

NWACA Board Meeting June 12, 2018 Board Minutes

Galaxy Cafe 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Vicki DeWeese, Joanie Arrott, Brad Banister, Mehlam Bhiwandiwala, Roger Bolick, Ruven Brooks, Charlie Galvin, Rachel Lance, Louri O'Leary, Mike Polston, Julie Rawlings, Terri Schock, Bridget Keating, and Lauren Ward.

Guests: Chuck Stahl and Stephanie Behrens

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki DeWeese who welcomed everyone.

Citizen Communications Chuck Stahl discussed the loss of Mr. Gatti's Pizza and the new possible high-end restaurants for the 4,200 +/- sq. ft. space including an outdoor patio on the Far West Blvd./Hart Lane corner would hold two to three tables. Most high-end restaurants want 6000 sq.ft. Mike Polston with follow up with Chuck for recommendations and comments.

Financial Reports

Mehlam Bhiwandiwala presented the Financial Report and update on the Fourth of July funds.

Membership Report

Vicki Deweese presented the Membership Report, Vicki reported that membership is up 14%, with 10% of the increase coming from the expansion area. We have 6800 single family homes who receive the newsletters. Joanie confirmed the VIP attendee's for the Fourth of July opening ceremonies and daily festivities.

Housekeeping

President Vicki DeWeese brought up the following items for discussion:

All proposed committee activities need to be routed to Executive first, so that there is not a duplication of efforts.

Vicki thanked the committees for putting their plans of work and calendars on the Google link.

Effective in May, Louri O' Leary, Secretary began handling the mail and making deposits. She will continue to update the Board book as changes are made in 2018.

Vicki provided an update on the website membership system noting that after the fourth revision, development was underway and that we hope to see a prototype within a few weeks.

Vicki met with The Austin Community Foundation to discuss the idea of funneling some NWACA funds through ACF, so that we could provide tax-deductible contribution opportunities to our neighbors as ACF is a 501c-3 and NWACA is not. The only funds that could possibly meet the criteria for charitable use would be the NWACA Special Projects Fund. Some of the projects funded by this might qualify, but some might not, plus NWACA would lose control of the projects. ACF advised that this was not a good option for NWACA.

Vicki reminded the board that by-laws revisions would be sent out next Tuesday for an electronic vote. Regarding membership, we will vote to update our by-laws to provide for individual memberships as opposed to households to accommodate our automated system. Regarding transition time and election processes we will vote to change our election year to a school year as opposed to the current calendar year allowing a transition period over the summer as opposed to the winter holidays. Board members will be elected in May and begin their terms in August. Existing board members will stay on through the annual meeting in May and through the Fourth of July; helping new board members understand their responsibilities. Rather than exiting the board in December 2019, current board members would remain until July 2020. Future boards would then return to the regular two-year cycle. Our fiscal year will remain the same.

A class will be held at St. Matthew's on June 30th for Firewise evaluations. Some board members homes will be evaluated as a part of this class. All board members were encouraged to sign up for Firewise evaluations.

Progress has been made with the City of Austin Parks Department and the insurance company regarding the North Cat Mountain sign.

The Constable Project will be discussed in July in regards to assessment and continued funding.

Committee Reports

Parks Committee: Stephanie Behrens discussed three important components of the Murchison Pool Playground project: the Neighborhood Partnering Program; Family Naming Rights for the playground; and the NWACA Special Projects Grant. Documents showing the improvements such as: five play structures, shade benches and seating walls were presented. The City of Austin Parks Department will be the caretaker of the park. NWACA will maintain the Play mural and a special non-graffiti coating is being painted on the wall. Stephannie asked for NWACA support of the application to the Neighborhood Partnering Program.

VOTE-Louri O' Leary moved that NWACA support this application for the Neighborhood Partnering Program. Julie Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion passed

A neighborhood family has pledged a \$50,000 donation to the project and would like naming rights for a wall plaque. NWACA has been asked to provide a letter of support for this donation. The family in-kind donation was discussed.

VOTE- Louri O'Leary moved that NWACA provide the letter supporting naming rights. Rachel Lance seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Parks Committee submitted a Special Projects application requesting \$10,000 for use with the Murchison Pool Playground project. No other applications have been received.

VOTE- Louri O' Leary moved that NWACA grant the funds to the Parks Committee and Vicki DeWeese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

July 4th Committee: Joanie Arrott encouraged board members to sign-up online to volunteer before, during, or after the parade and thanked Lauren and Nyre for their work. She encouraged

board members to order t-shirts online before they are all gone. Distribution will take place at Tomlinson's, The Daily Juice, and Galaxy Café on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday before the 4th. Joanie discussed participants in the parade including: veterans, Anderson High Marching Band, Boy and Girl Scouts Clubs, and the lawn chair brigade and mentioned that they needed a leader for the veteran's groups. Taco Deli, Super Donuts, Galaxy Café, watermelon, face painting, petting zoo, games, School of Rock will all be part of the Freedom Festival after the parade in Coach Mo's and Epoch Coffee parking lot. Joanie confirmed the VIP attendee's for the Fourth of July and discussed recognizing the Parks donor at the Freedom Festival. There will be opportunities to join NWACA, make donations, register to vote, etc. at the Festival

Sponsorship Committee: Vicki provided an update about the number of business sponsors and thanked the Sponsorship Committee for all their work – Julie Waidelich, Teri Schock, and Aaron Daniels.

Communications Committee: Lauren Ward discussed the reinvention of the website. She will email the board for their input and a short neighborhood survey will be sent out for neighborhood input. She noted that we have we have 6800 single-family households that receive the newsletter.

Charlie Gavin with the telecommunications survey asked that his email be removed from documents. Rachel Lance will look at the survey results posted on Facebook and update Charlies' request.

Adjourn

At 8:10pm, President Vicki Deweese announced the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, July 10th at Galaxy Café

6:30 p.m.