

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2024
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church – Sanctuary, B14

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Chris Bove, Carol Dochen, Mike Harreld, Megan Helmbrecht, Mick Koffend, Naresh Kumar, Mae Levitan, Griffin Meroney, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Ben Luckens, Julie Waidelich, Emmy Ward

Unanticipated Absences: Vicki DeWeese, Kevin Kott, Lori Steinberg

Megan and Griffin introduced themselves.

6:38 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Consent Agenda

Approval of September 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Chris Bove and seconded by Bart Arnold to approve the September minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2024 target is 900; EOM September is 886. Neighborhood Garage Sales brought in a few.

Financial Report: We will not need to liquidate any CDs. We filed the required quarterly sales and use tax form to the state. Mick shared the financial statements. The checks have been issued to schools and most are cashed. We are ahead on budget overall, primarily due to not spending funds on special projects. Mick requested budget requests for 2025 by the end of October in order to present a draft budget at the November meeting.

Old Business

NNO block parties – Kevin prepared a report noting that it was still hot in September but otherwise feedback was favorable. Megan suggested having the block parties after the time changes. Teri reported 71 neighbors at her block party last weekend. Bart has 60 RSVPs for this weekend. 10 of the 24 parties have been held.

Neighborhood Garage Sales October 5 – Teri received positive comments about the sale from individuals she spoke to while picking up signs. Some had a good turnout; some did not. She suggested having people post some items in advance on the facebook page as a teaser. The event was advertised via NWACA Notes, our facebook group, and Instagram. Mae suggested having board members share the stories on facebook and Instagram.

Election Forum – Dana reported that 110 people attended in person and 20 on zoom. The planning group is meeting this week to debrief and review survey results. Early voting starts October 21, and election day is November 5.

Anderson Tennis Courts access system – Bart has requested the MOU, but there have been delays due to the hurricane.

Comments/updates from ANC September meeting – Mike attended the September meeting and requested minutes but minutes aren't taken. The August meeting was focused on the parkland ordinance. The next meeting is October 23.

ATPW/AISD discussions about Far West – Joyce met with the NWACA Transportation Committee Chair, City of Austin bicycle advocate, and AISD space rental coordinator. They discussed ideas to alleviate the issues, including encouraging carpooling, removing some of the parking "pockets," and adding parking meters in the business lots. It was also noted that the North Hills bicycle lanes are particularly problematic on trash days. A memo from the City will run in NWACA Notes this week. Griffin offered to research carpool apps. It was noted that the strip center zoning allows vertical mixed use zoning, which should include the ability to create a parking garage.

October 19 Electronics Recycling Event – Volunteers are set for the event, and Griffin will recruit scouts. We need a van for the additional Styrofoam.

Halloween Yard Contest/judging – The deadline for nominations was October 15. Nominees have been posted on facebook and will run in NWACA Notes.

New Business

The board reviewed the proposed 2025 calendar and created a draft plan.

- There was discussion about the annual meeting being a more family friendly event. Consensus was that the annual meeting is an adult event and we should continue to hold family friendly events like Earth Day. The group supported holding the annual meeting earlier (e.g., late March).
- There was support for offering a tax protest session during an evening in early April. Carol offered to contact Home Tax Shield and TCAD.
- Earth Day Festival will be Sunday, April 27 due to Easter being on the official Earth Day. There was discussion about holding it at Doss vs. Hill, considering July 4th will likely be at Doss. We will check about holding the shredding event at the Earth Day Festival. We will publicize summer events and recruit student volunteers before the school year ends.
- Volunteers:
 - Earth Day Festival – Megan, Chris (plan), Mick, Dana (plan), Bart (plan), Joyce (plan)
 - Pool Opening – Griffin, Carol (plan), Naresh, Megan, Joyce (plan)
 - July Fourth – Naresh (plan), Bart (plan), Joyce (plan), Mick (plan)
 - NNO – Kevin (plan), Carol (plan), Megan (plan)
 - Tax Protest – Carol (plan), Mike (plan), Teri (plan)
 - We all belong – Mick (plan) – review ideas from Alison’s office

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates:

- Possible change of date of board meetings – Mondays are not good; leave as is
- Input needed by end of October for 2025 budget
- Neighbor issue with Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP)
- Jessica Forrest has resigned from the board due to work commitments

Next Board Meeting, **November 20, 2024**, 6:30 pm at JCC Friedel Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.