

## NWACA Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024

### Dell Jewish Community Center –Tocker Education and Engagement Center

Attendance: Mick Koffend, Joyce Statz, Richard Grayum, Chris Bove, Ben Luckens, Mae Levitan, Kevin Kott, Carol Dochen, Dana Winer

Not present: Julie Waidelich, Connie Lundgren, Ruven Brooks, Charlie Galvin, Teri Schock, Vicki DeWeese, Jessica Forrest

6:38 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz (waited on quorum)

#### **Consent Agenda**

Approval of March 2024 Minutes – A motion was made by Carol Dochen and second by Kevin Kott to approve the March minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Membership**

Membership –2024 target is 900; EOM March 742

#### **Financial Report**

Membership revenue has ticked up for businesses and the household membership issue is being resolved. Julie Rawlings was a signatory to the checking and money market accounts, but she is no longer on the Board. Two motions were made by Mick Koffend and seconded by Chris Bove. one to modify signature authorities to remove Julie and add Joyce and Vicki to the checking and money market accounts, and a second motion was made to modify signature authority for CDs to remove Julie and add Joyce. Both motions passed unanimously.

Financial Review Committee work is underway. Vicki DeWeese is leading the effort.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Winer**

Status report on Earth Day Festival – Dana had requests for help with activities at the event. It will have about 20 tables with activities like petting zoo, make your own garden, make your own bird house, scavenger hunts. Resources for adults include test drive electric vehicle; Tesla is expected to be there. Lots of EV information like charging stations. Activities will be spread through the park and Doss parking lot.

##### **Statz, et.al.**

Board Slate Recommended by Nominations Committee

The Board was provided a sample ballot for the election of 20 board members for review before the meeting. Joyce walked through the ballot, identifying the new candidates from the Nominations Committee. A motion was made to approve the slate and start the elections by Joyce, seconded by Chris Bove. The motion was approved unanimously.

Status report on Business Members

Waidelich/Statz

Julie on vacation this week. Rescheduled for next month.

Status of Annual Meeting Planning and Agenda

Statz, Board

All entities we have contacted are now planning to attend, including Austin Energy, AFD Wildfire, APD District Representative, Kirk Watson, Allison Alter, the Constable's Office, and an insurance agent to talk about

dropping of homes because of wildfire threat and the sharp increase of rates in the area. We have questions to send to the insurance agent and to Alison Alter, to guide their presentations.

Discussion: Results of annual interest survey

Statz, Board

We examined the survey report, noting that the areas of interest are in synch with what we've seen before and with the programs we have in place to address them. A new question asked about what parts of the monthly newsletter were most read; the From the Board article is not well used as we hoped, so perhaps we should shorten it and put large chunks of information into separate articles. It wasn't a shock that few know about Earth Day, since this is just our second year with that event. We may need to also reach out to preschools about the Earth Day event, as we did to elementary and middle schools.

There is a strong wish for more playgrounds and parks. As the details for Steck Valley Greenbelt are clarified, we will publish information about that. Other comments about playgrounds and a number of other items will be addressed in an article in the May newsletter.

Update on 4<sup>th</sup> of July Planning

Bove/et.al.

The Parade Permit was submitted, with the route to start near Hill Elementary on Robbie Drive, going up Cima Serena to the Anderson High School North parking lot.

Carol asked if we could close Steck and Mesa and send the parade there, but it was agreed that would impede too much traffic. Publicity will need to clearly show the parade route and location of the Freedom Festival, since it's a big change.

We held a contest to gather t-shirt designs, and four neighbors responded. We reviewed the designs, narrowing it to one with the kids on a trike, a bike, and a scooter for this year and one with NWACA in the American flag colors for next year.

We need to invite others to join the planning team. A request will go out in NWACA Notes and Facebook.

Update on Subdivision Deed Restrictions - Statz

No news on getting the deeds database up and running.

Discussion/ Decision on Joining Austin Neighborhoods Council and/or Friends of Austin Neighborhoods  
Kevin attended a Zoom meeting of ANC, though he wasn't introduced. The Board discussed the kinds of concerns being addressed by ANC, which seem in line with NWACA concerns. It doesn't appear that FAN is as relevant to this neighborhood.

Joyce made a motion and Ben seconded the motion to approve NWACA joining ANC.

Carol, Ben, Vicki, Kevin, and Mick voted in favor; Joyce, Richard, Mae and Chris voted against.

Motion Passed 5-4, so NWACA will join ANC and identify a person to attend the meetings once our new Board is in place in August.

### **New Business**

Revisions proposed to Bylaws for Student Board Member - Koffend

Mick recommends adding a student member to the Board, and he provided a revision of the Bylaws that would address such a change. As written, the draft would require the student member to be a senior; however seniors are not likely to focus much on neighborhood matters in the latter part of the school year, thus a junior

might be more appropriate. Discussion about whether or not the student's household needed to be a member concluded that it must, like any other Board member. The draft indicated that a student should not get to make a tie breaking vote, but the Board disagreed, and that language was removed. Mick made a motion to revise the bylaws to include student membership as amended. Richard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Announcements and Updates - Statz, Board

Anderson High Tennis Booster Club has let us know they are locking the gates to reduce access to the courts. Some Board members had objections since NWACA paid for the resurfacing. Discussion is underway with the leader of the Tennis Booster Club, to see if there is a way to allow the public to use the courts at certain times, perhaps with a sign-up app. Once a resolution is reached, we might run a newsletter article regarding the resolution.

Do we have a team for NNO? – Yes, Connie, Kevin, Carol are working on plans.

A suggestion was made that we do some type of opening event at the Murchison Pool. Joyce, Mick, and Vicki offered to help with this. Opening day is Monday, June 4, though the pool is usually closed on Mondays. We'll have more details at the May Board meeting.

No other topics from Board members

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting, **May 8, 2024**, 6:30 p.m. Annual Meeting, **May 15, 2024**, set up at 6:00 p.m. STM Huffman Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Minutes by Richard Grayum