

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024
Dell Jewish Community Center – Friedel Board Room

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Chris Bove, Mike Harreld, Mick Koffend, Kevin Kott, Naresh Kumar, Mae Levitan, Ben Luckens, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Emmy Ward, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Julie Waidelich (proxy Joyce), Carol Dochen (proxy Joyce), Vicki DeWeese, Megan Helmbrecht, Griffin Meroney, Lori Steinberg

Unanticipated Absences: Jessica Forrest

The board members introduced themselves.

6:46 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Consent Agenda

Approval of June 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Mick Koffend and seconded by Teri Schock to approve the June minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2024 target is 900; EOM July **787**. Will do a reminder at the end of August to 2022 and 2023 expired. Bart suggested sharing a membership QR code with block party hosts, for them to pass on to neighbors.

Financial Report: There has been a reduction in household memberships and donations since 2019, while business membership money and in kind donations have decreased. Thanks to Julie! Mick shared the financial statements and 4th of July expenses.

Old Business

The Shredding Event was successful and participation was in line with last year with 81 families and 17 memberships. Thanks to Mick, Lori, Teri, Bart, and spouses for helping!

Report on July 4th events:

- Results of survey about 4th of July events – delayed to 9/15
- Lessons learned – added suggestion for QR code to be handed out on business cards or something similar
- We'll need to decide whether or not to do a new t-shirt in 2025

National Night Out – Target date is Sept 15. Block party kits were distributed to board members.

Update on Plans for Election Forum – A non-partisan forum for mayor and D10 candidates will be held in collaboration with other West/Northwest Austin neighborhoods on Wednesday, October 9 at St. Matthew's at 6:30pm with optional meet and greet before and after. All candidates are expected except Mayor Watson.

Update on Zoning Case – 8200 and 8300 North MoPac. The NWACA board approved a resolution at the previous meeting, and Ben Luckens conducted a negotiation. There was agreement on some items but not others. Motion made by Ben Luckens and seconded by Chris Bove to adopt the updated resolution presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Imagine Austin – The process to update the comprehensive plan has begun with opportunities for community engagement. The deadline to apply for the working group is Friday, August 30. Ben and Kevin have applied. It was suggested we have a town hall on the new comprehensive plan early in 2025 during phase 2 of community engagement with NWACA and other West/Northwest Austin neighborhoods.

Anderson High Tennis Courts – NWACA supported renovation of the tennis courts last year with a special project grant. The courts were closed to the public after that renovation but then reopened. The booster club is working with USTA to

install locking gates to manage paid access, which is expected to occur in September. The plan is to provide an update to the community in the October newsletter.

Steck Valley Greenbelt – NWACA obtained Austin Parks Foundation funding for phase 1 of a 3-phase project to improve the trail. Phase 1 has been completed with a more navigable trail.

New Business

Instagram – Emmy is managing the Instagram account for NWACA. There have been several posts using Canva, and the account can be connected to the NWACA facebook page. It was suggested to advertise the Instagram account in the school/PTA newsletters.

Board members present confirmed that the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 is a good date/time for regular meetings. The October meeting location will be adjusted due to JCC closure.

NWACA is in conversation with ATPW about restriping of Far West, to be assessed in a few weeks once we see how it works with school in session.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates:

- Austin Neighborhoods Council Reps – Bart Arnold and Mike Harreld
- Lynette is looking for ideas of NWACA old-timers with stories for the newsletter
- There was a question about the constable. He is still patrolling and has not submitted an invoice. There is a need for patrolling on Adirondack weekday mornings due to construction on Spicewood Springs. It was suggested to report other issues to 311 such as break-ins at Bull Creek Park.

Next Board Meeting, **September 18, 2024**, 6:30 p.m. Friedel Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.