

**NWACA Board Meeting Minute December 8, 2020**  
**Zoom 6:30**

Attendance: Joanie Arrott, Robert Nash, Chris Wojtevicz, Julie Waidelich, Connie Lundgren, Julie DePalma, Ben Luckens, Jessica Halich, Ruven Brooks, Julie Rawlings, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Robyn Nunis, Carol Dochen, and Charlie Galvin.

6:33 Call to order by Joanie Arrott.

November minutes were reviewed with a motion to correct spelling of board member's names as well as two typos under financials. Minutes for November were approved by Julie Rawlings and seconded by Joyce Statz.

Joyce asked for clarity on our decision as whether in an election cycle we will let current city council members or school board members post their newsletter. Joanie clarified that a decision was made to allow current sitting elected officials to provide government or job specific material during an election even if they are running. However, officials will not be allowed to post anything related to their campaign.

**Old Business**

Joanie Arrott raised the subject of current elected officials using our communication outlets for civic engagement purposes, but we made the determination that it was okay. It was suggested that we offer a window of time to allow communications, but we felt that it was important to allow neighbors and residents to stay updated of important events throughout the year.

**Housekeeping**

**Membership**

Joyce shared that for November we are a little further behind than we were in October. As a reminder, Joyce noted that in 2019 we were counting households vs. 2020 where we were counting members. As such, we expected we would have a higher number than 2019, but we are behind. Joyce is hopeful that we can increase our numbers if we have a BOPA event in the near future. She felt there may be additional membership through the curb painting efforts.

**Curb Projects**

Robert Nash reported that we have about 70 people who have signed up for curb painting and have about 30 spots left. He mentioned we plan on featuring a "happy customer" testimonial that we can share on our social media platforms. Joyce clarified that it's important that we are clear that the curb painting is for members only. Joannie reported that this has been a successful project and we look forward to promoting this project in the neighborhood.

**Elections**

Joanie Arrott reminded everyone that we are in the midst of a run-off election and we have two very important positions that affect our neighborhood and city. Chris Wojtevicz mentioned

there's a proposal to put a charter amendment on the May ballot to change run-off election to go to instant run-off.

### **Project Reserve**

We are in the process of promoting our special projects fund. This is typically a project that will improve our community. In order to consider this, we will need to open this to our neighbors, promote it online and through NWACA Notes and ultimately determine our recipient. At this time, we only have one application. We will be reviewing applications in January to decide on any awards we want to consider. Joanie encouraged everyone to help spread the word.

### **Financial Report**

Joannie Arrott reported that we made a payment for curb painting and there will be more to come as we improve our process. Committee chairs should be thinking about your budgets for next year and we will need this in January. If committee chairs haven't already done so, please begin working on your budget.

### **Committee Reports & Updates**

#### **Crime and Safety – Connie Lundgren**

Joanie Arrott shared that Connie has been working with Sam (Constable) and we do not have any updates this month, but we will push this item to next month. In the meantime, we will continue to research and resume conversation at our next board meeting. Connie noted that the biggest issue our neighborhood faced in November is car theft. Connie mentioned an idea about hosting a personal safety seminar for our residents and Joanie felt a virtual 30-minute seminar might be a great way to assess our members interest. Carol Dochen mentioned an event she attended where APD visited a person's home and offered suggestions for keeping your home safe.

Carol Dochen mentioned she was driving into Rollingwood today and they have permanent signs that notify the residents of the specific months Oak trees can be trimmed. Joanie mentioned the City of Rollingwood passed an ordinance, so you can be given a fine if you are trimming outside of the designated oak trimming times. There was a discussion about what would be involved with having signs like this posted in our neighborhood. Joanie mentioned our biggest challenge is educating the new residents in our neighborhood about the oak wilt disease and we could explore the idea of having someone as an oak wilt chair.

#### **Executive Committee Updates**

Joanie shared that the executive board discussed hosting an annual meeting in mid-February. She suggested this is a Zoom meeting with a shorter presentation (1-hour max) on topics such as crime and safety, wildfire, District 10 rep to provide update, land development code, oak wilt, etc. We will need to line up presenters and coordinate logistics, but preparation should be minimal.

#### **Events Committee Updates**

Robyn Nunis reported on the holiday decorations contest. She's been very pleased with the participation and she picked up the yard signs today (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place). For the judges she has several board members – Robyn, Joyce, Robert, Richard, and Bridget – and they will caravan from Anderson High School at 5:45pm on Monday for a couple hours to see the holiday lights (6-8pm). Robyn mentioned board members are disqualified from the contest. Robert was able to coordinate car antlers for the judges, so residents can spot the judges as they drive through the neighborhood.

Joanie wished everyone a happy holiday after a crazy 2020! She is looking forward to 2021 and the fun things we have planned ahead! Be safe and be well.

7:52pm Meeting adjourned