

## NWACA Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2021 (Zoom)

**Attendance:** Joanie Arrott, Robert Nash, Chris (Kaz) Wojtewicz, Bridget Keating, Ruven Brooks, Richard Grayum, Ben Luckens, Julie Rawlings, Carol Dochen, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Connie Lundgren, Julie DePalma

6:34 **Call to order** – Robert Nash

Joyce Statz motioned to approve the February minute. Julie Rawlings seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

6:36 **Housekeeping**

**Membership** – Statz

As of February 2021, there are 746 members.

**School donations**

NWACA normally gives each school in the neighborhood \$200 annually. No donation was made in 2020. This was partly due to the treasurer transition. The bank transition is now complete.

Julie Rawlings motioned to give the schools \$200 now for 2020 and then \$200 in October for 2021. Robert Nash seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6:42 **Committee Reports**

**Project Reserve Applications** – Julie Rawlings

Funds for the bike repair station for Doss Elementary have been distributed.

Anderson Band was notified of the board decision to give them the full amount requested. We are waiting for the trailer wrap mockup with the NWACA logo included. Board looked at the different logos we have on file and chose the one with the full association name included.

6:48 **Executive Committee Update** – Joanie Arrott

Annual Meeting is rescheduled to March 30<sup>th</sup>. Allison Alter has been confirmed. Reaching out to all who were scheduled to speak. Joanie will emcee the meeting. There was discussion of signs to promote the event and primary locations for placement. Signs should include the March 30<sup>th</sup> date and 6:30 time, via Zoom, and NWACA.org. The website will have the Zoom link and agenda.

6:51 **Business Membership**

Julie Waidelich was not at the meeting. Two new memberships are Luster Hair Salon and Austin Pain Institute. Each are a \$1000 membership.

It was noted that there is a new cookie business on Far West Boulevard we may want to contact.

#### 6:54 **2021 Interest Survey** – Joyce Statz

The board looked at the format of last year's survey, gave suggestions, and made some changes.

#### Sections

1. Neighborhood Activities (no change)
2. Civic Issues We decided to list Land Development Code and Zoning separately. Added Utility infrastructure and Climate Change to the list.
3. Are you a member?
4. Zip code
5. Type of Household (optional)
6. Age (optional)

#### 7:07 **Forum for May 1<sup>st</sup> Election** - Joanie Arrott

This would be a Zoom event. There are 8 propositions, and we would need to present an explanation, as well as both for and against opinions on the different propositions. The ones that deal with strengthening the mayor could be grouped together. Early voting starts mid-April.

This led to a discussion of other neighborhood groups that may also be interested in a forum and the question of why NWACA is not a part of the Austin Neighborhood Council or Friends of Austin Neighborhoods.

Robert Nash will look into these alliances of neighborhoods and report back at the next meeting. It was also brought up that district 10 may be expanding west based on census results.

#### 7:21 **Neighborhood Facebook Groups**

Discussion tabled since Vicki DeWeese was not in attendance.

7:24 Robert Nash took the opportunity since there was time to inform the board about ImagineHancockpark.org. The city is currently trying to decide what to do with this city-owned golf course. Some neighborhood associations would like it to become a public park. One idea the city is considering is a for-profit golf venue. The City of Austin is conducting a survey to take the public's input. Robert is going to see if someone from the Hancock Conservancy would like to speak at the next board meeting.

7:42 Joanie Arrott motioned to adjourn the meeting and Connie Lungren seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned

Next Board Meeting April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30