

NWACA Board Meeting  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:30 pm  
St Matthew's – youth Building, and Zoom

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

**Not present:** Chris Currens

6:37 Call to Order by Joyce Statz

Review the November minutes. Keating motioned to approve minutes, Forrest and Kott seconded. Minutes approved.

**6:38 Housekeeping**

Membership

2022 Membership was 951. Our goal for 2023 is 975.

**Financial updates:** Koffend

The assets in 2022 were increased by \$13,676.00. Some part this amount reflects business memberships that apply to 2023. This also reflects both an increase in donations and a decrease in some expenses.

The PayPal account is closed, and all online revenue is going through Braintree.

**6:47 Old Business**

Membership Initiatives: Carol Dochen sent out letters to those homeowners she had sold houses in the neighborhood resulting in a few new members. Julie Waidelich will do the same for businesses. We will put information on our Facebook page as well as the Northwest Austin Facebook page about this being the time to renew memberships. We decided against yard signs for now.

### **6:52 Crime and Safety**

The 2022 annual survey showed the desire for a focus on crime prevention. Ideas included getting as many Constable patrol hours as possible, increasing neighborhood watch, holding a Neighborhood Watch block captain meeting, and increasing the number of block captains in the area, having more articles on crime and safety, and maybe doing a neighborhood wide crime and safety meeting like has been done in the past.

Connie Lundgren has been working with the Constable to get more patrolling in the neighborhood. We will try to get back to twice/week, the original plan we had with them. Connie will also investigate the cost of having a contract with the Constable's office.

Kevin is organizing a meeting of the block captains for February 17<sup>th</sup>, after having done a survey in December to see what they are doing and what they need. Connie and Kevin will also look at possible date for a crime and safety meeting. Since our APD District Representative is retiring May 1<sup>st</sup>, the session will need to be done before then – April 13<sup>th</sup> was suggested.

### **7:22 Review and Approve Budget for 2023**

The board reviewed the proposed budget put forth by Mick Koffend. After discussion we changed the projected income from memberships to 975 members from 1000 members, and we added funds for a potential shredding event this summer. Julie Rawlings motioned to approve the 2023 budget, and Kevin Kott seconded. **2023 budget was approved.**

### **7:45 Zoning Committee**

Update on the Knox Property. The developer will tear down the existing structures and divide the property in 12 lots. The site plan has been approved and construction will start next January.

4601 Spicewood Springs Rd – Proposed Location for counseling services for alcoholism and post incarceration. This is not an inpatient facility. There is no objection to that plan.

Compatibility Standards – the Zoning Committee co-chairs are monitoring changes in the City’s development rules; these affect development along MoPac and 360 in our area

### **7:57 New Business**

#### **Oak Wilt Reimbursement Policy**

We reviewed the policy and decided to change the maximum reimbursement from \$1000 to \$2000. The homeowner will need to submit a plan that has been prepared in consultation with an oak-wilt qualified arborist and NWACA will get a second review. If the second review doesn’t agree with the homeowner’s review, we will send a sample to Texas A&M for guidance prior to the work being done. Charlie Galvin motioned to approve the change and Mick Koffend seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Spring Events:**

A team will look into a possible Spring community event at Doss Elementary in April. Koffend, Winer, Waidelich and Grayum to work on this. Earth Day on April 22 was proposed as a possibility, after considering other dates in April.

March 4<sup>th</sup> our Spring BOPA recycling event scheduled.

Look for a May date for the Annual Meeting. Possibly May 11<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps bring a food truck to help encourage attendance. See if we can get Kirk Watson to participate, as well as Alison Alter.

Start planning for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Looking for someone(s) to chair this event. Vicki and Carol offered to help out with the planning.

#### **Other Business for the Board**

Burnet Road Storage lock changed

Sign up for Firewise evaluations

Newsletter production will be with a new firm, starting with a January/February issue.

Encourage applications for Special projects funds.

Board members will have Oak Wilt prevention signs in their yards.

Chris Currens has resigned from the Board, due to time limitations

8:35 Meeting Adjourned Ruven Brooks made the motion. Charlie Galvin seconded.