

NWACA Board Minutes
May 12, 2020
Zoom

Attendance: DeWeese, Hajdu, DePalma, Waidelich, Arrott, Rawlings, Galvin, Polston, O'Leary, Nash, Grayum, Brooks, Lundgren, Keating.

Guest: Lauren Ward

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Citizen Communications

Lauren Ward presented an application for a NWACA Special Projects Grant for continued improvements at Murchison Middle School along with a request that NWACA write a letter of endorsement to establish a community garden at Murchison. Joanie Arrott motioned, Charlie Galvin seconded, discussion followed, two amendments were made by Bridget Keating and Chris Hajdu. The final motion passed for NWACA to write a letter of endorsement for the project as well as to grant funds to purchase benches, picnic tables, establish a community garden, paint a mural in the large gym, and provide additional funding for the revitalization of the existing garden plots and greenhouse. NWACA will receive signage on the mural and on the grounds. Funding for this grant will take place in June. It was noted that additional funds could be applied for during the next NWACA grant cycle. Discussion followed that Hill Elementary might also be approached by Bridget Keating to see if they might need our help during the next grant cycle.

Housekeeping

Bookkeeper: Everyone agreed the contract that Stephanie Coates submitted for bookkeeping services was fine, so Vicki will sign it. However, it was felt that the bank fees for allowing download access to NWACA accounts were too high. The NWACA Treasurer will need to continue to download our accounts and send the information to the bookkeeper.

Update on G Suites and Doodle: Vicki put Kaz in touch with our web developer.

Minutes: March and April minutes are pending from Kaz.

Financials

Treasurer, Julie DePalma reviewed our p & l and bank balances.

Committee Reports

Elections: The slate that was submitted to the NWACA membership was approved with 6 votes in opposition. The slate passed. New members are: Carol Dochen, Ben Luckens, Anita Tulsiani, Joyce Statz, and Jessica Halich, in addition to returning members: Joanie Arrott, Teri Schock, Connie Lundgren, Robert Nash, Vicki DeWeese, Julie DePalma, Julie Rawlings, Julie Waidelich, Richard Grayum, Bridget Keating, Mike Polston, Charlie Galvin, Ruven Brooks, Louri O' Leary, Monique Wright, Robyn Nunis, Chris Roddy, and Chris "Kaz" Wojtewitz.

Nominating: There was discussion regarding a preliminary slate of officers to be voted on at next month's joint board meeting and the need to possibly move people from committee assignments

to executive roles as well as the possible sharing of executive roles by current board members. Julie Rawlings came forward as willing to accept a leadership role. New board members will be encouraged to be involved with committees where needed. It was suggested that these roles be reviewed again at the beginning of 2021.

Zoning: Vicki will attend a meeting with D10 CM Alison Alter and presidents from other neighborhood associations regarding the LDC and will report back to the board.

Transportation: TxDOT shared that work will begin regarding utilities along Loop 360 at Westlake Drive.

Constable Patrol: The Board requested that the Constables resume their normal patrols due to increased speeding as a result of decreased traffic in the neighborhood, and because of concern regarding a possible uptick in crime.

Business Members: Julie W. gave an update on members and she and Julie D. will coordinate their records. Members will be encouraged to post on our Facebook site and we plan to place an ad in our June newsletter, prior to July 4th, to honor our current and new members, thanking them for supporting our community and helping to keep it strong. Business members' logos will be printed.

Events: Connie Lundgren spoke about National Night Out. It was decided that based on: 1) the uncertainty in our community due to Covid-19, and 2) recommendations from Austin Public Health, and the City Council that all upcoming in-person NWACA events be canceled through the end of 2020.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and presentation of Board member pets continued.