

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2024
Dell Jewish Community Center – Fridel Board Room

Attendance: Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, Kevin Kott, Connie Lundgren, Vicki DeWeese, Ben Luckens, Dana Winer, Carol Dochen, Ruven Brooks, Charlie Galvin, Richard Grayum, Chris Bove, Mae Levitan, Mick Koffend

Not present: Teri Schock, Jessica Forrest

6:34pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Consent Agenda

Approval of April 2024 Minutes - Kevin approved, Carol Dochen seconded.

Approval of May 2024 Minutes - It was noted that Julie, Carol and NWACA be noted in lieu of Julie, Mick and Carol for contributing canopies for July 4. Kevin moved, Carol seconded. Minutes approved with these changes.

Joyce reported our Membership –2024 target is 900; EOM May 770. The increase in membership is attributed to a new interface to track members, directly linked to the real database. In the process of establishing the new system, we “discovered” about a dozen current members.

Financial Report

Financial Report – May 2024

Mick reported that we will have started to spend money for July 4th event. We also spent a little money on the family event at the Murchison pool. We will need to renew our maturing CD. It was also noted that Jessica Forrest doesn't have the bandwidth to assume Treasurer duties; Mick Koffend to stay on and oversee the financials. Dana raised a motion to authorize the treasurer to approve renewal of CD's as they mature. Chris and Mae seconded. Our net income was roughly a \$980 loss due to July 4th and the June Murchison pool opening.

Old Business

Financial Examination Committee: Vicki presented a report from the Committee. Ben, Bart and Vicki worked on this project this year. They looked at every debit over \$500 and every credit over \$1,000 and made sure insurance was paid. They compared Quick Books to our general ledger. The Secretary of State website does not show current board members, but Mick has turned in the proper documentation to update their records. Vicki noted that a financial report for National night Out would be valuable for the chair to have for future NNO gatherings. They looked at every item on July 4th, but could not find where Kona Ice had been paid. Mick noted that when he was looking at Kona Ice to determine what had been paid in the past, he could not find any transactions. Mick reached out to Kona Ice to find out if they have any record of a paid invoice for our event in 2023 (approximately \$1,200), but they did not have a record and said their 2023 books were closed and we should just forget about it. Vicki noted that each invoice should be processed independently or shown as a split, which will make bookkeeping easier to track. It the responsibility of the committee chair to gather all receipts and expenses and upload them on our Google Drive so the future committee chair has visibility. Mick asked that we use the sales tax form when we make purchases on behalf of NWACA.

Dana suggested that we add Kona Ice as an in-kind member due to their generosity last week. We agreed to allow them to serve as an in-kind member for 2023 with their info on the website for 2024.

Status of newsletter distribution experiment:

Dana reported that the experiment was meant to be a 3-month experiment to find out if those in apartments and condos wanted the newsletter. We had learned that the newsletter is based on US postal routes as opposed to our boundaries, so, in addition to missing apartments and condos, we are missing a number of residents in our boundaries. We completed 2 months of pilot with a flyer insert about a survey. With 21 responses received, the response rate was fairly small. Lynette Haaland, our publisher, is doing some research with other publishers to find out how they handle it. Independence Title generated a list of mostly single-family homes and condos, but may be missing many apartment residents. It's possible it will be much more expensive to send the newsletter to every resident, so we are still gathering information on the best possible outcome to reach all of our neighbors.

Report on recent events

Joyce reported that we had a successful annual meeting with about 70 in attendance, with 30 more at displays; disappointed in Mayor Watson bowing out; compliments from Alison on the event. Carol suggested that we consider having the event on a different day and try to engage the younger generation. Dana asked why it was important to engage the younger residents in the neighborhood. Carol noted it is important for the neighborhood to be involved, feel good about the neighborhood we're in, and get more involved. Connie noted it could be effective to do some promotion online. Julie W. noted that May not be the best month as it's tough for families with kids. It was suggested that we consider the JCC as a venue and make it fun with food trucks, information booths, etc. to help get people involved.

With our June 8 at Murchison Pool we gave out about 65 tickets used for Kona Ice, which ended up being very expensive for \$580 cost. Next time we consider this, we will need better signage at the event! And, we will need to post with photos on FB before event. It was suggested that we consider having Austin Yard Cards add signage to the pool event for next year.

4th of July Planning

Chris Bove reported that we have permits in place, permission from AHS to use the North parking lot and Anderson dumpsters, our prior team working the trash has agreed to help with clean up. We need parade permit and festival permit, but city doesn't seem to be very responsive about the festival permit. Nonetheless, Chris has submitted all of the paperwork to the city. Richard noted that we want to be sensitive that the height of the floats need to be under 18 feet as there are electrical lines off Cima Serena and Tallwood.

Joyce also noted we will need help on July 4th for tables, canopies, etc. The board went through the list and provided feedback.

A decision about t-shirt orders was needed. As of today, we have sold 13 t-shirts. We have committed to 100 t-shirts. Joyce asked if we would prefer to cancel the order or continue with our order. Julie W. noted that we need to proceed with our order to satisfy our commitment to our Business Members. Mick suggested we send a t-shirt to our Business Members to thank them for their membership. We agreed to continue with the order and decide later how to disburse them.

Joyce noted there are ~ 30 signs stating that the parade is at Cima Serena, so the hope is people will be aware that the location has changed.

Mick noted that we may want to consider a PA system for NWACA. It was suggested that we do some research on possible systems, but the board agreed it was acceptable to spend up to \$500 on a good system.

Kevin provided an update on our NNNO planning. There has been an announcement in the June newsletter. Connie and Carol have been working on an information packet for all of the volunteers who will be heading up the event for their block. We also have \$50-\$75 gift card for each block party. Connie also noted that we will include a

form letter to be sent to the residents on each street to create a directory of the neighbors.

Board Officer Elections 2024-26

Joyce noted that we didn't send out a slate for the upcoming officers, but recited the names that has been proposed by the Nominations Committee: Joyce Statz for President, Vicki DeWeese for Vice-President, Mick Koffend for Treasurer, and Dana Winer and Julie Waidelich for co-Secretaries. Carol moved to elect the slate; Kevin seconded, and the Board approved.

New Business

Dana provided an update on plans for an election forum, which will be hybrid. The Civic Engagement Committee has met with a group of different representatives from different neighborhoods within District 10 to do the planning. The date of the forum has been set for Wednesday, October 9th. The forum will be District 10 candidates and Mayoral Candidates with a moderator facilitating the forum. There will be an optional meet and greet before and after the forum. The election is November 5th. The League of Women Voters is hosting another event on a different date.

Joyce led a discussion on how to select student board member from our candidate pool. There are two candidates we are considering – Emmy Ward and Griffin Meroney. We are waiting on letters of recommendations from the candidates. The board unanimously voted in favor of inviting both candidates to join our board.

Zoning Case – 8200 and 8300 North MoPac

Ben noted this is 12 ¼ acres and currently zoned as LR. They are asking for a mixed use, zoning, with the ability to build up to 90 feet. We reviewed a resolution is to support the zoning change, subject to a Restrictive Covenant with conditions including that no buildings on the property be closer than 75 feet from the property lines of properties used for residential use, that access to Bent Tree Road be for emergency access only, that a unified site plan be submitted and approved by the City before any new development on the property occurs. that a transportation demand management plan be submitted to the City with the unified site plan, that no building on the property exceed a maximum height of 890 ft MSL, that the heavily wooded area on the north side of the property be preserved as space open to the public, that a monument sign be erected that welcomes the public to Northwest Hills/Westover Hills, and that that all materials on building façades within the property have an American Bird Conservancy threat factor of 30 or below.

Ben Luckens proposed that the board approve this resolution. Carol moved and Richard Grayum seconded. All present board members approved. Richard Grayum offered to represent NWACA on July 2nd at the upcoming meeting of the Zoning and Platting Commission where the case is expected to be heard.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates

Vicki noted we have made progress with Anderson High Tennis Booster club; they are examining software from USTA to provide access to the courts. There are 4 courts open now and 8 courts to open eventually.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes by Julie Waidelich

Calendar Notes

NWACA Notes Deadline-Each **Tuesday** at Noon

Next Board Meeting, **August 21, 2024**, 6:30 p.m.

Reception for new Board members being planned and dates were discussed, but it was suggested that we consider combining our reception and board meeting on August 21st.