

**North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 13, 2012
First Texas Honda meeting room**

Board members in attendance: Kenneth Webb, Donna Eagar, Jeri Wines, Juliette Kernion, Ernie Garcia, Alice Kubacak, Claudia Perez

Absent: Sherran Williams

President Kenneth Webb called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm. He apologized for the short notice and late start time, but the previously scheduled Board meeting did not meet quorum.

Item 1: Website

Kenneth said the nscna.org domain name is up for renewal within the week. He checked with Dreamhost, our current host, and renewing the domain name would cost \$9.95 for the year. Their hosting services would cost us \$286.20 for three years, or \$119.40 for one year. He recommended the three-year contract, since it would be a lower monthly cost.

Motion by Ernie Garcia to renew the nscna.org domain and hosting for three years at a cost not to exceed \$300. Seconded.

Juliette Kernion said she thought a better deal was possible with a different hosting service, but we currently have no webmaster to do the work involved. It might be better to renew for one year and see if we can get a webmaster before then.

Motion amended by Ernie Garcia to renew the nscna.org domain and hosting for one year at a cost not to exceed \$150. Seconded. Amendment approved without objection.

Motion approved without dissent. Kenneth said he will take care of the one-year renewal.

Item 2: Meeting location

Kenneth noted that the NSCNA general meeting vote earlier in the evening resolved our next steps pretty clearly. We will try different locations for the next few general meetings. The January 8 meeting will take place at the Village Christian Apartments activity room.

Donna said she thought it was not too soon to try to get a venue for the March meeting. Alice Kubacak agreed to contact St. Louis Catholic Church, and Claudia Perez agreed to contact The Goodnight. Juliette said she'd look into Link Coworking on Anderson.

Jeri Wines asked when a permanent meeting location would be decided – in May? Donna said it would depend on member feedback. Juliette suggested making a note to put it on the May 2013 general meeting agenda and see if members were ready to discuss it then.

Jeri agreed to contact Highland Lanes to get an estimate on the bowling alley meeting room.

Kenneth said insurance also would need to be considered. He suggested either forming a committee to consider and recommend the insurance to purchase, or the Board voting to approve it at this meeting. His recommendation was to approve it tonight. He felt the Philadelphia Insurance quote would be the best deal – more expensive than other quotes, but including medical coverage.

Donna asked why liability insurance would be needed if we weren't using Pillow for meetings, and would need to buy special-event insurance for the July 4 parade anyway. NSCNA has not purchased liability insurance before. Kenneth said NSCNA would not be able to hold any events at Pillow such as the luminaria walk, which is planned for December, without liability insurance. Donna asked Kenneth to confirm with AISD that the luminaria event would be subject to these requirements.

Regarding members' concern about Pillow as a meeting space because the seating is so poor, Kenneth wondered if NSCNA could give Pillow a grant to buy some chairs. Donna said the problem would be that Pillow would have to store the chairs.

Jeri said the problem is not just the seating, but that there's no way to set up at Pillow ahead of time for member check-in, etc. She noted that in 2012, NSCNA paid \$35.01 for overage charges at Pillow, when meetings ran after 8 pm on two occasions.

Juliette asked how much the Philadelphia Insurance quote was. Kenneth said it would be about \$300 depending on the schedule of meetings and events we would provide them. He pointed out that the insurance will not cover the official behavior of NSCNA officers and directors. It is liability only, like homeowners' insurance. But he said he felt it was worth the expense no matter where NSCNA general meetings were held.

Motion by Juliette to spend no more than \$350 for annual NSCNA general liability insurance if it is required by the school district or City of Austin to hold the annual luminaria walk. Seconded. Motion carried without dissent.

Kenneth said he'd check with Amelia to ensure that the paperwork/arrangements for the luminaria walk would be done ASAP. Amelia has tentatively set a date of Thursday, December 20 for the event.

Item 3: Next Board meeting

Kenneth reminded Board members that the next board meeting would take place on Thursday, December 13 at Village Christian Apartments. Alice said she'd be unable to attend.

Item 4: Adjournment

President Kenneth Webb adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Juliette Kernion, Secretary, North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association.