

March 7, 2018, NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
Galaxy Cafe 6:30 p.m.

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

Guests: John Sepheri, Richard Grayum, Rachel Lance, Connie Lundgren

The Meeting was Called to Order by President Vicki DeWeese who welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Louri O' Leary asked for approval of the January Minutes. Louri O'Leary moved and Joanie Arrott seconded. Motion Approved.

Financial Reports

Mehlan Bhiwandiwala discussed the financial report and budget items.

Membership Report

Charlie Galvin and Mehlan Bhiwandiwala discussed the membership report and implementation to the automated system should occur in April, to be announced at the May annual meeting.

Housekeeping

President Vicki DeWeese brought up the following items for discussion:

The Board discussed the meeting dates and the new Galaxy Café meeting place.

President Vicki DeWeese shared the progress on incorporating the area now included in the Balcones Civic Association (BCA) into NWACA. This would extend our boundaries northward to Jollyville/ 183 from MOPAC to 360. Ruven Brooks noted that if our newsletter publisher, Peel, was to send a separate mailer to the approximately 2,500 single family homes in the Westover/BCA area to welcome them to NWACA that the cost would be \$1300. Joanie Arnot motioned, and Charlie Gavin seconded to included BCA in NWACA. Motion passed.

President Vicki Deweese brought up the addition of new Board members and discussed the procedure for nomination and election to the Board. Louri motioned and Caroline Alexander approved to add additional Board Members: Richard Grayum, Rachel Lance, and Connie Lundgren. Motion passed and all were welcomed to the Board.

President Vicki DeWeese also discussed that our attorney, Rob Breunig, will be writing amendments to our by-laws noting the expansion of our boundaries as well as eligibility for participation on the NWACA board. So as to include members from the former BCA on the current NWACA board, the NWACA by-laws will be amended, allowing a one-time waiver to the requirement "be a NWACA member in good standing for at least one year prior to election to the board," for candidates coming to us from the BCA area. We will then revert back to prior rules seeking representation from all parts of our new area for the 2020 election. It was suggested that board members be selected at a 2:1 ratio, NWAC: BCA, as the current NWACA boundaries serve approximately 4,500 single family households, while BCA serves approximately 2,500 single family households. Richard Grayum's service will start after our by-laws amendments are passed via email prior to our April board meeting.

President Vicki Deweese reported 280 responses to date for the survey.

President Vicki Deweese is working with CM Alter's office on the North Cat Mountain sign. USAA will not pay for replacement until they know who the owner of the property is.

President Vicki Deweese discussed the Constable Program and if the tasks should focus on crime or safety. Chris Hajdu discussed recent crime; there was discussion on the locations of the Constable's patrol areas; and safety in and around schools with mention of specific intersections. Chris Roddy mentioned that adding BCA territory to our area would further dilute the Constable's patrol area. It was decided that at the present time the constable should remain focused on traffic and in the current NWACA boundaries. A survey following the current six-month program was discussed and will include necessary BCA locations in the future. After the survey, we will decide whether to continue the program and how to fund it.

President Vicki Deweese discussed the Fourth of July Parade and invited board members to come to the organizational meeting on March 8th. Louri offered to speak with Goodwill and Lauren with Nannies and Tutors concerning usage of their parking lots. Epoch and Coach Mo's Fitness have generously offered to let us use their parking lots for the Freedom Festival since Doss Elementary will be under construction. The parade will return to the Far West parade route for 2018.

President Vicki Deweese thanked Rachel for all her work to clean up the Facebook files and for monitoring. Rachel mentioned her guidelines are to refer to the Rules when responding.

Caroline Alexander discussed notating our process in the by-laws and having a separate line- item for Reserves and the Special Projects Fund. Joanie moved and Louri seconded. Motion passed and will set a maximum amount and Board members will bring a recommended amount to the next meeting.

Transportation Committee Presentation

Brad Bannister provided a power point presentation from the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) regarding speed mitigation in our area. Brad recommended that if we facilitate future ATD/D10 meetings that NWACA have a presence to open and close the meetings.

Lobbying ATT/Spectrum Service Providers

Charlie Galvin discussed the service level of the providers in our area and how we must have strength in numbers to have an effect on service, citing the magnitude of dropped calls in our area and poor Internet service, mostly in Mesa/Far West area. Charlie moved to survey 7000 homes on the services and Julie seconded. Motion passed. After the survey, Charlie will bring the results to the NWACA board, so that we can discuss how to proceed. Charlie's suggestion is that he reach out to the providers with data and ask them to come present solution at our May annual meeting.

Crime Watch Committee

Connie Lundgren discussed the progress on the Crime Watch Program. There will be a Neighborhood Watch revitalization meeting on March 26th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Huffman Hall.

Civic Engagement Committee

John Sepheri discussed the possibility of neighborhood involvement in the Mayoral and legislative races and candidate forums. In the future, his committee will make presentations and provide information to be distributed by our communications committee to NWACA. Chris Hajdu and Ruven Brooks suggested that we might want to include neighboring associations in any forums.

Adjourn

At 8:45 pm, Louri made the motion to adjourn and Caroline seconded.

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 10th, Galaxy Café, 6:30 p.m.