

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022
Hybrid - St. Matthews and Zoom 6:30

Attendance: Julie Waidelich, Robert Nash, Dana Winer, Charlie Galvin, Richard Grayum, Ben Lukens, Julie Rawlings, Joyce Statz, Joanie Arrott, Louri O’Leary. Not able to attend: Teri Schock, Connie Lundgren, Chris Currens, Mick Koffend.

6:38pm Call to order by Robert Nash.

Housekeeping

Membership - Joyce shared that our membership is that we are up to approximately 828 members, which increased as a result of the recycling event.

Meeting Date - There was some discussion of changing the date of our board meeting day and time to the 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in August 2022. The decision was unanimous among 12 attendees along with 4 proxy votes.

Annual Survey Results – It was discussed that we may want to discuss some of the annual survey results at the Annual Meeting. Joanie asked that there would be a discussion among the board members as to what will be shared at the meeting. Dana added that we may want to validate the graphs so the information is not misconstrued when we present to the neighborhood. It was suggested that we may want to create a small group to review the results and provide more accurate results at the Annual Meeting a some of the graphs are misleading. We are also looking forward to having Austin Water and Austin Energy planning to present at the meeting.

Financial Report

Mick was not present at the meeting, but he did ask for an additional signer for the NWACA layered set of CD investment accounts.. Robert Nash moved that Julie Rawlings be named as a signer on these accounts. Charlie Galvin seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Committee Reports & Updates

Ben Lukens noted that Council consideration of VMU ordinance changes and the zoning updates with the 4833 Spicewood development have been delayed. Ben and Charlie continue working with on the Bull Creek PUD; Charlie noted that he and Ben are going to meet with the neighborhoods affected to discuss amendments to the developer’s plans in more detail and they will provide an update at the next meeting.

Events Committee Updates

Chris Currens was not present to provide an update on 4th of July work, but he will follow up after the meeting. Joanie stated that we will need to get started on the t-shirts as soon as possible. Nyre is onboard to help with t-shirt design. Joanie suggested brainstorming on a theme for this year so our designs can be started.

Annual Meeting will be opened at 6:30pm on May 12th with highlights from NWACA. Alison Alter, Mayor Pro Tem and Chris Vetromile, AFD Wildfire Division will present in the beginning. We also expect to have an oak wilt prevention presentation. There will also be an announcement for volunteer of the year, introduction of the new board, and explanations of which invited guests are at which committee tables.

Open logistic items include a need for a timekeeper, which Dana volunteered to help with. We will also plan on streaming the meeting via zoom, offering cookies and water, providing tables to the Business Members, Austin Water, Austin Energy, and committees. There are several board members working together to ensure all logistics are tended to for the Annual Meeting. Robert asked if we would like to have a Volunteer of the Year Award. Ben made the motion to nominate Vicki DeWeese and Charlie seconded. The Board approved the nomination.

There was discussion of topics for Alison Alter to address, which include Austin Water, School District Recapture, Tax Rates, etc. We visited about bringing in a tax protest company to join as a Business Members and have a table at the Annual Meeting. Both Texas ProTax and Five Stone were suggested as possible Business Members. Julie Waidelich will follow up with both about becoming NWACA Business Members.

Louri highlighted that all board members are listed on the Board of Directors Election Ballot. We reviewed the existing and new members on the ballot and Louri asked if our existing members would be willing to serve in their current roles. Louri made a motion to accept the candidates presented on the ballot tonight. Joyce seconded the motion. There was also a discussion about hosting a new director orientation for new and existing members in mid-summer.

Richard expressed concern about discussing agenda items in the Executive Committee prior to the board being made aware of the discussion points. There was a brief discussion about the need for the executive board to request input prior to setting an agenda for our board meetings to allow for more productivity. Joyce referred back to our Executive Committee Procedure to clarify their responsibilities, one of which includes planning the meeting agenda.

Tree, Environment & Wildlife Committee

Joanie thanked everyone for volunteering for the recycling event. She noted we may have an additional \$50-100 amendment for next year to manage all of the Styrofoam disposal. Joanie suggested finding personal vehicles to transport the Styrofoam and contribute gas money toward their efforts. She also suggested we offer water to the volunteers. Joanie mentioned we may want to schedule the spring event a little earlier next year to avoid the heat.

Joyce asked if we could change the NWACA notes deadline to Tuesday at 12noon.

8:19pm Meeting adjourned.