

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2023

St. Matthew's + Zoom 6:30

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

Not present:, Bridget Keating, Vicki DeWeese, Kevin Kott

6:40pm Call to order by Joyce Statz.

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

Housekeeping

Membership - Joyce shared that our membership is up to 626 members. Renewal reminders went out at the end of February. The recycle event brought in 29 new members.

Financial Report

Mick shared the financial reports; the balance sheet shows a CD that will mature in early April. He's asked to increase the balance to \$15,000 + accrued interest. Charlie made a motion and Richard Grayum seconded the request to increase the CD balance. The motion passed unanimously. Mick would like to add one more person to the financial review committee and has asked for volunteers. He is hoping to wrap up the financial review process by the end of May.

Old Business

Reminder to upload committee documents to NWACA work.

Crime and Safety event on April 13th is in the works. Nyre is creating an ad for Facebook to promote the event. Connie is working with Sam to get an update on their patrol status.

Earth Day Festival is scheduled for April 22nd. Dana and Mick reported that there is a lot in the works in terms of fun activities to engage our younger neighbors. We are looking for volunteers to help with family friendly activities – scavenger hunt, leaf artwork, etc. It's at Doss Park from 2-4pm on April 22nd. There will also be an opportunity to do some light gardening work to help educate the neighborhood. Mick noted that Austin Resource Recovery will also be involved and they have some great activities to share. Mick has quotes for portable toilets and a water hydration station. Mick noted they have \$500 in the budget for this event. The portable toilets are \$475 and there are quite a few other expenses, so Mick asked for \$1,500 additional money for this event. Julie Rawlings moved to approve the increased budget of \$2,000 and Julie Waidelich seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of increasing the budget to \$2,000.

Richard Grayum provided an update on the July 4th event. He proposed adding a map to the front of the t-shirt with our boundaries and major landmarks. Richard is looking for a master of ceremonies to kick off the parade after they announce the winners, etc. Richard is planning on filing the permit soon.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 11th at Huffman Hall in St. Matthews. Joyce shared that Alison Alter has committed. Additionally, Austin Water will be participating and Austin Fire Dept coming to speak and possibly bringing their simulation table. Next year, we need to be cautious about scheduling our meeting on the same date as the school board meetings, which have created a conflict this year. There are also invitations out to a number of people who haven't responded yet. We will also include NWACA Business Members. We discussed serving pretzels, cookies and water at the event.

New Business

We are currently undergoing a new Board Member search. We had two prospective members visit the meeting today – Chris Bove and Mae Levitan. Chris provided an introduction. Mick approved and Richard Grayum seconded the motion to approve Chris as a new board member. The board unanimously voted to approve Chris Bove as a new board member. We will introduce Mae at the April meeting.

There has been some discussion about the speed mitigation activity along Greystone. We have put together information for the city to review and they have responded with an FAQ. These documents have all been posted on the NWACA web page. The plan is to have a forum about this on April 5th (date later changed to April 19) at Huffman Hall at St. Matthew's at 6:30pm with Austin Transportation Department to discuss the pros and cons of implementing some type of speed mitigation efforts. Joyce asked Connie to invite Sam from APD to be present in the event the discussion becomes heated.

Other Business

Parks Co-Chair - Ann Trentin is our new co-chair along with Bridget.

Shredding Event is tentatively scheduled for August 19th.

Special Projects Fund – we have had three entries (2 from Highland Park Elementary School and one from Sally Grayum)

Annual Survey went out 3/13; responses are due 3/30; we can expect to receive a summary in April.

8:03pm Meeting adjourned. Richard Grayum made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Julie Rawlings seconded it.
Minutes by Julie Waidelich