

**NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
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September 3, 2013

**1. Call to Order**

The Regular General Membership Meeting of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association meeting was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 6:34 P.M., at Pillow Elementary School, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

**2. 10-1 Redistricting**

Kevin Weir introduced Steve Zettner who will talk about 10-1 Redistricting. An amendment passed last year to change the rules so that Austin now has 10 single-member districts for the city council. Steve discussed the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission requesting input from citizens while redistricting maps are being drawn. By the end of the year, a map will be drawn to be used for council districts. Each district will have about 79,000 people based on census numbers. Four of the districts, per federal regulations, are opportunity districts for historically disadvantaged neighborhoods. We can attend meetings on redistricting that will be held in September. There will be meeting tomorrow at 6:30 at Anderson High School – people are encouraged to attend and voice their opinion. There also will be a meeting on Saturday at Goodwill.

There is a proposed draft resolution that we can vote on during this meeting which is one way to make our voice heard. There is a chance for neighborhood associations to state what they value. The resolution up for consideration is regarding Allandale Neighborhood Association, Brentwood Neighborhood Association, Crestview Neighborhood Association, North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association and Wooten Neighborhood Association. It states that we're similar groups with common interests, common challenges, and our preferences are that we be put together instead of split-up in redistricting. Proposed maps were passed around during the meeting.

The resolution states, among other things, that child-friendliness and walkability are important to us and that we seek to retain the character of our neighborhoods. President Webb states that our vote on this resolution will give Kevin Weir direction from our association for the meeting he will attend tomorrow regarding Voting Precinct 2, which we are in. The resolution would say we want to be aligned with these neighborhood associations and recognizes our commonality.

There is discussion of the resolution and where our neighborhood interests lie. The resolution will not be binding on us, it will be presented to the Commission and the Commission will decide. A motion is made and seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carries. The resolution is appended hereto at page A-1.

This resolution was first presented to President Webb today, sometimes there is not an opportunity to broadcast information to members before action is taken.

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Agenda and the motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of the May 7, 2013 General Membership Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 General Membership meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes are approved.

### **5. Election of Nominating Committee**

President Webb called for motions to elect a Nominating Committee. The bylaws require that the Nominating Committee be elected prior to October. The Nominating Committee will then select the nominees to be presented in January 2014.

It was moved and seconded that Ernie Garcia be elected to be a member of the Nominating Committee and the motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded that Sharon Justice be elected to be a member of the Nominating Committee and the motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded that Tomas Rodriguez be elected to be a member of the Nominating Committee and the motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded that Erin Poole be elected to be on the Nominating Committee and the motion passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded that Jeri Wines be elected to be on the Nominating Committee and the motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Lois McEvoy was out of town so there was no Treasurer's report.

### **7. Committee Reports and Activities**

President Webb called for committee reports:

- a. Membership – Sherran Williams gave the report. We have 120 members now. There was discussion about ways to welcome new residents of the neighborhood and how to know when people move into the neighborhood.
- b. Media – The newsletter is at the printer now and will be delivered between this Thursday through Sunday. It is also on the website [nscna.org](http://nscna.org).
- c. Bylaws – Nothing to report right now.
- d. Beautification – There is no representative here tonight.
- e. Development – Kevin Weir made a presentation about 10-1 at tonight's meeting. Kenneth has received notice of a demolition request for property at

intersection of Shamrock and Bowling Green, a residence. It is within 500 feet of the boundary of our neighborhood. It is being heard by the Historic Landmark Commission. President Webb proposes that we find out Wooten Neighborhood Association's position on this and we will defer to them. If they object, we will object.

f. Safety – Jeri Wines reported on behalf of Roger Wines. October 1 is Neighborhood Night Out and want to encourage people to attend and meet new neighbors.

There has been a recent rash of crime in the neighborhood. Near Rockwood and Primrose, last week some glass was shot out of cars probably by b.b. guns. There has been an incident on Melshire. There was a burglary today at a house at Benbrook and Winding Walk.

g. Social – There is no report tonight. There was a question whether there will be a Luminaria walk and there is no definite answer at this time.

h. Traffic – Tomas Rodriguez reported that a “stop ahead.” sign will be added on Rockwood.

## **8. Announcements**

President Webb reported that Pillow Elementary has new working hours for their custodians. The Association will be billed for tonight because the regular working hours for custodians now ends at 7:00 p.m.

The next General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. It will be held on the second Tuesday because the first Tuesday of November is election night.

The 10-1 redistricting meeting is tomorrow night.

## **9. New Business**

There were no new business items.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Submitted by Karen Denton, NSCNA Secretary*

Approved at General Membership Meeting November 12, 2013.

## ***Appendix A***

### Resolution on 10-1 Redistricting for North Central Austin

Allandale Neighborhood Association  
Brentwood Neighborhood Association  
Crestview Neighborhood Association  
North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association  
Wooten Neighborhood Association

Whereas the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association, together with the above neighborhood associations, is located in a compact area of North Central Austin, defined by the 78756 and 78757 zip codes, from 45<sup>th</sup> north to 183 and from Mopac east to N Lamar,

Whereas these neighborhood associations share the same north south major arterial, Burnet Rd,

Whereas these neighborhoods were laid out in the post-WWII era from 1945 to 1980, and share the same early suburban street patterns and building types,

Whereas these neighborhoods share similar age demographics, in particular a relatively high population of children as well as of seniors planning to age in place, relative to areas to the south,

Whereas these neighborhoods are middle class, representing the average median household income for the wider Austin area,

Whereas these neighborhoods are in an area, or adjacent to areas, targeted by the City Comprehensive Plan for infill growth over the coming thirty years, including the Burnet activity corridor, the Anderson Ln activity corridor, the Anderson neighborhood center at Mopac, and the Crestview town center,

Whereas it is the desire of our neighborhoods to ensure that growth occurs in a way that preserves our existing age and income diversity,

Whereas there are significant risks with implementing infill development in suburban areas, and especially in early suburban areas that lack public space to enable strong pedestrian environments sufficient to offset rising motor vehicle congestion,

Whereas our neighborhoods have a documented history of supporting common initiatives to improve the walkability and child-friendliness of Burnet Rd, including planting street trees for shade, raising bond funding for sidewalks and other pedestrian amenities, and investing time and resources in our shared area schools,

Whereas the acute deficit of pedestrian infrastructure, and the strong desire to preserve balanced age demographics and especially children, are unique to our early suburban areas, and less of a priority for areas to our south, or west,

Be it resolved, that

1. These neighborhoods shall be recognized as a community of interest for City Council redistricting purposes
2. That our preference is to be in a district with other neighborhoods that share similar suburban transportation and land use patterns, similar age and income demographics, and similar growth pressures.

Resolution adopted by North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association September 3, 2013 in general membership meeting.