

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Dell Jewish Community Center, Friedel Board Room

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Chris Bove, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Dochen, Naresh Kumar, Mae Levitan, Ben Luckens, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Lori Steinberg, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Kevin Kott, Megan Helmbrecht, Julie Waidelich,

Unanticipated Absences: Mike Harreld, Griffin Meroney, Emmy Ward

6:34 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Consent Agenda

Approval of April 2025 Minutes: Motion made by Naresh and second by Bart to approve the April minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2025 target is 950; EOM April was 709.

Financial Report

The Oak Wilt Fund balance is \$38,165, for reference later in the meeting; to allow time for discussion, other financials were not reviewed; materials were in the meeting pre-reading.

Old Business

Progress Recruiting Board Members – Motion made by Ben and second by Mae to approve Jonathan Friedman as a new board member. Motion passed unanimously.

Further Background on use of Oak Wilt Fund – Vicki provided a summary of her conversation with counsel, noting that since it's a designated fund, we need to put out a notification for a period of time. The fund was originally started by neighbors on Rockledge; there is one remaining resident, and he supports repurposing the fund.

- Proposal: Modify the amount neighbors are eligible for reimbursement of Oak Wilt treatment to say "reimburse the cost of the project up to a maximum of \$2,500." Motion made by Vicki and second by Chris. Motion passed unanimously.
- Proposal: Place the majority of the Oak Wilt Fund into a low-risk account that earns more than the current Money Market Account, as determined by the NWACA Executive Committee. Motion made by Vicki and second by Bart. Motion passed unanimously.
- Proposal: Put half of the fund balance, as of the end January, 2026, into a fund for wildfire prevention, after giving the neighborhood until the end of November, 2025, to respond with any opposition, posting the notice in the NWACA Newsletter, NWACA Notes, and Facebook. Motion made by Vicki and second by Chris. Motion passed unanimously. Vicki clarified that wildfire prevention includes clearing dead brush in the canyons and for neighbors who apply, similar to the Oak Wilt Fund. Specifics of the use of the new fund are yet to be developed.

Zoning Updates

- 7201 Hart Lane (aka Far West Multifamily). Ben provided an update on the DB90 zoning request for this property. Ben noted that he and Joyce had visited with residents of the current Acacia Cliffs Apartments, where they learned a lot about the people who live there and how the low cost apartments are essential to their lives - some work in the area, some have day care in the area; all can walk to grocery stores, medical appointments, and the retail on Far West. It would be devastating to lose the 290 affordable apartments in 2027, being replaced by 700 units of which only 70 would be affordable (and those at higher rates than the current ones). Thus Ben and Joyce were asking the Board to approve two actions - to rescind the prior support to the rezoning request, and to support the resident-requested postponement of the zoning case, which was coming up for a vote the day after our Board meeting.

- Proposal: Rescind the prior support of the DB90 rezoning.. Motion made by Joyce and second by Carol. Motion passed unanimously.
- Proposal: Support the efforts for an indefinite postponement. Motion made by Joyce and second by Mae. Motion passed unanimously. Joyce will send the resolution provided and reviewed in the meeting to all members of City Council and the Development Services Division.
- 8905 Wildridge retirement housing case – Ben provided an update on the request to build a 48-unit retirement housing. This proposal is currently delayed, as Development Services staff have questions about the intent of the developer; submitted paperwork asks for two different types of housing, one of which (assisted living) is not allowed in the zoning being requested. In addition, the deed restrictions for this subdivision specify only single-family homes are allowed. There will be an update at the NWACA Board June meeting.

New Business

Murchison Pool Opening Celebration – NWACA will sponsor a celebration on June 7 afternoon. Lori will check with Murchison on timing of events already using the parking area before we can confirm our time. Vicki will call Mr. Softie (backup is to bring a cooler with popsicles). Mae volunteered to help at the event.

Board Meeting Date Change Possible? – The board agreed to change the meeting date to the third Tuesday of the month which worked for all those in attendance.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates:

- Turkey Trot – Walter Mathys will continue on his own. Teri reported that Coach Mo would like to organize a family-friendly fall fun run. Teri will look into road closures. We may be able to use the constable rather than APD.
- Earth Day results – 250 attendees, 20 exhibitors, hundreds of chiggers
- BOPA Recycling Recap
 - 90 households (vs. 140 in 2023)
 - 13 memberships (vs. 30 in 2023)
- Progress with Fourth of July Planning
 - Route defined, paperwork in process
 - Team – Joyce, Chris, Megan, Lori, Amy Hajdu
 - Prepare for requests for support next month
- Please read: Highlights from latest ANC meeting, Finance reports

Next Board Meeting, **June 17, 2025**, 6:30 pm at JCC Friedel Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.