

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 2, 2014

1. Call to Order

The Regular General Membership Meeting of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at 6:33 p.m. at Pillow Elementary School; with the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Lower District 7 City Council Candidate Forum, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. at St. Louis Church, 7601 Burnet Rd.

President Ray discussed the Lower District 7 City Council Candidate Forum coming up later this month.

4. Committee News and Discussions

Nominating Committee: President Ray discussed the need to elect a nominating committee so they can start by October 1st. If we can't elect a nominating committee tonight, you could authorize the board of directors to appoint a nominating committee. President opened this subject for discussion. No nominations were forthcoming. It was moved and seconded to authorize the board of directors to appoint a nominating committee.

Election committee: This committee will be needed by November 4 and will be appointed by the board.

Membership: Lois McEvoy is absent. Newsletters will be delivered September 13-14, 2014. Donna Eagar mentioned that we could use some more volunteers to deliver the newsletter.

Media: There is no media chairperson at this time.

Bylaws: Chair Dallas Maham is absent.

Beautification: Mary Jane Weir reported on status.

Development: President Ray discussed that the NSCNA board recommends we oppose the Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development (PUD). Kevin Weir is chair and reported on the PUD which is planned where Anderson Lane turns into Spicewood Springs Road. The new owner wants to change zoning to develop it more densely. They're asking for out-of-norm zoning as a PUD. They negotiate with city staff; we can give input to city staff. They want to put in a 17-story and a 14-story building. Their rationale is they're saving trees by building up. Kevin

will be on ad hoc committee to represent us. A PUD is supposed to be a superior development, and Kevin didn't hear them say what is superior about it. The question is will this PUD give the city something superior to justify being zoned a PUD. The neighborhood is worried about the impact on schools and traffic. The traffic analysis was not done on all of Anderson Lane. The neighborhood across Mopac is 94 % against the PUD. The NSCNA board of directors has recommended we oppose the PUD.

There was general discussion by members. The PUD plans to cut down many trees and there are heritage trees. The developer said they had a plan to preserve half of the overall trees and 85% of heritage trees. Kevin Weir and Sharon Justice talked about the information they learned at the meeting regarding the PUD. Sharon discussed the Imagine Austin plan and that it called for the tallest buildings to be in the regional center which is located in Gateway for our neighborhood. This PUD location is designated a neighborhood center. There are neighborhood centers planned on both east and west sides of Mopac at Anderson Lane. There is a time constraint as it could go through by the end of the year since city staff has approved it.

The president asked whether there was a motion to follow the board recommendation to oppose the PUD project. There was general discussion about the project, and the pros and cons of NSCNA taking a position now. The question was called, and a motion was made and seconded for the membership to follow the recommendation of the board and vote to oppose the Austin Oaks PUD project. Motion carried.

Kevin reported on the Austin Neighborhood Council's (ANC) resolution for a City of Austin Public Engagement Ordinance. There was discussion about the resolution. The resolution calls for the city council to develop guidelines to facilitate citizen input. Our NSCNA vote tonight would guide how Kevin votes at the ANC's meeting regarding the resolution. Motion was made and seconded to support the ANC's City of Austin Public Engagement Ordinance resolution and the motion carried.

Social: The Luminaria walk will be in December, we don't have a date yet.

Traffic: Tomas Rodriguez reported that Mark Schruben is taking over from Mr. Haba and his phone number is 512-974-7048.

5. Flood Plain and Related Issues

Matt Porcher (matthew.porcher@austintexas.gov) from the City of Austin spoke on flood plains. You can email him to get his power point presentation. We're in "flash flood alley" which is from Dallas to San Antonio with Austin in heart of it. In the 1981 Memorial Day flood, thirteen lives were lost. In 2014, we had the Halloween flood and lost four lives. Austin has a big flood about every ten years. Most fatalities occur in vehicles.

Discussed flood safety tools like ATXfloods.com website where you can sign up online to get Shoal Creek-related alarms. We're in Shoal Creek watershed. Can go to wireless.capcog.org and register your cell phone and get weather alerts. Check FloodPro at

atxfloodpro.com. to see if you're in flood plain. Go to www.ATXfloods.com and can tell if low water crossings are closed. They don't have an app, but have a smartphone-friendly mobile website. Check ATXfloods.alerts. Also, he recommends getting a NOAA weather radio.

For Onion Creek watershed, adding Creek Cameras. Once cameras are installed, we will be able to see images of Onion Creek at ATXfloods.com. If this works, they hope to get cameras on Shoal Creek. Also, coming soon is Flood SRs (Austin.spotreporters.com) which is an app.

6. Copies of the NSNCA financial statements are available (Will have a Q&A at the next general membership meeting)

7. Candidates for Austin City Council District 7 personal introductions (Q&A after meeting adjourns)

Leslie Pool
Pete Salazar
Jimmy Paver
Ed English
Jeff White
Melissa Zone

8. Adjournment.

President Ray announced the meeting will adjourn and after the meeting people can meet with the candidates outside. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Denton, NSCNA Secretary

Minutes approved at General Membership meeting November 4, 2014

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