

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
January 4, 2011
Pillow Elementary School, 3025 Crosscreek Dr.

Several members paid their annual dues before the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:40.

Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Randy Alexis to adopt the agenda. The agenda was adopted by consent.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2011

Report from the Nomination Committee

All nominees on the green sheet have paid their membership dues as of the beginning of the meeting. The nominees are:

President: Chip Rosenthal

Vice President: Kenneth Webb

Secretary: Donna Eagar

Treasurer: Vacant

Board members:

Cheryl Carter

Amelia Cobb

Ernestine (Ernie) Garcia

Don Jones

Alice Kubacak

Jon Menegay

Mary Jane Wier

A point of information was called by Sherran Williams. The introductory paragraph under Article IX states "Nominees for an Officer or Board of Director position shall be required to be a current member as well as a paid member of Association for the year beginning January 1 prior to their election." There was discussion whether this sentence means the nominees needed to pay their annual membership dues by Jan 1st or just pay their annual membership dues before the actual election. Dallas Maham motioned to certify the candidates. The motion passed by majority.

Election

The floor was opened for nominations for president. Chip Rosenthal was the presidential candidate put forward by the Nominating Committee. Ken Moyer motioned for Chip to be elected president. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for vice-president. Kenneth Webb was the vice-presidential candidate slated by the nominating committee. John Migl motioned for Kenneth to be elected vice-president. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for secretary. Donna Eagar was the secretarial candidate slated by the nominating committee. Dallas Maham motioned for Donna to be elected secretary. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for treasurer. There was no one slated as a treasurer candidate. If no one was nominated, the board of directors could appoint a treasurer. Chip Rosenthal nominated Jeri Wines from the floor. Motion for Jeri to be treasurer. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the first Board of Directors position. Cheryl Carter was the first candidate slated by the nominating committee. Dallas Maham motioned for Cheryl to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the second Board of Directors position. Amelia Cobb was the second candidate slated by the nominating committee. Alyssa Hedge motioned for Amelia to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the third Board of Directors position. Ernie Garcia was the third candidate slated by the nominating committee. Motion for Ernie to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the fourth Board of Directors position. Don Jones was the fourth candidate slated by the nominating committee. Dallas Maham motioned for Don to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the fifth Board of Directors position. Alice Kubacak was the fifth candidate slated by the nominating committee. Dallas Maham motioned for Alice to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the sixth Board of Directors position. Jon Menegay was the sixth candidate slated by the nominating committee. Motion for Jon to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

The floor was opened for nominations for the seventh Board of Directors position. Mary Jane Wier was the seventh candidate slated by the nominating committee. Motion for Mary Jane to be elected as a member of the Board of Directors. The motion passed by consent.

A special thank you to the Nominating Committee members, especially Sherran Williams, for all of your hard work recruiting potential officers and board members.

Approval of minutes

November 9th General Membership Meeting

Don Jones motioned to accept the November 9th minutes. The minutes were accepted by consent.

December 14th Special Membership Meetings

Motion by Tomas Rodriguez to accept the minutes. The minutes were amended to change "Mobil" to "Mobile" at the bottom of the last page. The amended minutes were adopted by consent.

Officer's Reports

Treasurers Report – Lois McEvoy

The 2010 bank statements were not in yet, so there was no report to review. The report will be reviewed at a later date.

President's Report - Chip Rosenthal

Board members had a difficult year, but we still accomplished a lot. While working on the Board, it is okay to disagree but it is important to have a process where everyone is heard.

Please see the President's Report in the newsletter for a complete list of updates.

One of the difficulties for this year was the transition between Board and Committee members. Some committees had no documentation at the beginning of the year. Encourage 2011 Board members and Committee chairs to reach out 2010 Board members and Committee chairs to get processes and documentations if available.

Committee Reports

Recognized volunteers and on-going projects.

Beautification – Lynda Oakes

The Urban Forestry Grant is on-going. There is a possible plan for painting the metal fences over the creek.

Bylaws - Lois McEvoy

The new Board members have copies of the new Bylaws (except for the last page which is just a signature page). Members who do not have a copy of the new Bylaws can contact members of the Bylaws committee to receive a copy.

Development – Kevin Wier

NSCNA has no official position on the Mobile Loaves and Fishes. One of the proposed locations is at Braker Lane and Burnet Road. This is the jurisdiction of North Burnet and Gateway neighborhood associations. The N.A.N.C (North Austin Neighborhood Coalition) has now made an official stance against the proposition. The stance is posted on the web. The City has grouped the NSCNA in discussions with the North Austin Civic Association. There is a meeting at Lanier High School on January 20th. Alan Graham will be there. Notification of the meeting will be posted on the NSCNA website.

The City of Austin is working on a new Master Plan. Councilwoman Morrison heard the Austin Neighborhood Council concerns of pie in the sky and wants to make sure the plan includes a neighborhood plan. NSCNA does not have a neighborhood plan; it was put on hold when the Master Plan updates were announced. Please fill out surveys and provide feedback when the City solicits feedback. CHIP meetings signify that NSCNA is in the growth corridor, so it is important to stay involved.

Media – Cheri Hartman

The year-end report is in the newsletter. The newsletter has increased frequency. The Yahoo Group has refined guidelines and updated its name. The group is much calmer now. Members are encouraged to join the group.

Membership – Sherran Williams

In 2010, 143 households joined the membership. The Membership Committee challenged themselves and the Board of Directors to acquire 150 households. At least one-third of the households are single member households. The 2011 Board may address this issue.

Safety – Chip Rosenthal

Safety was the number one concern at the beginning of the year. The crime tracking reports have been in the newsletters. Most crimes are property crimes. The committee wants to keep rates low in 2011 while simultaneously making sure all crimes are reported. Reporting all issues will help us get the resources our neighborhood needs. APD just restructured their coverage.

Social – Alyssa Hedge

The year-end report is in the newsletter. Thank you to Ken Moyer for all of his work on the Independence Day Celebration as well as Lois McEvoy for introducing us to Ladders. Thank you to Amelia Cobb for all ideas and for organizing and facilitating the Illuminaria. Hopefully, the illuminaria will become an annual tradition. Thank for all of the volunteers who helped set-up and pick-up the event. Thank you to all who participated in other events throughout the year such as the Yogurt social, hazardous waste pick-up, and garage sale.

Traffic – Dallas Maham

The year-end report is in the newsletter.

Special Committees

The special committees include the Budget Committee, Independence Day Celebration Committee, and NPP. The current sidewalk repairs are not part of NPP. If you see the crew out working and know of dangerous spot, please talk to Stephen (the supervisor) to let them know about the spot. Also, let them know how much you appreciate the repairs.

General Announcements and Updates

The 2010 memberships run through Jan 31. Due to Bylaws updates, the 2011 memberships run through Dec 31. Renewal information is located at www.nscna.org

There was a special called meeting of 2011 Board members called immediately after this meeting to approve the Urban Forest Grant Contract. Thank you to the Beautification committee for all of their work on this grant.

NSCNA purchased 30 one-year magazine subscriptions for the North Village Library.

NACA (North Austin Civic Association) will have presentations on Homeless Trailer Park proposal at their Jan. 20 meeting, 7pm at Lanier High School.

Thanks neighbors for a great 2010. Thanks Pillow Elementary for hosting us. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Submitted by Kate Brien, Secretary

Approved by the membership, March 1, 2011

Revisions approved at NSCNA General Membership Meeting on September 6, 2011