

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Dell Jewish Community Center, Friedel Board Room

Attendance: Chris Bove, Carol Dochen, Megan Helmbrecht, Mae Levitan, Kevin Kott, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Lori Steinberg, Julie Waidelich, Emmy Ward, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Bart Arnold, Mike Harreld, Naresh Kumar, Ben Luckens, Vicki DeWeese

Unanticipated Absences: Griffin Meroney

Guests: Sandy Dochen, Richard Grayum

6:37 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Special Project Proposals

- Dog Poop Stations – Richard Grayum presenting for Sally Grayum. The NWACA Parks Committee would be responsible for refilling the bags and emptying the trash. The board asked Sally to research good quality bags at bulk pricing and report back if the cost changes. The board did not see a need to contact PARD regarding the project, given collection has already been occurring. Kevin agreed to put a sticker on the collection box.
- Styrofoam Recycling Bin - Emmy Ward and Sandy Dochen. A bin would be placed in the Andreson parking lot in an area with other collections. Sandy agreed to transport the Styrofoam to be recycled. The AHS Environmental Awareness Club will go through items to ensure compliance (e.g., clean any dirty Styrofoam). Emmy was asked to check on the availability of replacement bags for inside the bin; these are large reusable bags.

Consent Agenda

Approval of February 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Kevin and second by Chris to approve the February minutes. "On" was corrected to "in." Motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2025 target is 900; EOM February is 650 with a few dozen more coming in after the March reminder.

On March 6-7, the Board voted unanimously to amend the resolution passed in the last meeting regarding the zoning request for the property on Hart Lane, allowing for Art Gallery to be an acceptable use on the property.

Financial Report

The balance sheet continues to be healthy. There is ~\$38K in the Oak Wilt Money Market with little funds being requested. The board will consult with an attorney about the feasibility of repurposing some of the funds to assist in wildfire mitigation. There was concern about the need to reserve some portion of the fund for future oak wilt issues.

Joyce shared the P&L month and year to date showing we are ahead of place for year to date.

NWACA is still searching for a treasurer; nominees are welcome.

Old Business

Earth Day – Dana reported that many activities and tables are lined up and asked board members to collect tin/aluminum cans like soup/vegetable cans. The NWACA parks committee will have a table.

Teri suggested having the Steck Valley Greenbelt grand opening that morning.

Annual Meeting – Joyce updated the board that speakers are lined up for the annual meeting on March 26. Teri will bring signs for each board member.

Business Membership – Julie and the committee have been calling previous business members with several already signed up.

Zoning – no representative present

Board Member Recruiting – We are looking for board members with a diversity of ages and skill sets. We will recruit at the annual meeting.

Fourth of July – We need a chair and committee members.

New Business

Special Projects - Motion made by Megan and second by Kevin to approve the dog poop proposal. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Carol and second by Megan to approve the Styrofoam collection proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

April 9 Property Tax Forum – Pete (Vicki's husband) will coordinate the AV. Julie will help with snacks and water. Joyce will meet with Pete about the AV.

Annual Neighborhood Survey – Joyce shared the responses to this year's neighborhood interest survey with concerns about wildfire prevention increasing significantly from last year. The number of responses was lower this year at 211 compared to 348 last year. Joyce highlighted several responses to question 12; board members are encouraged to read the full set of comments. It was noted that announcements in NWACA Notes also get posted in the facebook group. There was a desire to partner with the organizer of the NW Hills Turkey Trot. There was discussion about ways for neighbors to participate and contribute in addition to becoming a member and paying dues.

Highlights from the latest ANC meeting – Board members are encouraged to review Bart's notes.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates:

- Board members are asked to arrive at the Annual Meeting and Tax Protest events by 6pm.

Next Board Meeting, **April 16, 2025**, 6:30 pm at JCC Friedel Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.