

**North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
8608 Donna Gail Drive
April 3, 2012**

In attendance: Kenneth Webb, Donna Eagar, Juliette Kernion, Jeri Wines, Sal Espinosa, Ernie Garcia, Alice Kubacak

Absent: Robert Seidel

Item 1: Call of order, adoption of agenda

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Kenneth Webb.

On the agenda, item 2, Kenneth changed the date on the minutes to review to February 9.

Motion by Donna Eagar to adopt the amended agenda, seconded. Approved unanimously.

Item 2: Approval of minutes from February 9 meeting

Motion by Donna Eagar to approve the minutes with no changes; seconded. Approved unanimously.

Item 3: Appointment of new Director

Kenneth said NSCNA member Lee Johnson has expressed interest in serving on the Board of Directors. If the Board approved his appointment, it could then be ratified by NSCNA members at the next general meeting.

Motion by Juliette Kernion to appoint Lee Johnson to the Board of Directors. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Board discussed other possible candidates for the remaining vacant Director positions. Juliette pointed out that NSCNA desperately needs a Media Chair or coordinator and a newsletter editor, as well as a webmaster. The Board discussed options for getting future newsletters completed.

Kenneth is meeting this weekend with former NSCNA webmaster Chris Jones, who is moving out of the neighborhood but might be able to recommend someone. Kenneth is also planning to talk with NSCNA Email List moderator Ben Brumfield for suggestions.

Kenneth said he would send an email to all members to ask for suggestions for newsletter editor, garage sale coordinator, July 4 Parade coordinator, webmaster, and the open Director positions. Juliette suggested sending the message to the Yahoo Email List as well. Donna suggested including all board members' names and email addresses in the solicitations, since people might be more likely to help if they notice a familiar name among the Board members.

Item 4: Discussion of functions and duties of Board of Directors

Kenneth read Article IV, Item 6 in the NSCNA bylaws, as well as the opening paragraph of Article IV, regarding the functions and duties of the Board of Directors. He noted there are no specific details about how the Board is the "principle representative governing and policy-recommending body of NSCNA." As an example, he had trouble agreeing to the postponement of the 8100 Burnet zoning change item in the March 6 City Council meeting because he had no direction from the Board or

membership regarding that aspect of the issue.

Item 5: Committee reports

Item 5.1: Treasurer's report – Jeri shared a report from January to March 2012. Juliette noted the high cost of copies made of the special called meeting notice; Kenneth said the copies had to be printed on the weekend in a hurry, so they were more expensive than usual.

Donna asked about the newsletter costs versus ad revenue; Juliette pointed out that some of the revenue received this year is for ads that would run in future 2012 issues of the newsletter. Alice asked about the AISD cost, which Kenneth explained was for the janitor at the March special called meeting since it ran past 8 pm.

Motion by Donna Eagar to accept the treasurer's report; seconded. Approved unanimously.

Jeri asked what should be done about the two dues payments from associate members. One dues payment was from someone who is now living in his parents' house in the neighborhood; Kenneth noted we should change that to a regular membership.

Item 5.2: Membership – Discussion about membership dues being per-household instead of per-person, and a complaint that someone's spouse was told at a previous NSCNA general meeting that he could not vote. Sal said we should ensure this doesn't happen in the future, and suggests that if the membership is likely to take a significant vote during a meeting, Kenneth should ask the meeting attendees if every member in the room has a card for voting. General agreement.

Donna said she hopes Robert (Membership Committee chair) can make a report at a future Board meeting about how other neighborhood associations deal with membership dues and what his recommendations are.

Item 5.3: Bylaws – Sal (Bylaws Committee chair) said two people have offered to work on the Bylaws Committee with him. He'd like to call a meeting soon. Kenneth wanted to look at older versions of the bylaws to see what changes have been made over the years; Donna said she will send him some of the older bylaws. Juliette asked Kenneth to make this an agenda item for a future meeting.

The Board agreed to educate themselves about the bylaws for the next meeting to work on recommendations. Juliette said it might be best to provide an overall goal for the committee rather than just some suggestions for minor changes, so the committee can recommend changes that are within the limit of the goal. Sal agreed.

Item 5.3: Social – Juliette offered to make map flyers and ads for the annual neighborhood garage sale event if someone else could coordinate the event. Sal and Donna offered to help distribute the flyers on the morning of the sale. The Board discussed possible dates for the sale and settled on May 5, 2012.

Ernie Garcia agreed to coordinate the garage sale event this year.

Item 6: 8100 Burnet Road proposed zoning change

Kenneth reported that since the Platting and Zoning Commission approved the change, NSCNA has had no significant communications from the 8100 Burnet developer or his lawyer. The developer told Development Committee chair Kevin Wier that if NSCNA insisted on opposing the zoning change unless an MF-3 zoning was proposed, then “we have nothing to talk about.”

Kenneth said he will be at the City Council meeting on Thursday, April 5, when the zoning change will be considered, but the membership's vote to oppose the MF-6 zoning gives him no leeway to do anything but oppose the zoning and recommend MF-3. He felt he could not negotiate if the developer asked him to accept MF-4 or MF-5 zoning. He did not intend to speak at the meeting since he felt he's already made NSCNA's position clear.

The Board discussed the zoning issue, the differences in zoning types, the membership's vote, and what other neighborhood associations are doing, if anything.

Juliette said the Board could vote to give Kenneth and Kevin the authority to negotiate for MF-4 and MF-5 zoning. She also suggested the Board and Development Committee could work to support to the membership decision, and get neighbors to the City Council meeting to oppose the zoning change – maybe encourage a last-minute email and phone campaign to City Council members. Donna agreed that it was important to let the City Council know that NSCNA members believe in the resolution.

Kenneth thought that emails sent in the next day or two might not reach City Council members in time. He pointed out that even if the developer does get MF-6 zoning approved, site plans and building permits will still need to be approved as well.

Motion from Donna Eagar: that the NSCNA Board of Directors authorize NSCNA President Kenneth Webb to negotiate as necessary, in consultation with the Board, Development Committee, or members as feasible, regarding the 8100 Burnet Road rezoning application for an agreement that would be within the purpose of the association, to promote and protect our neighborhood. Seconded. Approved by a 6-0 vote.

Item 7: Future Board meetings

The next NSCNA Board of Directors meetings were set for Thursday, April 19 and Thursday, May 24.

Item 8: New business

No new business.

Item 9: Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm.

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

Minutes approved at NSCNA Board of Directors Meeting, April 19, 2012