

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 66443  
Austin, Texas 78766-0443  
**General Membership Meeting**  
March 1, 2016, 6:30 pm  
Pillow Elementary School Cafetorium

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Amelia Cobb conducted the meeting. Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings.  
Jeri Wines (Katie Kelly) moved that the minutes of the previous general meeting be approved as read. Motion carried.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

Amelia Cobb introduced the neighborhood-wide survey which will be distributed with the newsletter to single family and multifamily dwellings within the NSCNA boundaries.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Donna Eagar presented the proposed 2016 budget. Lois McEvoy (Tomas Rodriguez) moved that the budget be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

VicePresident Sarah Brandon announced that there are many opportunities to participate in NSCNA activities by volunteering to serve on any committee. She passed around a clipboard, for anyone interested, to sign under the area(s) that interest them.

A. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE- Committee member Brian Brandon reported regarding the Austin Oaks PUD. During the most recent charrette (planning meeting) decisions were made that were unfavorable for NSCNA and four other neighborhood organizations. NSCNA endorsed a letter of no confidence concerning decisions made regarding traffic, building height, and tree preservation. The developer, who has a great deal of flexibility in planning the site under the PUD regulations, is refining the plans. More information on this subject will appear in the next newsletter.

B. SOCIAL COMMITTEE- Amelia Cobb reported for Brian Cobb that two events will occur on April 30: the NSCNA neighborhood-wide garage sales and the Pillow Elementary School market tables. Everyone is welcome to participate in both of these events. If you want to have a garage sale at your residence, your address will be included in a map that will be distributed at each garage sale site. If you do not want to have the sale at your home, Pillow School is renting tables on their campus, \$10.00 for one table, or \$15.00 for two tables.

C. MEDIA COMMITTEE: NEWSLETTER

Sharon Justice, editor, announced that the next newsletter will be distributed on March 13 & 14.

**V. NEW BUSINESS** There was none.

**VI. PRESENTATION/ DISCUSSION WITH AUSTIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT TRAFFIC CALMING ON PRIMROSE/THRUSHWOOD/MCCANN**

(KXAN TV filmed the segment involving traffic calming.)

President Cobb introduced city council member Leslie Pool, who introduced members of her staff and others who would speak. Participants in this informal informational session were Leslie Pool, Gordon Durham, Louisa Brinsmade, Chad Cramer, Allison Mills, Diane Rice, and Miller Nuttle.

Final copy of minutes of the 3-1-16 NSCNA General Meeting submitted by secretary Barbara Gaston.

Ms. Pool reported the following.

Repairs at the Northwest Park swimming pool were budgeted for last year. \$350,000.00 is being spent to repair decking and to replace cast iron pipes with PVC pipes. The old pipes leaked 40,000 gallons of water a day and washed out the ground under the decking. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned in April when this project is expected to be completed.

The University of Texas is planning to develop its golf course property. The city has leased the property through 2019. The city council wants to pass a resolution to preserve historic zoning for the golf course.

Austin city budget is to be reconciled during May/June. During the May Town Meeting all city departments are to report projected expenses.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the dispersal of information. Staff are available to add our names to the mailing list. This is a good way to keep up with what the city council is doing.

Announcements by city staff followed.

A. Neighborhood Partnership Programs meetings are conducted on Monday afternoons at the Little Walnut Creek Library. Flyers were provided for anyone who is interested in attending.

B. Miller Nuttle, representing The Bike Advocacy Group, which is a non-profit organization, needs neighborhood participation. Primary focus is on adult education regarding bike safety. Informational cards were provided for anyone interested attending meetings. The group is circulating a petition urging the city to fully fund the Austin Bike Plan-trails, bike lanes, sidewalks. They hope to acquire enough signatures to require the city council to have the public vote on the issue.

C. Chad Crager spoke about Safe Route to School which involves providing safety for children who ride bicycles or walk to school. Success of the program depends on parental and child education, crossing guards, and an education team. In 2009 the city updated their sidewalk master plan. The NSCNA area is designated a low priority in degree of need.

D. Urban Trails program: Shoal Creek dead ends at Hwy. 183. A ten-foot-wide concrete trail is planned to extend from Hwy. 183 to the Pickle research center, on to Braker Lane.

## **VII. CAP METRO CONVERSATION: CONNECTIONS 2025**

Kailli Dawson and Sam Sargent provided a Power Point program and printed information about the ten year program that was updated five years ago. Web site is [Connections2015.org](http://Connections2015.org). The web site includes information on MetroRail. Four new rail cars are expected to come on line in 2018. This will double the capacity from every 30 minutes runs to every 15 minutes. Frequency of Cap Metro trains is constrained by freight train schedules.

Gordon Durham reported that speed mitigation on Rockwood has been completed and will be extended to Primrose. The city will make arrangements if neighborhoods want to share costs for traffic calming,

He invited audience participation, saying that staff wanted to listen to our concerns.

Members of the audience and city staff engaged in a Question and Answer session for the duration of the meeting.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 pm.**

Minutes approved at General Membership Meeting May 3, 2016

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