

## NWACA Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2022

St. Matthews + Zoom 6:30

Attendance: Joyce Statz, Mick Koffend, Julie Waidelich, Charlie Galvin, Julie Rawlings, Ruven Brooks, Ben Luckens, Carol Dochen, Connie Lundgren, Dana Winer, Jessica Forrest, Kevin Kott, Richard Grayum, Teri Schock, Vicki DeWeese

Not present: Bridget Keating, Chris Currens, Robert Nash

6:51pm Call to order by Joyce Statz.

Review of June minutes. A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Julie Rawlings and seconded by Mick Koffend.

### Special guests

#### **Special Projects Fund – Lauren Ward**

Lauren took over the grounds at Anderson High School and kids are back at school for the first time and the grounds have been sorely neglected – sprinklers have been damaged, trees need to be trimmed, etc. They are looking for ways to improve the campus and they will need funds to improve the grounds. They have created a beautification work plan and they are trying to get people more engaged. Lauren applied for the special projects fund to raise money to first work on the front of the school to create a more community centric environment for the students and families. They would like to also refurbish the marquis sign at the front of the school. They are hoping to engage with the students to improve the campus. There are 3 parts to the application

1. Create a mural at the front of the school where there are currently four large brick areas at entrance. The murals would include “Anderson High School” and something related to the mascot.
2. Add boulders or metal picnic tables for the area around the Anderson High School signage where kids often gather.
3. There are some beds around the circle drive that need attention.

In exchange for any donation NWACA would contribute toward the beautification project, Lauren stated there would be recognition of NWACA. Charlie Galvin asked if Wells Fargo would consider continuing their support, but Lauren made it clear they were no longer interested. We discussed the need for more detailed information and we thanked Lauren for her time.

#### **Nishi Goel – Doss PTA President**

She referenced a muralist, Brian Joseph, who was interested in commissioning a mural inside the school. After some discussion, they decided to consider a mural on the exterior of Doss Elementary. The area in question is the area facing the playground and covered basketball court. There are three panels, but there is good space for two large murals. His signature work is known as Bydee (Bringing You Delightful Entertaining Experiences) art; they are in the process of working with Brian on design. He has done other projects at local schools and in the Austin community. He has asked for \$1,000 for materials (paint, tarp, brushes, etc.). His time is at no cost to the community, but he does request that he can sell t-shirts. He will be painting directly on the brick and will add a sealant to protect the artwork. It is expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete the project.

Clint Small visited our meeting to introduce himself as a candidate for the AISD School Board – District 4 position.

### **Housekeeping**

We have a few new board members we would like to introduce....

Jessica Forrest has been in the neighborhood since 2009 and she’s interested in getting more involved with NWACA and the support they offer the neighborhood.

Kevin Kott and his wife have been in the community since late 2014 and they loved the neighborhood. They are looking forward to giving back to the community now that he is retired.

Vicki DeWeese has been a previous board member and NWACA President. She grew up in Northwest Hills and graduated from Anderson High School. She has a great deal of experience in the neighborhood and looks forward to supporting the community.

Olivia Connett has moved outside of the neighborhood and will no longer be serving on the NWACA Board.

### **Membership –**

Joyce shared that our membership is up to 900 members as of July 2022.

### **Financial Report**

Mick noted the financials are outlined in the profit and loss statement. The statement now includes in-kind Business Member contributions for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. This was the first time he's dealt with in-kind donations, so he changed the way we structured the systems to track all income/donations. In the past, we have not tracked in-kind values, so this will give us a better sense of what events actually cost.

### **New Business**

Our task is to decide on funding for the Special Project Applications we've received. For the Anderson beautification project, Charlie Galvin asked that we request a detailed spreadsheet to justify the financial requests. Mick noted that he does not feel we should support AISD projects as it's not a "community served" purpose. Ben felt it was a project we should support as the beautification of the school grounds will benefit the community as a whole as it impacts the housing values. Charlie Galvin expressed an interest in supporting the Adirondack park project. Joyce Statz noted that we have offered this Special Projects opportunity to our community and it would be unfair to deny Lauren's proposal solely due to fact that it is Anderson-related.

With regard to the Doss mural project, we would like to see the sketch prior to contributing to the project. Additionally, we would like to ensure the PTA is behind the project. We would also like to ask if the mural is protected against vandalism.

### **Committee Reports & Updates**

#### **Financial Reconciliation Committee**

Jessica Forrest, Vicki DeWeese and Dana Winer make up this committee. Jessica Forrest presented an overview and stated that their two primary areas of concern were reporting and consistency in record keeping. There were missing contracts for vendors (web design contracts, payment platforms, etc.), missing receipts, etc. There were insurance policies that had lapsed and it's important to keep our coverage in place.

Dana Winer presented recommendations based on findings from 2021. She noted that some of these recommendations have already been put into place. It's important to ensure that we go through the right process of approvals when last minute changes are made that involve significant funds. There was also a recommendation to keep records in a single place. We should also have job description to our key positions and there should be standard procedures on onboarding and off boarding. These were a few highlights of the report and the full report has been filed in our NWACA documents.

Mick noted that we will want to organize and tighten the financial procedures.

#### **Transportation Committee**

Richard noted they talked about speed and traffic control in the recent transportation meeting. Ruven shared that he looked at the speed control page, which noted Greystone will be the site of speed control work in 2023. There is also some speed monitoring going on right now on Valburn Drive. It's unknown what they have planned, but we are looking into more detail. Ruven also reminded us about the proposed intersection upgrade funded by the Austin Oaks PUD to be installed at Hart Lane and Spicewood Springs. Money has been given to the City of Austin to make this change, and if it's not spent in 10 years after it was provided, the money goes back to the original owner. We're now about 5 years

into that 10-year period, so the Transportation Committee will continue its advocacy and see when we can get this addressed.

### **Civic Engagement Committee**

Dana reported we have an election coming up in November. NWACA does not endorse candidates, but we are partnering with other neighborhood associations to help educate residents about the candidates. The date for the forum is Wednesday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and we have a moderator who will ask questions of candidates. This forum will be in a Zoom format. Vicki asked if we will invite school board candidates. Joyce felt there would not be time for additional candidates, but we could ask for statements from the school board and other candidates.

### **Tree, Environment and Wildlife Committee**

Teri Schock presented that we had two inquiries this month. One was inquiring about a vacant home on Hidden Hollow which appeared to have distressed trees. This was addressed and the tree was noted as void of Oak Wilt. We had a request for reimbursement for oak wilt and this has been presented to Mick as well. Joyce noted that we may want to increase the allowance for each oak wilt reimbursement from \$1,000 to a higher allowance. The current cap is 40% up to \$1,000. It was suggested that we research the cost of addressing oak wilt today and consider an adjustment going forward.

### **Zoning**

Ben Luckens noted the Bull Creek PUD will be a large sculpture garden and museum. It's located at 2222 and Paradox Cv. and there have been a lot of concern expressed about this project. David Booth is about to donate the land with existing sculptures and trust to support this endeavor. It's expected to host 40 outdoor events per year. There will be a reservation system to account for traffic in/out. There are approximately 50 parking spots at the site. Ben and Charlie have been working with leaders of other neighborhood groups to get conditions put into the PUD amendment that make it acceptable to all these groups. Ben asked that NWACA approve the following resolution to submit to city council:

Resolution No. 2022-1

The Northwest Austin Civic Association supports adoption of the third amendment of the Bull Creek PUD (C814-2009-0139.03) subject to the conditions set out by the Zoning and Platting Commission at their meeting of August 16, 2022.

Ben proposed the resolution and Charlie Galvin seconded approval.

### **Announcements and Updates**

Joyce showed the board where to find forms online in groups.io. She has proposed two dates for fall recycling event – November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Joyce also encouraged all board to sign up for a Firewise evaluation, which can be scheduled on the NWACA website. Joyce sent out a list of our committees and asked for all board members to sit on at least one committee. Lastly, we received a mailing from Murchison asking NWACA to become a sponsor, and we are now gathering information about what it takes to be a sponsor at other nearby schools.

### **Neighborhood Night Out**

Connie noted that have scheduled Neighborhood Night Out on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We have secured several sponsors including Randall's, Churchill Mortgage, Torchy's, School of Rock, etc. Things are coming together and Connie will ask for help in the coming months.

8:44pm Meeting adjourned. Joyce made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Julie Rawlings seconded it.

Minutes by Julie Waidelich