

NWACA January 10, 2018 Board Minutes  
**Mangia Pizza Meeting Room**

**In Attendance:** Vicki DeWeese, Caroline Alexander, Joanie Arrott, Brad Banister, Mehlam Bhiwandiwala, Roger Bolick, Ruven Brooks, Aaron Daniels, Tracey Fine, Charlie Galvin, Louri O'Leary, Mike Polston, Christopher Roddy, and Lauren Ward.

**Absent:** Chris Hajdu

**Guests:** Bruce Todd, Elizabeth Christian, Ian Trusti, and Valerie Hnath Laubacher and immediate past NWACA Treasurer, Joyce Statz.

The meeting was Called to Order at 6:31 p.m. by president Vicki DeWeese. Vicki welcomed everyone, provided the updated committee member lists, and made sure everyone received their Board notebooks.

**Citizen Communications**

- 1) The Constable Project was brought to the Board with guest speakers, former City of Austin Mayor Bruce Todd, and Elizabeth Christian, who asked for continued support for the pilot project.
- 2) Austin Classical Guitar Program discussed by Ian Tuskii talked about how this program provides guitar lessons and Braille music translations for blind children at the School for the Blind. He offered tickets to the January 27, 2018, concert to all Board members.
- 3) The opportunity for a NWACA Home Tour and Fun Run was provided by Valerie Hnath Laubacher. She provided details, such as other communities blocking off streets and providing bike racks to facilitate tours. Valerie suggested looking at the Houston Heights website at: <http://www.houstonheights.org>, for more details.

**Minutes**

Louri O'Leary asked for approval of the November meeting minutes. Caroline Alexander moved, and Joanie Arrott seconded. Motion Approved.

**Financial Reports**

The Financial Reports for December were presented by Joyce Statz. Bank balance: \$55,673; Savings: \$9,957 and Oak Wilt Account is \$37,000. Discussion was held regarding suggesting that Finance Committee looked at the Oak Wilt program and use of the funds.

**Membership Report**

The December Membership Report was provided by Joyce Statz, who stated that we have 726 households/members of the estimated 4000 homes in the NWACA boundaries. Additionally, we have 25 supporters who live near the neighborhood boundaries.

**Nominations Committee- VOTE**

Caroline Alexander, member of the Nominating Committee nominated Mehlam Bhiwandiwala, for Treasurer and Louri O'Leary, for Secretary. Caroline made the motion to approve and Joanie Arrott seconded. Motion Approved.

## **Old Business**

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Crime and Safety***

The Crime and Safety Committee Discussion was led by Chris Roddy discussing the current crime, traffic, Neighborhood Watch and National Night out programs. Discussion was also held regarding trash in the neighborhood and the effectiveness of personal security camera. Chris suggested quarterly updates on Crime Prevention issues and articles on public education. He is also willing to attend "Front-Yard Friday's" in the neighborhood or any group gathering to discuss crime prevention. Chris will provide an article for the NWACA newsletter.

***Constable Project***- VOTE Discussion on whether to continue the Constable Project was led by Vicki DeWeese. Joanie Arrott moved to extend the Constable Project for another 6 months at the current level of service; approximately six hours patrol time per week for \$1000 a month. This will allow us to review the project on an annual basis. Joanie moved and Chris Roddy seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

#### ***Parks Committee***

The Parks Committee had a power point presentation for the Kickball Tournament benefitting the Murchison Pool Playground, presented by Caroline Alexander. Fundraising opportunities were presented along with descriptions of Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects, describing fenced in areas with shade trees, picnic tables and climbing structures. Currently, the committee has \$53,000 in the bank and a grant pending for \$165,000.

#### ***Communications Committee***

The Communications Committee advised that NWACA newsletter articles are due on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Joyce Statz discussed the Annual Survey. Previously postcards were sent to neighbors, but we have used Survey Monkey for the last six years. Vicki asked that all Board members look at the questions that will be emailed to them and provide feedback via email, so that a March/April Survey could be sent out with results being shared at the May 8<sup>th</sup> NWACA Annual Meeting.

## **New Business**

Vicki discussed a need for more people on the Events, Sponsorships, and Garage Sale Committees. Mike Polston agreed to chair the NWACA Garage Sale. Lauren Ward, Caroline Alexander, and Louri O' Leary will help Aaron Daniel as part of the Sponsorships Committee.

## **New Business**

The Board will vote on the Budget in February. Mehlam Bhiwandiwalla will provide the data before the February 6th meeting.

Louri O'Leary made the motion to Adjourn and Brad Banister seconded. The meeting ended at 8:20 PM.