

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022

Attendance: Robert Nash, Bridget Keating, Richard Grayum, Carol Dochen, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Ruven Brooks, Charlie Galvin, Julie Rawlings, Ben Luckens, Chris Currens, Mick Koffend, Dana Winer, Jessica Halich

6:35 Call to Order Robert Nash

November Minutes will be approved at the February meeting.

6:39 **Transportation Committee** – Statz

Discussion of the City of Austin's Vision Zero community goal to reduce people hurt or killed by crashes to zero with street improvements, policy change and education. As a neighborhood group we can put an article in the newsletter to spread the message to our neighborhood. Maybe we could purchase some reflective item for members to make it safer when walking in the neighborhood. The committee added wording to our mission statement to support this. Joyce Statz motioned to adopt the wording change and Carol Dochen seconded the motion. Charlie Galvin amended it to remove the specific "Vision Zero" from the wording and replace it with a more generic description. Mick seconded it and the motion passed unanimously with 14 votes.

6:48 **Zoning Committee** – Luckens, Galvin

Talked about proposal to amend the Bull Creek PUD to make an exhibition space. There will be a meeting on Tuesday.

6:49 **Membership** – Statz

At the end of 2021 we had a total of 954 members. Reminders to renew memberships will go out after the January newsletter reaches people's homes. The newsletter will explain the change from an individual membership back to a household membership. 340 members are set up for an autorenewal.

In the discussion of how to get new members Carol Dochen said as a realtor she includes the membership application in a packet she gives new homeowners 78731 and 78759 zip codes. Maybe we can ask others to do the same. We still need to brainstorm ideas for getting the message out to renters.

We will plan the budget with membership of 950 but our membership goal for 2022 is 1000.

7:02 **Business Membership** - Nash

On behalf of Julie Wadelich Robert lead a discussion on how to handle business members who give in kind donations of goods for NWACA sponsored events. It was decided by acclamation that we would trust that those who commit to goods for an event would honor their commitment. If they do not or there was no event held for them to participate in then their name would be taken off the business membership list.

7:12 Parks Committee – Keating

Update in the plan for the apartment opening into the Stillhouse Hollow Preserve. The committee is reaching out to the Parks department for advice on how to proceed. We are planning to meet with the apartment management as to educate them on the rules of a nature preserve so they can pass the information on to their renters. Also, to ask the parks department to put up signage at the entrance from the apartments so the rules are clear.

We have submitted a project for the March It's My Park Day for a Stillhouse cleanup.

Our sponsored fund account with the Austin Parks Foundation has a balance of \$5778.00

7:23 Annual Survey – Statz

The survey will be done via survey monkey in February and due back in March. Will use the same survey from last year.

7:30 Clarification for policy on visitors to board meetings

Currently residents can attend board meetings, but they must be members. Media is not allowed to attend board meetings. Will reach out to the West Austin News with this information.

7:36 Update on Committee chairs and members – Statz

Joyce wanted us to review the committee list and check them for accuracy. There were needs for leadership for July 4th and the Garage sale.

7:47 Finance Committee - Koffend

We looked at the balance sheets and the proposed budget for 2022.

The 7 public schools which neighborhood children attend were given \$200 each to their PTA.

In 2021 we paid out \$6,800 more than we took in.

As part of the 2022 budget planning a discussion of how we want to allocate the budget for crime and safety will be assessed before next month. We may need to poll the neighborhood about what the priority is for use of the constable.

BCA parks fund. Koffend motioned that the former Balcones Civic Association account balance of \$3000 to be transferred to a separate NWACA Frost bank account to be used by NWACA for a future project. Statz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with 13 votes.

Statz motioned for the board to allocate \$1000 shopping cart feature to be added to our software. Rawlings seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passes with 12 votes.

8:33 Meeting adjourned