no change in the traffic patterns. The majority of people responding are members. Many people mentioned the speed bumps in their response. The responses were roughly split on positive and negative. Most said they didn't notice crime being reduced. 30% prefer to keep it going at higher levels, 22% prefer to keep it going at the same level, 32% are neutral. 14% say no. The yeses clearly outweighed the no's on whether NWACA should fund the ongoing program. 33% say they would donate toward the program, 33% oppose that and an even share are undecided. 65% support NWACA funding an ongoing program. The Board discussed the need to educate people that the speed bumps and Constable are completely separate and unrelated issues. At our current level of initial funding, we can continue the program through January. The Board discussed that if we increase funding and patrol hours, more residents will see the Constable on patrol and appreciate the value. Many businesses, residents and the JCC have shown interest in supporting it financially. Increasing police presence in general will serve as a deterrent to crime eventually, even if the patrols are for traffic. The Board came to a consensus that for general budgeting purposes in 2018, we plan to continue the program and recommend it be increased in terms of hours.
 - b. Speed Bump update - Chris Hajdu reported that the "flat top" modifications to the Far West and Mesa speed bumps were installed last week. He posted on our Facebook page

the information where feedback should be sent to the City. We will continue residents to contact the City with concerns.

- c. BOPA Recap - Approximately 80 people brought donations. 21 memberships were sold. The event has become a well received regular event. Joanie Arrott does a lot of the work in arranging the drop off with the City and hopefully will continue to do so next year.
 - d. Bus Adventure Recap - Chris Hajdu reported that 13 people attended the Cap Metro bus trip to the Bob Bullock museum and for ice cream at Amy's afterward. Cap Metro covered the bus fare and NWACA provided the ice cream money. Sunday was a free day at the museum. This is a program of CapMetro and they will host several a year if we request it.
 - e. AISD Bond Forum Recap - Kirk Ashy reported that the Bond Forum went very smoothly. Both sides gave their views. The crowd seemed supportive of the Bond. John Sepehri did a great job as a neutral moderator. The precinct around Doss and in the Valburn area were the two highest turnout precincts in Austin. The Bond passed by 70%.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Results of Board of Directors Election - Joyce Statz and Shannon Meroney presented a report of the election results. 6 ballots were eliminated because they were duplicates or from addresses that did not have memberships. All of the candidates on the ballot were elected by a majority vote of ballots submitted. They include: Caroline Alexander, Joanie Arrott, Brad Banister, Mehlam Bhiwandiwala, Roger Bolick, Ruven Brooks, Aaron Daniels, Julie DePalma, Vicki DeWeese, Tracey Fine, Charlie Galvin, Chris Hajdu, Lori O'Leary, Mike Polston, Chris Roddy, Micah Sagebiel, and Lauren Ward.
 - b. Election of Officers - Joyce Statz and Shannon Meroney nominated Vicki DeWeese to be President and Chris Hajdu as Vice President. **There were no nominations from the floor and the candidates were elected unanimously by a voice vote.**
 - c. Review Draft Budget for 2018 - Joyce Statz presented a Draft budget for feedback to assist the new Board with their budgeting process and approval. The Board discussed targets and levels for Business sponsorships, potentially higher membership dues, allocation of the Special Project monies and how to increase applications for them.
 - d. Discuss Proposed ByLaw and Procedure Changes for Nominating and Elections - The board discussed potential revisions to the Nominations Procedures. Concerns are the "one and done" terms for Pres and VP. If the incumbent is interested, should they be eligible? Should a person fulfilling a partial term be subject to term limits? Should required memberships for a year be possibly 1 year within the last 3 years (for those who accidentally lapse but have been recent members)? Should we send reminder in the "off" year that people need to members to run for the Board. Should we allow e-voting for ByLaw changes? Should the notice period be 30 days (instead of 2 weeks)? Other discussions regarding Nominee qualifications were discussed. Orientation for new Board members? Meet & Greet between current Board members and potential new members. Create an Advisory Board of past leaders and active residents? Vicki DeWeese moved to table the Motion until January in respect to our incoming Board members. Kirk Ashy seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Finalize Plans for December Board Meeting/Social - multiple dates for the social meeting were discussed. We will be using a Doodle Poll to find a date that works for the majority.
6. ADJOURNMENT: David Whitworth moved and Kirk Ashy seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43.