

NWACA Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Dell Jewish Community Center, Friedel Board Room

Attendance: Bart Arnold, Chris Bove, Vicki DeWeese, Ben Luckens, Megan Helmbrecht, Mike Harreld, Kevin Kott, Mae Levitan, Jerry Mankovsky, Teri Schock, Lori Steinberg, Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, Dana Winer

Notified Absences: Carol Dochen, Jonathan Friedman, Naresh Kumar (Joyce proxy), Emmy Ward

Unanticipated Absences:

6:35 pm Call to order by Joyce Statz. Welcome to new board member Jerry Mankovsky.

Consent Agenda

Approval of January 2026 Minutes: Motion made by Bart and second by Jerry to approve the January minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Membership: 2025 target is 850; EOM January was 654. There were suggestions to publicize NWACA membership and clarify misconceptions.

Old Business

Progress with Wildfire Mitigation Task Force: Meeting was postponed. The D10 aid has been doing background work.

Progress of Nominations Committee: The committee had its first meeting last week and set a target for 20 members. They identified characteristics of ideal board members including connections with schools and community groups and relevant skillsets. They are targeting April 1 to have a slate of board members. Candidates must be NWACA members.

New Business

ANC Report

Mike Herral reported that most of the meeting focused on working with the fire department including lack of ladder trucks.

Financial Review for 2025 (and 2024)

Our budget rules and financial policies require a review of each fiscal year by a team of three NWACA members with a chair. Vicki has agreed and we're soliciting members outside the board. Lori has audit experience but the timing doesn't work for this year.

Business Member recruiting

Julie prepared gift bags for board members to share with prospective business members, ideally before Valentines Day. There are three levels for business members. Julie will send talking points.

Annual Meeting (3/25/26)

Joyce requested a co-chair to learn the ropes/take over next year. Chris and Mae volunteered to help. Chris volunteered to be time keeper, Mae greeter, and Bart headcount. Jerry, Megan, and Ben volunteered to help with setup and cleanup.

The board discussed potential speakers and topics. The following were suggested: 4-way stops, biker safety, wildfire mitigation, other fire hazards (e.g., EV charging), neighborhood pantry (table), homestead and 65+ exemption, nearby commercial construction/zoning, promoting block captains and NNO (including interactive map), and Old Quarry Library. It was noted that the annual meeting may not be the target audience for some topics and to post the stop sign and bike safety videos on facebook.

Marc Duchon will be invited to discuss the bond election and other topics.

There was discussion about having a weekend event to promote summer camps and teen summer jobs.

February Focus: Neighborhood Watch

Teri will join Kevin as co-chair of the Crime & Safety Committee. They are looking to organize a block captain meeting. They are also exploring rebates/coupons for lights or ring cameras which could leverage patrol funding.

Handling of NWACA event signs

The new code requires signs to be at least 10 feet removed from the street. Teri is looking for a new sign ranger. We will look for a new board member to take this role.

The board discussed sending the monthly newsletter electronically and sending an email reminder about major events just beforehand, as possible alternatives to signs.

Annual Survey

Joyce reviewed the annual survey which is similar to past years, but we will add the bond election to the civics question and have added a question including yard signs to gauge awareness. There was a suggestion to reframe the crime prevention question about activities the respondent can do (e.g., hosting a block party, camera doorbell) and gather contact information. The question about membership will be reworded to ask why they're not a member. The survey will launch this week and results will be shared at the annual meeting.

Chris volunteered to create the survey report.

The board discussed the possibility of raising dues in the future.

Earth Day Planning

Dana asked board members to put the Mick Koffend NWACA Earth Day Festival on their calendar for April 19 at 2-4pm at Hill Elementary. A request for volunteers will follow. Board members are asked to email Dana with tables and chairs available to loan for the festival and if they can drop off/pick up at the festival or need to drop off in advance.

Other Business for the Board

Announcements and Updates:

- Shaded fuel breaks in Stillhouse Hollow and Steck Valley Greenbelt

Next Board Meeting, **March 3, 2026**, 6:30 pm at JCC Friedel Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. Minutes by Dana Winer, Co-Secretary.