

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2022

Zoom 6:30

Attendance: Joanie Arrott, Julie Waidelich, Mick Koffend, Joyce Statz, Charlie Galvin, Julie Rawlings, Ruven Brooks, Robert Nash, Richard Grayum, Dana Winer, Ben Luckens, Carol Dochen, Chris Currens, Louri O'Leary, Connie Lundgren, Teri Schock, Chris Kaz Wojtewicz

6:38pm Call to order by Joanie Arrott.

Review of January minutes. A motion to approve the January minutes was moved by Joyce Statz and seconded by Julie Rawlings.

Review of November minutes. A motion to approve the January minutes was moved by Joyce Statz and seconded by Mick Koffend.

Housekeeping

Membership –

Joyce shared that our membership is up to 631 members as of January 2022. Based on these numbers, we expect to exceed the numbers from last February.

Joanie noted we had to reschedule BOPA event (recycling) for Saturday, April 2nd at Mesa Park at St. Matthews. We are looking for a truck to help with picking up supplies downtown and delivering to the church parking lot.

Joanie noted the executive committee is renewing liability policies including D & O and supplemental event riders.

Committee Reports & Updates

Financial Report

Mick noted the financials are outlined in the profit and loss statement. He felt it would be helpful to change the way we view the monthly report to make it easier to read. Mick and the Finance Committee had a lengthy meeting last week. We received the Balcones Civic Association check (~\$3,500) and have deposited into our account for now. He is going to set up a money market account and will transfer these funds to that account to make the activity with that money transparent. He has addressed 1099s and he has filed the state sales tax return (for July 4th t-shirts). Regarding sales tax, to the extent that we purchase goods and services, we are sales tax exempt. Mick and Robyn are currently working on PayPal logistics to ensure money can be transferred.

Coming out of the finance committee last week, there was a question about what we want to do about Neighborhood National Night Out, which is currently budgeted for \$3,500. Connie noted this budget doesn't have a lot of food in it. A lot of the food last year was in kind. Randall's donated hot dogs, Jessica Halich may be able to serve cotton candy in kind, Connie suggested renting a couple snow cone machines, Julie Waidelich will have waters. Cost for the band Shotguns Ready would be \$750; stage would be \$400; and equipment would be \$450. Louri recommended we increase our budget to a higher amount and Connie felt \$4,000 would be more realistic.

Event Budget – We have money budgeted for Day in the Park and our July 4th event and National Night Out. It's important to note that we are expected to staff and manage these events. Currently we are looking for volunteers to chair the Day in the Park and the July 4th event. Chris Currens has offered to help with July 4th

and Connie has offered to head up Neighborhood National Night Out. Traditionally, we have an Annual Meeting in May. Julie suggested forgoing the Day in the Park event and using those funds toward some of our events later in the year when the COVID conditions will be less severe. Joanie asked Connie to make a motion to increase budget for Neighborhood National Night Out to \$4,000. Louri O'Leary seconded the motion. Joanie asked if anyone is opposed to increasing the budget for NNNO. The majority was in favor of increasing the budget and motion is passed.

Louri moved and Dana Winer seconded the motion to approve the entire 2022 budget. Joanie asked if anyone is opposed to adopting the budget as it is written and amended. The budget passed unanimously.

Zoning

Ben noted there is amendment to a zoning case turn the Design House on 2222 into a museum. David Booth owns what used to be the Design House and he has an extensive art exhibit. His proposal is to turn the estate into a foundation that will ultimately run a museum there.

4833 Spicewood Springs Soad is a small office building and it includes a 1-acre lot (very steep) behind the front lot. The current proposal is to change the zoning of the back lot to allow development of up to 20 condos. Charlie visited the lot and he felt the topography was too challenging for a condo development. The request was disapproved by the Zoning and Platting Commission and it will go to city council in the future. Ben noted we could oppose, support, or make no comment as an organization. Ben made a motion that the board not approve the zoning change request. Robert Nash seconded the motion. Richard Grayum stated it's not our job as a board to be the regulatory committee on this decision as it will have to go through the process and will likely not obtain approval based on the characteristics of the property. A vote was taken with 11 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstained.

Transportation

Joyce noted we had a transportation meeting to discuss issues with construction traffic/management on the development of the North 183 Mobility project. They indicated the construction would be completed at night. There was also a discussion about strategic mobility plan and adding more 25 mph signage. Lastly, there was discussion about continuing our vision zero work and doing things to help people be more aware of traffic safety.

Nominations

Louri O'Leary thanked all the board members who have given their time. She shared we are reaching out to others in the neighborhood to fill vacancies on our board. The committee is working to interview prospects and have the slate ready before our April meeting and voting will take place during our April meeting. Joanie thanked all of the board members for their service and encouraged current members to remain and recommend prospective board members for our nominating committee.

Annual Meeting

Joanie recommends we host our annual meeting in person in May and reconnect with our neighborhood. Joyce suggested we may want to host in the St. Matthews building to allow people to space out a bit. There was a suggestion to recognize a Volunteer of the Year. Dana asked if we could make our meeting a hybrid meeting for those who prefer Zoom. Julie asked if we could involve our Business Members at the Annual Meeting to allow them to network with the neighborhood. There was a suggestion to discuss firm dates (at our next board meeting) for our events this year so we can engage our Business Members and invite them to participate. Charlie suggested we include the city to address some of the water and utility issues we've faced recently. Joanie suggested we may want to provide them a table, but it may be difficult to cover their issues in a 15-minute presentation. Ruven asked if we have our council member, Alison Alter, attend and provide

updates for our community. Richard thought it may be helpful to have someone speak on the Spicewood project to discuss potential traffic issues down the line. There was some discussion to determine the best way to frame our recent water issues to ensure Austin Water is taking accountability and there are precautions in place to avoid these issues in the future. We will plan to finalize the agenda next month.

8:24pm Meeting adjourned. Louri made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Connie seconded it.