

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024
Dell Jewish Community Center – Fridel Board Room

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Chris Bove, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Dochen, Mike Harreld, Mick Koffend, Naresh Kumar, Ben Luckens, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Lori Steinberg, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Julie Waidelich

Unanticipated Absences: Jessica Forrest, Megan Helmbrecht, Kevin Kott, Mae Levitan, Griffin Meroney, Emmy Ward

Lori, Carol, and Vicki introduced themselves.

6:43 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Consent Agenda

Approval of August 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Carol Dochen and second by Chris Bove to approve the June minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2024 target is 900; EOM August 856. Reminder sent August 26 yielded about 60 memberships. Joyce will run a reminder/clarification in the newsletter.

Financial Report: Mick shared the balance sheet, noting the money market and checking account balances are getting low but not to the point of liquidating a CD. We are ahead on budget overall, primarily due to not spending funds on special projects.

Old Business

July 4th survey:

- 107 respondents, most from 78731. They prefer to move the parade back to North Hills due to shade and other reasons.
- There was some confusion about candy, water guns, and bikes. Next year have more encouragement for kids on bikes/scooters, consider a “no splash zone,” discourage “super soakers,” and clarify the rules about throwing candy.
- There were fewer parade participants and floats. Suggestion to communicate with the school groups earlier during the school year and check with other organizations like the Kiwanis or Jaycees who might provide floats.
- The group considered several other potential routes, including Hyridge, Mesa, Jollyville, Far West, and North Hills.

National Night Out – This year we had block parties rather than one large party. Four have already taken place on September 15. There was a suggestion to share pictures/videos on Instagram – please send them to Emmy.

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. Candidates for AISD and ACC school board will also be in attendance for the meet and greet.

Update on Zoning Case – 8200 and 8300 North MoPac. The zoning case was approved on September 12 in line with the terms reported last month. The NWACA resolution was included in the packet for council.

Anderson Tennis Courts – Courts 1, 2, 7, and 8 are open to the public at all times. Other courts are supposed to be locked but have been getting unlocked. The booster club has requested a contract from USTA and has not received it.

ANC August meeting – Bart attended the meeting, which focused on transparency with the City Manager and parks ordinance enforcement.

ATPW parking striping on Far West; Small Drive situation – We have requested for ATPW to come to an onsite meeting; will also look at North Hills bike lanes and possibly Mesa.

New Business

Volunteers are needed for the Neighborhood Garage Sales on October 5, Electronics recycling on October 19, and the Halloween Yard Contest on October 19. A realtor volunteered to run the Halloween contest and let neighbors vote on houses. The board agreed to try the new approach.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates:

- Eagle Scout project ideas – Steck Valley Greenbelt, AHS tennis courtyard, school PTAs
- Input needed by end of October for 2025 budget
- Bart is main Facebook admin and Vicki backup. Today there was a comment that was reported and removed twice. Board members are asked to notify Bart/Vicki if they see something inappropriate.
- There is a new newsletter called Scroll expanding to Northwest Hills. Joyce will ask Lynette to include a QR code to join NWACA.

Next Board Meeting, **October 16, 2024**, 6:30 pm at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in the sanctuary B14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.