

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association

Special Membership Meeting

September 21, 2016

6:30-8:00PM

Pillow Elementary School Cafeteria

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Announcements by President Amelia Cobb.

Introductions by all in attendance.

- It was Dallas and Helena's 53rd wedding anniversary.

Amelia Cobb introduced Sarah Brandon to present Neighborhood Partnering Program Application Plans.

Sarah Brandon on Neighborhood Partnering Program:

- Planning meetings have been taking place since July.
- City started program a few years for beautification (but it can include sidewalks).

Slight delay when presentation a/v crashed

- Amelia Cobb filled in with more background on the neighborhood planning process

Sarah Brandon (cont'd):

- Funding for project: neighborhood cost-share
- Deadline: October 1st (and June 1st) for each year
- We are trying to apply for October.
- 3-month vetting process by city upon which city will return feedback and likely a few more rounds of dialogue between City and NCSNA to follow.
- NCSNA Survey Results:
 - Neighborhood beautification and safety were the two most important.
 - Neighborhood work groups and safety improvements to be prioritized in NPP.
- July 23rd first NPP meeting identified the following projects of interest:
 - Project: community garden
 - AISD has approved this, to our understanding. Their only stated concern involved the future additions of more portables.
 - Project will necessitate by-laws (and possible membership).
 - 22 4x8' beds in garden
 - Projected Costs:
 - cost to build: \$17,598
 - cost to maintain: \$10,000 (for two years)
 - total: \$37,598
 - city will propose that neighborhood matches % of costs (ex. 3%)

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- neighborhood labor is factored into the costs
 - supplies list included in the slides
- Neighbor Question: where are we going to get the water for this?
 - Answer: water tap is in the corner of proposed site - North Austin Soccer Alliance to play a role in helping, with irrigation and otherwise.
- Neighbor Question: is rain harvesting part of the process?
 - Answer: to be researched - Amelia Cobb and others have rain barrels
- Neighbor Question: is composting part of the plan?
 - Answer: to be researched
- Neighbor Question: who will pay for the water bill for garden?
 - Answer: Pillow Elementary will pay, to our knowledge
- Neighbor Question: expansion plan if this becomes popular?
 - Answer: some other gardens have a waitlist
- Neighbor Question: maintenance projections, would we be responsible for % of that too?
 - Answer: yes
- Neighbor Question: what happens after two years?
 - Answer: NSCNA will need to discuss association reserve funds and fundraising
- Neighbor Question: will the by-laws define the upkeep and everything discussed?
 - Answer: yes
- Neighbor Question: can the association afford to fund the % for the next two years and beyond?
 - Answer: yes
- Neighbor Question: has there been interest expressed by Pillow teachers in using the gardens for education?
 - Answer: yes
- Project: traffic calming bulb outs on Rockwood
 - total to build: \$3,550
 - total to maintain: \$3,544 (for two years)
 - total= \$7,094
- Project: beautification of NSC bridges
 - identified 16 bridges in 7 locations
 - we would start with two bridges for the NPP application
 - Rockwood (\$8,090 projected cost)
 - Steck (\$5,330 projected cost)

- maintenance is minimal
- neighborhood question: what if it gets spraypainted?
- presentation slides: sketches were shared of bridge designs
- future goals: application for Ashdale

Amelia Cobb presented regarding sidewalks component of NPP application:

- map shared on projector
 - city's priority map of sidewalk construction
 - red the highest priority, blue, green, orange, purple (lowest)
 - prioritized by city based on liveability initiative (walk/run/bike), population by area, existing sidewalks, transit stops, etc.
- NPP team determined what the neighborhood thinks are priority sidewalks
 - Amelia walked audience through examples on the map of areas needing improvement
- Sidewalk cost estimates:
 - Rockwood: \$9,375 (75 ft)
 - Thrushwood/McCann \$6,250 (500 ft)
 - Penny Lane \$13,750 (110 ft)
 - Crosscreek footpath across bridge \$8,125 (65 ft)
 - Total: \$93,750 (750 linear feet)
- Neighbor Question: how does the process work since sidewalk construction will be on neighbors' property? (Amelia: owner / stakeholder approval)
- NSCNA reserved funds:
 - \$25,000 from Town North Nissan (1998)
 - Our total now = \$31,965

Motion was made for approval to submit the NPP application. Motion was seconded.

President Amelia Cobb called for vote.

Motion passed without dissent. Some in attendance abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Submitted by Connor Finnigan,

Minutes approved at General Membership Meeting, November 1, 2016.

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