

NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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November 12, 2013
General Membership Meeting

1. Call to Order

The Regular General Membership Meeting of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association meeting was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 6:34 P.M., at Pillow Elementary School. The President was in the chair and the Secretary was present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Dallas Maham, seconded and adopted.

3. Neighborhood Plans

Last month, Mr. Mark Walters, Principal Planner for Neighborhood Plans for the City of Austin Planning and Development Review board, met with the NSCNA Board of Directors and discussed the newly revised planning process that the city is using for neighborhood plans. The process has been shortened from 2-3 years to 12 months.

Neighborhood plans will be based on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan that was just completed and adopted. At the same time, the City Land Development Code is under review and is probably undergoing revisions at this time. We may see revised procedures for land use, zoning and permits.

The city is working on the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan and that is expected to be completed in the next three months. They anticipate beginning planning for remaining areas early in 2014 and that will include Rosedale, Allandale and North Shoal Creek. It has not been determined yet whether there will be a single plan just for us or we will be part of a combined plan. NSCNA is recognized by the City of Austin as the principle representative for the neighborhood and will play an important role in the development of the neighborhood plan. It is not our plan, it will be a city plan for the planning area however that is ultimately defined, whether a single area or a combined plan. It will be based on input from public meetings and from planning sessions that will be open to the public. See the Handout, Process for Neighborhood Plans, which describes the process and timeline of the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan.

Mr. Walters, Principal Planner, indicated that he is willing to speak to us at the January General Meeting regarding the process if there is interest in that. We can also email Mr. Walters and his email address is on the handout. Also, see the website for more information.

4. Treasurer Report

There is no handout tonight on the treasurer's report. Lois McEvoy gave her report and brought a detailed notebook for association members to review.

5. Committee Reports and Activities

a. Nominating – Sharon Justice reported since Erin Poole, head of the Nominating Committee, is in a meeting that is running late. The Nominating Committee is comprised of Jeri Wines, Tomas Rodriguez, Ernie Garcia and Sharon Justice and they have been working to find nominees. Our current Secretary and Treasurer are willing to continue in those positions. We still need candidates for President and Vice President. You can send suggestions for candidates for those positions to ssjustice@yahoo.com. You can also go to Nominating at NSC.org. to make candidate suggestion.

b. Membership: Lois McEvoy gave the report that we have about 125 members for 2013. If running for office for 2014, must pay your 2014 membership dues before December 31, 2013.

c. Media: No committee chair is present. The newsletter will be distributed about December 7, 2013. Send email to newsletter@nscna.org if you want to suggest a topic or write an article. Let Donna Eager know if you are willing to be on an alternate team to distribute newsletters. Also, if you have any pictures taken during National Night Out, give them to Claudia Perez for the newsletter. Distribution of newsletters was discussed

d. Bylaws: Chair Dallas Maham reported and provided two handouts, one is the current Bylaws and the second is Proposed Amendments. Levi Bullock, Sharon Williams, Kenneth Webb, John Migl and Dallas Maham are on the Bylaws Committee.

Dallas reported that this is more an effort to clarify the language than to make wholesale amendments. Dallas went over each of the proposed amendments listed on the handout. Donna Eager suggested they strike the word “voting” from the Proposed Amendment under Article VII, Meetings, 7.a. The proposed amendments are presented at this meeting and will be voted on at the January 7, 2014 meeting. If you have any questions, let Dallas Maham know.

The plain text version of the 10 amendments are printed above the columns listing the original text and proposed amendments.

e. Beautification: Mary Jane Weir has nothing to report tonight. Let her know if you want to be on the beautification committee.

f. Development: Kevin Weir reported that there is good news on 10-1 city council maps, The first map showed us with Allandale, Brentwood and Crestview, but did not include Wooten. Now the second map has come out and Wooten is included in our area. This is not the final map. There may be some fine-tuning to the map.

Discussion of whether we will be attached to neighborhoods west of Mopac since NSCNA kids go to Anderson High School. The lines as they are don't combine us with neighborhoods West of Mopac. The Northwest Austin Civic Association wants us to support their boundaries and they will support our boundaries. They said they will work to support us if something comes up in the future about our neighborhood children tracking to Anderson High School.

Federal law says if a group is designated as minority and are 10% or more of the population, they have right to be designated an opportunity district. There will be three Hispanic and one African American opportunity districts. The maps will be redrawn in ten years and will probably include an Asian opportunity district by then. The African American population is dwindling. Two more public forums for the redistricting commission are scheduled tomorrow night and Thursday night.

g. Safety: Roger Wines reports that there is nothing to report on safety.

h. Social: The chair is not present, Amelia Cobb reported. Ms. Cobb brought a volunteer sign-up list to help with the Luminaria walk which will be held on Thursday, December 19, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Neighbors are invited for refreshments and to participate in the Luminaria walk at Pillow Elementary School. We can help with setup from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Pillow Elementary is having a musical on the same night which will end at 7:30 p.m.

i. Traffic: Tomas Rodriguez reported. The City should start installing traffic bump-outs for traffic calming on Rockwood from Steck to Anderson Lane. This should be started in November or December, 2013 and it will take about two weeks. Plants will be put in the section from Steck to Burnet and this should occur in 2014.

6. Approval of Minutes of the September 3, 2013 General Membership Meeting

The minutes of the September 3, 2013 General Membership meeting were approved as presented.

7. Announcements

The next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 when we will have the election of officers for next year. Roger Wines discussed the Trail of Lights and volunteer opportunities there.

8. New Business

There were no new business items.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Denton, NSCNA Secretary

Approved as corrected at General Membership Meeting January 7, 2014.