

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 66443  
Austin, Texas 78766-0443  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
First Texas Honda  
January 26, 2017, 6:30 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Amelia Cobb conducted the meeting. Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings. Others present were Vice President Sarah Brandon, Treasurer Lois McEvoy, and Board Members Tara Lane Bowman, Connor Finnegan, Sharon Justice, Kenneth Webb, Kevin Wier, and Mike Yetter.

**II. EXTENDED INTRODUCTIONS**

Those present listed their goals for the coming year.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS**

Mike Yetter (Sharon Justice) moved that minutes from the 12/15/16 board meeting be approved with corrections. Motion carried.

Sharon Justice (Tara Lane Bowman) moved that minutes from the 1/10/17 board meeting be approved with corrections. Motion carried.

**IV. BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**A.** Treasurer Lois McEvoy presented a draft of the 2017 NSCNA budget, and discussion followed. Sharon Justice (Tara Lane Bowman) moved that the budget be approved as adjusted. Motion carried.

**B.** Treasurer Lois McEvoy proposed transfer of funds from Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) to Austin Telco Federal Credit Union (ATFCU). RBFCU has moved from our neighborhood and notified Lois that they will be charging for services. ATFCU is in the neighborhood and provides free checking. In order to complete the transactions involving change of financial institutions, ATFCU requires a copy of NSCNA board meeting minutes which includes board approval of changing financial institutions and the presence of NSCNA President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Tara Lane Bowman (Connor Finnegan) moved that NSCNA change financial accounts from RBFCU to ATFCU. Motion carried.

**V. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

President Amelia Cobb presented the names of people she recommended to be chairs of NSCNA active committees. Lois McEvoy (Mike Yetter ) moved that the following nominees be approved by the Board to be committee chairs. Motion carried. Names of committees and their chairmen are as follows.

Bylaws	Kenneth Webb
Beautification	Mary Jane Wier
Development	Kevin Wier
Safety	Roger Wines
Traffic	Mike Yetter
Social	Tara Lane Bowman
Membership	Brian Brandon
Media	Sharon Justice

**VI. COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING COMMITTEE**

Lois McEvoy (Sarah Brandon) moved that the Board establish a Community Garden Committee. Motion carried.

The board approved President Cobb's appointment of Sarah Brandon to chair the Community Garden Committee.

A Steering Committee that will operate within the Community Garden Committee will be appointed by President Amelia Cobb.

**VII. BY-LAWS: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Chairman Kenneth Webb reported that last fall the board referred to the By-laws Committee the question as to whether a person who is not a member of NSCNA is permitted to be a member of a committee. The committee has not yet reached a decision, and before a final decision is made, he will research the question further.

**VIII. NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS**

Board members discussed requesting another meeting with city staff before the scheduled February meeting for the purpose of promoting an understanding of actual decisions and outcomes NSCNA residents have accomplished at the previous meetings. A great concern is that information is fragmented and not organized in a manner that presents a coherent summary of NSCNA’s desires for the future of the neighborhood. The meetings seem rushed, and not enough time has been given for NSCNA members to synthesize the vast amount of material presented. It is important for meeting participants to prevent city staff from being overly directive during participants’ discussion and decision making. It was suggested that during the March General Meeting that the General Membership be invited to provide input into decisions being made about our neighborhood’s future. The Board acknowledges that city staff must work within city guidelines which may put limits upon the city’s responses to NSCNA’s requests.

President Amelia Cobb said that she would look into having an interim meeting with city staff prior to the February meeting.

**IX. MY NNA WEBSITE**

Board members are encouraged to sign up on the website.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** The Board approved a notice of **closure** of certain streets (which do not affect our neighborhood) for a race on April 9, 2017.

**B. LOSS OF BUS ROUTES**

Sharon Justice presented a letter that she would like to send to the Board of Directors of Capital Metro protesting the proposed closures of bus routes 491 (Allandale) and 19 (Bull Creek). Closure of 491 will negatively impact elderly residents of the Village Christian Apartments. Closure of 19 will leave the western half of our neighborhood more than one-half mile from the only remaining bus line in North Shoal Creek. The letter asks for a delay of the final vote on the draft 2025 Connection plan until more information is available about possible alternatives. “Right now, the information about ‘Mobility Innovation Zones’ is insufficient for our elderly and mobility impaired residents to feel confident they won’t simply be abandoned by Cap Metro...” The board unanimously agreed that the letter should be sent.

**C. NSCNA.org MAIL FORWARDING**

Kenneth Webb distributed a list of NSCNA mail boxes. The board approved closure of several of the mail boxes by general consensus.

**D. GOOGLE DOCS**

Vice President Sarah Brandon announced that she has constructed a list of committee members. Names may be added to the list by anyone at this web site.

All committee chairpersons are required to meet with the Vice President before March 1, for the purpose of defining each committee’s goals for the year.

**XI. DATES FOR FUTURE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**

2/23/17 Next Board meeting  
3/7/17 Next General meeting

**XII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:07 PM**