

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2022
St. Matthews + Zoom 6:30

Attendance: Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, Charlie Galvin, Julie Rawlings, Ruven Brooks, Carol Dochen, Connie Lundgren, Dana Winer, Richard Grayum, Chris Currens, Charlie Galvin, Bridget Keating, Kevin Kott

Not present: Ben Luckens, Jessica Forrest, Mick Koffend, Robert Nash, Vicki DeWeese, Teri Schock

6:41pm Call to order by Joyce Statz.

Review of September minutes. A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Julie Rawlings and seconded by Charlie Galvin.

Housekeeping

Membership –

Joyce shared that our membership is up to 935 members with a goal of 1,000. We have a recycling event coming up in November where we hope to gain additional members.

Financial Report

Mick was not present at the meeting tonight, but Joyce provided an update on his behalf. Balance sheet shows total assets of just over \$118,000. Joyce reviewed the financial statement – 2002-09-FinancialStatements.pdf. We would like to adopt a new reimbursement procedure for NWACA, which involves completing a reimbursement form with receipts/invoices. The treasurer will review/approve and process payment. Once paid, receipts are kept in electronic form. Julie Rawlings moved to approved the process and Richard Grayum seconded. The motion was approved by the Board.

Old Business

We are hoping to finalize our school sponsorships for the coming year. Bridget contacted Doss and Highland Park about putting materials in their Wednesday folders. The PTA for Highland Park suggested making a payment and we can distribute materials in the Wednesday folders. The contact for Doss stated they do not include business or organizational flyers in the Wednesday folders, but they will recognize NWACA events in their email newsletter. After all the research, it was recommended that we contribute \$250 to each elementary school in our neighborhood and that we'll notify them of events that we'd like them to publish in their email newsletters.

Committee Reports & Updates

Civic Engagement Committee

Dana reported we had four forums in person for AISD bond and candidates at Galaxy Cafe. Also, there was an online forum that was hosted in conjunction with several other neighborhood organizations. There were around 60 participants. Lessons learned were to send a reminder prior to an online event as there were 150 RSVPs and there's a concern that some people may have overlooked the meeting. Dana mentioned they are sending a survey to those in attendance to find out how the process can be improved in the future.

Garage Sale

There were 25 homes that participated, which seemed low in comparison to 2019 when 50 homes participated.

Zoning

Charlie Galvin reported some of the recent zoning issues.

- The Bull Creek PUD Museum. This has moved on to Council. By and large the neighborhoods got concessions from the owner re ingress/egress, use, setbacks, noise, and number of events.
- 7501 N Capital of Texas. Both cases at this address have been approved by Council. Basically, minor land use changes to accommodate a veterinarian in one case and Magellan School in the other.
- Courtyard Hotel (SE corner of Loop 360 and RR 2222) site plan. This site plan is for a 150-room hotel. This project is part of the Champion tract zoning cases/law suites. Typically, there is not a lot input into the site plan process. This site plan requires a ZAP approval but I haven't seen a date scheduled for the hearing.
- 4833 Spicewood Springs Rd will be back at Council on Nov 3 with the owner asking for LO on the canyon lot currently zoned SF-3. I don't see why we would change our position opposing the change. Previously the owner was asking for LO-MU for the lot with the existing office building *and* the canyon lot.

New Business

Recycling Event on November 19th. We are looking for people to help with this event. Joanie is going to secure a truck. Please send Teri Schock an email if you can help. It's in St. Matthew's parking lot (Mesa side).

December Holiday Lighting Contest

The board decided to continue this tradition. We will need judges – Bridget Keating, Julie Rawlings and Robert Nash (in absentia) offered to serve as judges. Julie suggested setting the date for December 13th. Richard asked if we've considered hosting a Halloween Decoration Contest and this idea was well received by the board. We would need to begin planning in September next year to ensure the neighborhood is aware of the event.

Changes to Internet File Locations/Structures

Joyce noted that some board members have not found Groups.io. as user friendly as hoped. There is a proposal to shift our files to Google to allow committees to share documents, etc. Joyce suggested we also keep good hard disc archives as well as online copies. For federal, state, 501c(4) documents, etc. they would stay online. We will begin to transition from Group.io to Google Drive. It was suggested that we offer some type of training for board members to use the new Google platform.

Strategic Planning

Joyce suggested we focus on one or two areas for next year. Based on the 2022 survey results we need more work on crime and safety, since that was clearly the top concern. Kevin asked about the data analysis for the survey and noted that it would be okay to continue reporting weighted results, but also noting the number of people who responded. Joyce suggested that we also focus on the park land to move forward the licensing/permitting process for Hyridge park and check on the status of Allen Park. Ruven noted that Allison Alter is very focused on emergency medical services in the coming year. Julie Rawlings pointed out Austin's efforts to create resilience centers across the City, and Ruven noted that they are looking for additional sites beyond the first pilots now in work. After discussion, we decided to focus on four main areas for the coming year – crime and safety (probably with Neighborhood Watch), wildfire awareness, resilience centers, and park land. There was also discussion about reaching the younger families in our neighborhood and it was suggested that we work with local schools to get involved with their events – back to school events, school sponsored events, etc. That might be a replacement for or a way to do our Day in the Park event.

We will have our November meeting on Wednesday, November 30th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

We have set a date for our holiday gathering on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm at Joyce's home.

8:27pm Meeting adjourned. Julie Rawlings made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Kevin Kott seconded it.

Minutes by Julie Waidelich