

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Dell Jewish Community Center, Friedel Board Room
or on Zoom

Attendance: Ben Luckens, Julie Waidelich, Bart Arnold, Joyce Statz, Dana Winer, Naresh Kumar, Jonathan Friedman, Mae Levitan, Lori Steinberg,

Notified Absences: Kevin Kott, Megan Helmbrecht

Unnotified Absences: Vicki DeWeese, Emmy Ward, Chris Bove, Carol Dochen, Mike Harreld, Teri Schock

6:47 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz

Consent Agenda

Approval of June 2025 Minutes: Motion made by Naresh and seconded by Lori to approve the June minutes.

Membership –EOM June **748**; EOM July **757**; Goal 950 (+12 at shredding)

Financial Report

Joyce provided a financial update with highlights including:

- We have a strong cash position –with about \$14,000 available, providing liquidity for short-term needs.
- Significant Investments in CDs – for operations, Oak Wilt Fund, and Parks Fund
- No Outstanding Liabilities – Both accounts payable and other current liabilities show that the association carries no debt.
- Positive Net Income – Year-to-date

Old Business

July 4 – We had a very successful event in the rain. Zero t-shirts were claimed by members joining or renewing.

We reviewed what worked well, which included:

- The committee shared duties effectively and followed through.
- Expenses tracked and paid promptly.
- Strong lineup of motorized vehicles (despite some missing due to rain).
- Barricades were easy to source and maneuver.
- Constable, staff, and supporting equipment were reliable and on time.
- Volunteers adapted well to rain at Freedom Fest.
- Candyrefill station at Sungate was successful.
- Gift cards for volunteers and Board members were greatly appreciated.
- Some invited elected officials responded, even if unable to attend.

Improvements for 2026

- Committee and Planning: Add more members, appoint co-chairs by September, and begin meetings earlier (monthly starting fall). Invite media coverage.
- Permits: Refine phrasing for parade permit requests; secure two permits for Freedom Fest (gathering + watermelon).
- Signs: Replace outdated yard signs and monitor placements of Austin Yard Cards more closely.
- Freedom Fest: Create editable layout in PowerPoint so that any of us can edit; use more readable signage, adjust prize orders, and remind vendors to bring canopies.
- Parade: Address liability concerns with opening groups, involve parents when coordinating teens, confirm singers early, promote for more veteran participation, manage lineup order (e.g., Judge Slagle, antique cars), and ensure constable coverage along route.
- Float Contest: Increase float participation through early outreach (e.g., booster clubs, local schools); same judges available and willing.

Ben Luckens provided a zoning update

- 8905 Wildridge retirement housing has a for sale sign and neighbors are organized and protesting against any zoning updates. They are claiming it violates deed restrictions.
- Overlook at Spicewood Springs Road – no significant updates

New Business

Teri suggested having an organized committee to provide communication to our neighborhood regarding natural disasters, community issues, etc. After consideration, it was decided that we would not provide a public statement. However, if circumstances merit, we can provide information on how neighbors can help out those in a disaster; on a case by case basis. The Executive Committee puts out the communication for time-sensitive matters. It was noted that our bylaws prohibit donations to other non-profit organizations

Bart Arnold noted that there wasn't anything noteworthy discussed at the last ANC meeting, but they do discuss issues that would negatively impact our neighborhoods, so he feels it's a worthwhile endeavor to be involved. It's very worthwhile when the legislature is in session as those involved report back on significant issues.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates

- Joyce noted that we are planning to host a joint educational forum about the Tax Rate Election.
- It was also noted that we are renewing our student board members for 2025-26. Griffin Meroney declined; Emmy will be continuing.
- We continue to look for a Treasurer. Please let us know if we know of anyone who might serve.
- Shred event served 88 families; 81 last year; 84 in 2023
- APD announcement re: Sept 27 NNO Kickoff for Oct 7 NNO. Joyce asked how much we want to promote this within our neighborhood. Much of the information dispersed by the APD relates to safety, which is important, but our primary objective is to connect our neighbors. We were encouraged to host neighborhood gatherings and it was noted that turnout seems to be more favorable in fall (late October).
- Joyce advised us to watch out for obnoxious, loud pool parties run through Swimply.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Minutes by Julie Waidelich, Co-Secretary.