

**NWACA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2025 6:30 p.m.**  
**Dell Jewish Community Center, Friedel Board Room**

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Dochen, Megan Helmbrecht, Kevin Kott, Naresh Kumar, Jerry Mankovsky, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Jonathan Friedman, Ben Luckens, Emmy Ward

Unanticipated Absences: Chris Bove, Mike Harreld, Mae Levitan, Lori Steinberg

6:34 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz. Welcome to new board member Jerry Mankovsky.

**Consent Agenda**

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

Membership: 2025 target is 950; EOM August was 828.

**Financial Reports**

Joyce reviewed the financial reports posted in the Google drive.

**Old Business**

**Zoning Updates**

No active zoning cases of concern. Vicki reported seeing some activity at the Luby's site on Spicewood Springs. The senior living center case on Wildridge Drive has been withdrawn.

Joyce updated the board on the Swimplly rental situation. The neighbor contacted Code Compliance who issued a notice of violation that was specific to pool parties. We suggested they continue calling 311 and notify Code Compliance to come out to the next event. Naresh noted that running a party business may violate the short term rental regulations as well.

**National Night Out Block Parties**

There were 15 volunteer hosts (compared with 16 last fall), and 13 have held their events. Nine have provided feedback. Some groups ran into darkness with daylight savings ending. Otherwise things ran smoothly. The photos and vignettes will run in the January newsletter.

**Wildfire Mitigation Task Force**

The first meeting included members of the Wildfire Prevent committee and Laura Yeager from D10. They discussed ways to use the funds for fuel mitigation and collaboration with City departments to maximize the use of the funds. They identified areas that are prone to fire such as hillsides. Jerry recommended checking with a Scout troop about helping out for an Eagle project.

**EOY Gifts for Business Members**

Julie shared ideas for business member gifts. The board decided on food gifts (e.g., fruit, chocolates) with a personal note and empowered Julie to make a final decision.

**New Business**

**ANC – report on recent meeting(s)**

The main topic was the AISD closures. Bart made a presentation on our Prop Q forum. There was also discussion about the bond election and the City Council budget revisions. There is broad support for a city audit. Bart is now the Sector 1 rep to the Austin Neighborhoods Council.

### **December holiday lights contest**

Jerry, Megan, and Bart expressed interest, and we expect that Bill will also want to be among our volunteer judges. They will decide on the date between Dec 17-20. The winners need to be decided by Dec 20. We will ask for nominations from neighbors; must be nominated by Dec 16 to be included. We will give yard signs and prizes for the winners.

### **Budget for 2026**

Joyce reviewed the 2026 budget. We will not include Business Member in-kind donations in the budget but will continue to track in the business member spreadsheet. We will not have any sales of product or cost of goods sold next year, since we are removing the fee for float contest entry for 4th of July. There was discussion about whether to continue the constable program; the board decided to reallocate the crime and safety budget for other safety measures without a public announcement and not to list the constable fund for contributions going forward. The budget shows a loss, but that is partially due to budgeting for Special Projects to offset surpluses from previous years.

### **Plans for Holiday Party**

The party will be Thursday, December 11 at Joyce's house at 6pm. Food is to be catered by Central Market.

### **Other Business for the Board**

Announcements and Updates:

- The new Board term begins August 1, and all are encouraged to identify people to be nominated for the new Board. Elections occur in April.
- We're seeking a board member to serve as co-Secretary January through June.

Next Board Meeting, **January 6, 2026**, 6:30 pm at JCC Friedel Board Room.

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