

## **NWACA Board Meeting September 11, 2018 Board**

### **Minutes Galaxy Cafe 6:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Vicki DeWeese, Caroline Alexander, Joanie Arrott, Lauren Ward, Chris Hajdu, Roger Bolick, Ruven Brooks, Julie DePalma, Charlie Galvin, Richard Grayum, Tracey Fine, Connie Lundgren, Louri O'Leary, Mike Polston, Julie Rawlings, Teri Schock, and Julie Waidelich.

Proxy: Brad Banister

Guests: Drew Field, Jennifer Cramm Verde

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

#### **Citizen Communications – Mountain Ridge Dr. Sidewalk Project**

Jennifer Cramm Verde shared a PowerPoint presentation, discussing the need for sidewalks on Mountain Ridge Dr., which exits from Loop 360. Students walk this dangerous path to neighborhood schools. Jennifer appealed to NWACA to apply for the Neighborhood Partnering Program/ Neighborhood Cost Share Program. A discussion was held regarding application requirements, costs and NWACA involvement. Jen said she could share a video of the path where the sidewalks are being requested.

#### **Minutes**

Louri O'Leary motioned and Vicki DeWeese seconded to approve the minutes.  
Motion Approved.

#### **Membership**

Vicki DeWeese provided a PowerPoint slide and discussed the status of our membership 7.4% increase over August 2017.

#### **Financial Reports**

Vicki thanked Julie DePalma for all her help setting up QuickBooks and for applying for the state sales tax permit. Julie discussed her status on the QBO, PayPal, Texas Sales Tax-Permit, payment of tax on t-shirts, and the proposed credit card processing company to use with our new membership system.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### ***Garage Sale***

Mike Polston discussed purchasing an additional 40 small yellow signs since we only have 40 on hand. Mike reminded the volunteers who will place the signs: Louri, Roger, Rachel and Aaron.

##### ***Crime and Safety / NNNNO Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>***

Connie Lundgren and Vicki DeWeese reported on the NNO status and are hoping for a large crowd for the first community National Night Out at the south end of Randall's parking lot from 6-8 pm. The flyer is on the website, in the newsletter, on social media and has been distributed to event sponsors.

##### ***Civic Engagement-Election Forum-Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM***

Mike Polston, John Sepheri, and Rachel Lance are working on the NWACA Election Forum. The objective will provide information to NWACA Residents for local election

decisions in the November 2018 election. NWACA will publicize mayoral forums around town, but will not host the mayoral candidates at our elections forum. AISD candidates for District 4 and District 9, At-Large, have been invited to speak at the NWACA forum as have citizens in favor and opposed to City bond issues coming up. The strategy is to provide specific forums for citizens of NWACA to help them make clear decisions for Austin and Travis County elections.

### ***Facebook Media Requests***

Vicki stated that Rachel has directed Facebook media friend requests to the website for NWACA information as opposed to letting media join our FB group.

### ***Parks-Update on Murchison Playground***

Caroline Alexander provided information on the playground and status of the sign, grants and donations. Photos of a large neighborhood donor's family will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***Zoning and Transportation***

Ruven Brooks provided the history and information on Cap Metro's Quarter Cent projects. The following is the current status:

- Council approves revised list of Quarter Cent projects
- Each district gets \$1.9 million
- Projects already completed are included in the list
- Only \$6 million left for future spending
- Many projects on original D10 list have been dropped from revised list
- Even some projects on the current list not recommended by ATD
- No future new Quarter Cent funds expected
- When the \$6 million is spent, the Quarter Cent fund is closed.

Handouts from the Spicewood Springs Road Regional Mobility Project, which includes funding for preliminary engineering, design and construction of improvements on Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 360 to 0.2 miles west of Mesa Drive were presented in the board documents. An Open House was held August 29, 2018, to share three draft options for mobility and safety improvements to Spicewood Springs Road between Loop 360 and Mesa Drive.

### ***Mountain Ridge Dr. Sidewalk Project***

Discussion was held on the risks and benefits to NWACA serving as Neighborhood Partnering Project applicant. Vicki suggested that the neighbors should be made aware of the proposed project and that NWACA could write a letter of support to send with the NPP application. Vicki also suggested that NWACA continue to pursue the idea of acting as the NPP applicant. Vicki will follow up with Jen and let her know the result of the discussion and the vote.

Julie DePalma motioned and Richard Grayum seconded to approve the letter of support. Motion Approved.

Lauren Ward motioned and Caroline Alexander seconded to approve NWACA serving as applicant on the NPP, conditional on the following: 1) Jennifer Verde will serve as contact and project manager; 2) Jennifer will update the list of neighbors who support the project; and 3) a fiscal sponsor of the fundraiser must be found. Motion Approved.

### ***Tree, Environment & Wildlife- BOPA, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 8-10, AHS***

Joanie Arrott discussed the next opportunity to recycle Batteries, Oil, Paint Or Antifreeze that will take place in the southeast parking lot of Anderson High School on the Steck side. Signs will be posted at Doss directing members to the new location. This is a nice benefit and is only available to members of NWACA.

### ***Housekeeping***

Vicki asked for additional NNO Volunteers. Chris Hajdu will handle setup/membership, and take down. Roger Bolick will hang the banner and help with other items. Rachel Lance will be responsible for snow cone tickets; Bridget Keating will be responsible for the tables; Brad Banister will handle the Poster Pickup from Schools on September 25. Joanie Arrott agreed to serve as Volunteer Coordinator to help manage the Boy Scouts attending. Teri Shock will pick up signs on September 14<sup>th</sup> and distribute them five days prior to the event. Lauren Ward will enlist the help of Murchison Art teacher to serve as a celebrity judge. Lauren, Julie Waidelich, Connie Lundgren, and possibly Brad Banister will meet at Murchison to help judge the Elementary School Poster Contest and display the winners.

There was discussion to hold the Board Holiday Party with spouses and committee members in November (no December meeting) at a location to be determined. There will be a short meeting to approve Financials, Budget for 2019 and Minutes.

Vicki discussed a records request from CM Alter's office for the Constable's patrol reports. Discussion followed with the result being to share the same data as is currently being reported publically by NWACA on our website.

Vicki discussed the Sponsorship Committee meeting with Megan Helmbrecht, to be held October 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee members who will attend: Daniels, Waidelich, DeWeese, Hajdu, Alexander, Arrott, Schock, and Ward.

Vicki and Julie discussed the Finance Committee meeting to discuss the Budget/Reserve Policy. Julie DePalma will send an invite to the committee members: DePalma, DeWeese, Bhiwandiwalla, Rawlings, Bolick, Galvin, Hajdu, and Statz.

**New business** A new membership committee was formed with Charlie Gavin serving as chair. Committee members are: Richard Grayum, Teri Schock, Ruven Brooks, Julie Rawlings, and part time members to serve at events are: Tracey Fine and Connie Lundgren. Julie Rawlings suggested placing flyers in our new neighbors (former BCA) and local condos/townhomes to increase membership and information about NWACA.

### **Adjourn**

Richard Grayum motioned and Louri O'Leary seconded to adjourn.  
Motion Approved.

**Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 9th at Galaxy Café**

**6:30 p.m.**