

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 66443
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General Membership Meeting
September 1, 2015, 6:30 pm
Pillow Elementary School Cafetorium

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Lois McEvoy presided. Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

Sharon Justice moved that the minutes be approved as read. Jerry Wines seconded. The motion carried.

III. PILLOW PLAYGROUND

Neighbor Becky Campbell was the leader on this project. She reported the following. She, other young mothers in the neighborhood, principal Brian Hill, school staff and representatives of Austin Parks and Recreation worked together to design the playground. They focused on the needs of students aged 2-12 years. The designated area is under the trees and will consist of four small areas which will be completely redone. An effort will be made to make it look like a more natural setting.

The pea gravel will be replaced and the area will be enhanced with natural colors, mostly tan and green. Features to be included are a rockclimbing wall, playscape small rope climbing area, a slide, swings and a tire swing. The equipment has already been bought by the city, and installation is expected to be finished by spring.

Negotiations are underway to finalize permission for members of the community to use the playground during school hours if school children are not using it during recess. Formerly, the playground was closed during school hours of 7:30 am-3:30 pm.

At this time a member of Pillow School staff announced that the school is in need of a person who is fluent in Arabic. If interested, please call the school.

IV. CITY OF AUSTIN REPRESENTATIVE This item was omitted from the agenda.

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V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sharon Justice said that five volunteers are needed to serve on the nominating committee. This committee usually is in operation three or four months. They canvass and publicize the need for officers and board members. After they have made their nominations, the committee dissolves. Committee members may volunteer to be officers. Eleven officers are needed for next year.

The website will put out a call for volunteers also.

If anyone is interested, email *directors@nscna.org*.

The bylaws direct that the nominating committee should have presented the prospective slate of officers at the September meeting. That deadline has passed. Kenneth Webb moved and Roger Wines seconded that the NSCNA board of directors nominate association members to serve on the nominating committee. Motion carried.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. TREASURER'S STATEMENT (a handout)

This consists of a profit and loss statement through 7/31/15.

Treasurer Donna Eagar is out of town, but can be contacted later in the week if anyone has questions.

B. SAFETY

Chairman Roger Wines said that if people report safety issues to him, he will try to find a solution. He reminded people to call 911 if they are witnessing an event. If an event has happened already, call 311.

Vannessa Smith, who lives on Ashdale, reported that she has seen numerous unusual events involving a men's domicile on Burnet Road. The Austin American-Statesman reported that it has been cited by state agencies and the Austin police department for unsafe practices. She added that the Ashdale area has had numerous incidents of car break-ins and vandalism.

C. MEDIA

Sharon Justice announced that the newsletter will be distributed on the week-end of September 12 & 13.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of the Sackman notice (handout) followed:

The notice was sent to city councilman Leslie Pool; she forwarded the letter to NSCNA. If Sackman Enterprise fails to live up to the statements made in the notice, NSCNA's recourse is to inform councilman Pool.

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- B. Speed control on Stillwood is in a state of flux. The city will address this issue sometime this year. Other areas in our neighborhood have traffic control issues also. Questions can be addresses to the traffic committee chairman, Tomas Rodriquez. He was absent at this meeting.
- C. A complaint was made that 18-wheel trucks park and unload new cars on Rockwood despite there being a sign in full view that says, "No Trucks." Attendees were reminded that NSCNA is not a home owners association. It is a neighborhood association, and anyone living within our borders may join. A neighborhood association cannot enforce rules, as can a home owners' association.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. PILLOW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BRIAN HILL

Mr. Hill was introduced to the group. He provided the following information. The library is being expanded to the sidewalk in front. Current library facilities are housed in a temporary building positioned to the back of the main school building. The construction is expected to be complete in March. The new addition will have new shelves, additional technology paid for by a recent school bond, and conference and A/V rooms.

Pillow's functional capacity is 502, without portable buildings. This year's attendance is about 550. Last year's was about 580.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at the school can call the school and speak to one of the two part time counselors.

B. AGING PLUMBING IN AREA HOMES

As our houses age (many built in the 1960s), pipes become corroded and need to be replaced. This is an expensive and massive undertaking. Several of our neighbors have been faced with it. Routine house inspections at time of sale do not cover it. Insurance payment is not guaranteed. This is an ongoing fairly new problem. It is something for the buyer and the seller to keep in mind.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 7:10 p.m.

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