

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
Austin, Texas 78766-0443
General Membership Meeting
November 1, 2016, 6:30 pm
Pillow Elementary School Library

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees were requested to introduce themselves.

II. CALL TO ORDER

President Amelia Cobb presided. Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6 AND SEPTEMBER 21 NSCNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Dallas Maham (Connor Finnigan) moved that they both be approved as read. Motion carried.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERING PROGRAM COMMUNITY GARDEN AT PILLOW SCHOOL AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION GRANT

Sarah Brandon announced that the Austin Parks Foundation approved a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 that NSCNA will apply toward creating a community garden, side walks, and beautification of the Steck bridge. The city will also grant NSCNA 30% sweat equity for all the physical work we do. We have to break ground by 10/24/17.

Sarah met with an AISD arborist in order to determine the best site for the garden, but no final decision has been made.

NSCNA has to pay an application fee of \$150.00.

Lois McEvoy (Dallas Maham) moved that funds coming out of the July 4th budget be used for this purpose. Motion carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET CHANGES

Treasurer Donna Eagar presented items for budget reallocation in the following categories: membership revenue, membership survey, publicity/flyers, social events, and administrative expenses. The membership approved these changes by general consensus.

VI. PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISIONS

In the absence of By-laws Committee Chairman Kenneth Webb, Dallas Maham presented four proposed amendments. A vote to adopt/not adopt was cast for each separate proposal.

A. Article V, Section 2 Officers

Amendment was adopted.

B. Article VI, Sections 7 a, b, c Board of Directors

Amendments were adopted.

C. Article VIII, Section 3b Committees

Amendment was adopted.

D. Article X, Sections 2 and 3 Vacancy and Removal

After general discussion, the membership voted to not adopt this proposal.

*Refer to two-page Appendix

Draft of the minutes of the 11/1/16 NSCNA General Membership Meeting submitted by Secretary Barbara Gaston

VII. NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS UPDATE

The next workshop is on Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 am to 12 pm, in Pillow School Gymnasium.

Focus of this meeting will be on transportation and pedestrian issues.

Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

The December meeting will focus on describing our community's characteristics and the results of a recent online survey.

The January meeting will focus on looking at future land use.

February's meeting will involve planning involving Code Next.

Amelia Cobb reported that she and Mary Jane and Kevin Wier, met with City Councilwoman Leslie Pool's staff and Carol Gibbs to discuss the outcomes of the October meeting.

The general consensus is that our neighborhood is already a model community in Austin. Our neighborhood has a good blend of single and multi-family housing, renters and owners, large and small businesses, and has more density than anywhere in the city.

VIII. SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Amelia Cobb announced that the Luminaria Walk will be on December 19 at Pillow Track, 6-8 pm.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **PILLOW PRINCIPAL HILL** announced that the school is serving universal breakfasts to all students in the classrooms. The meal carts come to the classrooms, and participation has grown from 30% to 90%. Almost 80% of Pillow students are eligible for free breakfasts and lunches.

b. **NEXT GENERAL NSCNA MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be on January 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm for the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 7:30 pm.

**NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

1. To amend Article V, Section 2 by inserting “ and will meet with all standing committee chairpersons by March 1 of each year to establish goals for the year” after “members of each committee of the Association” in the second sentence.

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2. The Vice President shall coordinate the functions of the various standing and special issues committees and preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President will also maintain a current, accurate list of the committees and members of each committee of the Association.	2. The Vice President shall coordinate the functions of the various standing and special issues committees and preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President will also maintain a current, accurate list of the committees and members of each committee of the Association <u>and will meet with all standing committee chairpersons by March 1 of each year to establish goals for the year.</u>

**ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2. To amend Article VI, Section 7a, by deleting “twenty five dollars (\$25.00)” and inserting “fifty dollars (\$50.00)” after the words “Expenditures of”
3. To amend Article VI, Section 7b, by deleting “twenty five dollars (\$25.00)” and inserting “fifty dollars (\$50.00)” after the words “less than”
4. To amend Article VI 7c by deleting “The following” at the beginning and substituting “All” and deleting the colon and “special event costs, newsletter related costs, membership meetings’ costs, and copy costs” after “Treasurer”.

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7. Expenditures	7. Expenditures
a. Expenditures of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more shall be approved by the Board of Directors.	a. Expenditures of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) <u>fifty dollars (\$50.00)</u> or more shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
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**ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES**

5. To amend Article VIII, Section 3b, by deleting the word “the” after the word “At” beginning the second sentence and inserting “a” and deleting “by July 15” following the words “to the Treasurer”

Original	Proposed Amendment
<p>3. Special Committee</p> <p>b. A special five (5) member Nominating Committee shall be elected by October 1 of each year by the eligible voting members of the Association at a General Meeting. At the previous General Meeting, an announcement shall be made requesting all interested volunteers submit their names in writing to the Treasurer by July 15 for confirmation of membership eligibility. On the night of election, current members may be nominated to serve on the committee.</p>	<p>3. Special Committee</p> <p>b. A special five (5) member Nominating Committee shall be elected by October 1 of each year by the eligible voting members of the Association at a General Meeting. At the <u>a</u> previous General Meeting, an announcement shall be made requesting all interested volunteers submit their names in writing to the Treasurer by July 15 for confirmation of membership eligibility. On the night of election, current members may be nominated to serve on the committee.</p>

**ARTICLE X VACANCY AND
REMOVAL**

6. To amend Article X by deleting Section 2, Mandatory Removal, and renumbering Section 3 to read Section 2.

ORIGINAL	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
<p>2. Mandatory Removal: An Officer or Director shall be removed from his/her position if his/her primary residence changes during the calendar year to a residence outside the territorial boundaries of the Association. The Officer or Director shall be removed from office immediately and the position shall be declared vacant. Upon removal from office, the membership status of the removed Officer or Director will be changed to Associate member.</p> <p>3. Conditional Removal:</p> <p>a. If an Officer or Director fails to perform the assigned duties of his/her position or exhibits unbecoming conduct, he/she may be removed from the position by a two-thirds vote of eligible voting members in attendance at a General Meeting or Special Meeting.</p> <p>b. An Officer or Director may also be removed for unbecoming conduct, as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at a board meeting designated for that purpose.</p> <p>c. Any Officer or Director with three (3) unexcused absences from board meetings in a term shall be removed from his/her position by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>2. Mandatory Removal: An Officer or Director shall be removed from his/her position if his/her primary residence changes during the calendar year to a residence outside the territorial boundaries of the Association. The Officer or Director shall be removed from office immediately and the position shall be declared vacant. Upon removal from office, the membership status of the removed Officer or Director will be changed to Associate member.</p> <p>3- 2. Conditional Removal:</p> <p>a. If an Officer or Director fails to perform the assigned duties of his/her position or exhibits unbecoming conduct, he/she may be removed from the position by a two-thirds vote of eligible voting members in attendance at a General Meeting or Special Meeting.</p> <p>b. An Officer or Director may also be removed for unbecoming conduct, as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at a board meeting designated for that purpose.</p> <p>c. Any Officer or Director with three (3) unexcused absences from board meetings in a term shall be removed from his/her position by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.</p>