

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2024
Dell Jewish Community Center

Attendance: Joyce Statz, Kevin Kott, Connie Lundgren, Ruven Brooks, Ben Luckens, Richard Grayum, Teri Schock, Julie Rawlings, Chris Bove, Dana Winer, Mae Levitan, Vicki DeWeese, Bridget Keating, Jessica Forrest, Mick Koffend

Not present: Carol Dochen, Julie Waidelich, Charlie Galvin,

6:35 Call to Order

Member Communications

Kim Tyson Cook asked to address the board on her concerns about the changing land use code in Austin. The board discussed past communication on this subject and that we were currently gathering deed restrictions for those in our geographic boundaries. Those will be published on our website.

6:47 Guest Speaker

Roger Cauvin, Friends of Austin Neighborhoods (FAN) described the organization. He is the cofounder of this group. When asked why there was an interest in NWACA maybe becoming a member of this group board member listed reasons including:

Keeping up with information that affects the entire city.

Putting our voice with others.

We have common concerns.

FAN has 18 associations currently as members, and 800 individual members. The individual members vote as a block and get one vote. Voting is done online, requiring a super majority of 60% approval to take action on an issue. There are no dues, monthly open board meetings, and an online forum for discussion and policy development. There are currently two members of the board. They voted in favor of home initiative phase 1 and 2. Areas of current concern are HOME 2, transit oriented development, compatibility issues, and Project Connect.

7:05 Consent Agenda

Chris motioned to approve January minutes; Julie Rawlings seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

Membership - 2024 goal is 900. EOM January 343, system issues have been fixed.

Financial Report – Forrest/Koffend

One of our CDs matured which gave us \$480 in interest income. We finished paying out the Anderson Sign Special Project but have not yet received any receipts for the tennis court work.

7:11 **Old Business**

Newsletter distribution - Dana Winer

We are doing a three-month pilot to multifamily housing that is made up of 1263 renters. The cost is \$643 to add this group. There will be flyers inserted in the March newsletter for this group to help evaluate the success. There will be a QR code for a survey to evaluate interest. Will ask if they would like to continue to receive the newsletter. Will repeat the survey in May.

Earth Day Festival – Dana

It will be held on Sunday April 21st from 2 – 4pm.

Information will be sent to all the schools, and work is underway to get exhibits and volunteers.

Nomination Committee – Joyce

There are 15 potential candidates. Three people expressed interest from the website notice.

Annual Meeting – Joyce

It will be May 15, 2024.

Speakers will include Allison Alter, someone speaking on the rising cost of homeowners insurance. Exhibits will include an update on the Spicewood Springs Road Project, the 183 mobility project, Lloyd Dogget's office, and Austin Wastewater.

Still waiting for response from Kirk Watson. Austin Transportation, APD and AISD.

7:47 **Neighborhood Survey** – Joyce

Went over questions from last year. Made a few changes. Ready to publish.

7:58 Yard Signs – Teri

We looked at different samples of yard signs to use for upcoming events, trying to make them easy to read. A choice was made to use a lime green background for the Annual Meeting signs, with other colors for 4th of July and Earth Day.

We discussed having an Anderson high school student as a nonvoting member of the board but made no decision. Candidates might come from Anderson High School or McCallum, both having students from NWACA; they might use meeting attendance as volunteer hours.

8:29 Meeting Adjourned