

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
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Board of Directors Meeting
First Texas Honda
March 23, 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, Sharon Justice, Kenneth Webb, and Mike Yetter.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tara Lane Bowman (Sharon Justice) moved to approve. Motion carried.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

Lois McEvoy (Tara Lane Bowman) moved to approve minutes with amendment. Motion carried.

IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES (payment method and proposed mid-year discount)

It was the decision of the board to keep the dues at \$15.00 and to table discussion about discounting them until the Membership Committee presents recommendations.

V. UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS

Amelia Cobb reported that members of the Development Committee met with city staff, and they agreed to one more meeting before the final draft and open house. She will coordinate a time that will be agreed upon by city and school staff.

VI. PROJECT CONNECT SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING

Amelia Cobb announced that she received an email from Sam Sergeant, who is with Project Connect, requesting to speak at the next board meeting. The Board agreed, by consensus, to have him as guest speaker.

VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. TRAFFIC Mike Yetter reported that there was not much response to requests for volunteers to join the committee. He emailed the city to inquire about cross walks at North Village Library. Staff replied that they will evaluate the situation.

Amelia Cobb announced there will be a Steck Mobility Improvements Open House on Thursday, 5:30-6:30 pm, at North Village Library. This meeting will address sidewalks, bike lanes, and traffic.

B. SOCIAL Tara Lane Bowman announced that the Garage Sale will be on April 29. Pillow School is having its Spring Fling on the same day. Three households have requested that their addresses be included in the Garage Sale listing. Several people have shown an interest in becoming part of the Social Committee.

VIII. COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP

Sarah Brandon reported that final approval notice for the garden from AISD has not yet been received. Pillow School Principal Hill said that he will notify her when the AISD legal department has approved it. There will be no workday this Sunday. Steven Smith has designed a tool to be used to track volunteers' hours worked in the garden. He will demonstrate it at the next Community Garden Committee meeting on 4/11/17, which will be at First Texas Honda. Sarah will obtain a quote for the cost of a fence. NSCNA will pay for a garden banner that will be hung on the fence. Lowe's might donate a shed. More than twenty people have volunteered to help build the garden. A copy of proposed Garden Committee by-laws has been sent to committee members. Garden volunteers are urged to join *myNNA* in order to keep up with news and issues concerning the garden.

Kenneth Webb announced that NSCNA general membership approved the establishment of the Community Garden Committee. It is not necessary to join NSCNA to become a member of the Community Garden Committee. NSCNA needs to establish qualifications and duties for Garden Committee Members.

A draft of the by-laws read in part: "The NSCNA president shall appoint the chair of the committee, and such other officials as deemed necessary."

By general consensus the board changed the wording to the following: "The president shall appoint the chair. Other officials are to be elected by committee members."

Further work on by-laws concerning decisions about qualifications and duties of the Community Garden Committee will be tabled at this time.

IX. KVUE DOG PARK

Sarah Brandon said that she will reach out to the new station manager at KVUE about establishing a dog park in the open field adjacent to the TV station. The new station manager seemed to show some interest in a dog park.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Amelia Cobb announced that a meeting regarding the Austin Strategic Housing Plan will be on 3/28/17, 6 pm, at City Hall. The city council hearing is scheduled for 4/6/17.

XI. CONFIRMED DATES FOR FUTURE BOD MEETINGS

4/20, 5/25, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/16, 12/14.

XII. MOPAC DEVELOPMENT

Sharon Justice presented a rezoning request for 8701 MoPac (The Atrium): The owners of the property at 8701 N MoPac, known, as the Atrium Building, have requested that NSCNA's membership approve rezoning that property from LR/LO to GR. They have also requested that we agree to remove a Restrictive Covenant from that tract and two adjacent tracts they own: 8627 N. MoPac (Chancellor Center) and a small lot located on the east side of what used to be Harold's Barn tract (8611 N. MoPac).

The Restrictive Covenant (RC) limits construction on the property to no more than 4 stories; says that "landscaping be substantially in accordance with the conceptual plan as filed; that the exterior of the building shell not be highly reflective, and that there be no major illuminated sign on or near the top of the building."

The property owner's attorney, Amanda Morrow, will make a presentation to the Development Committee, after which the Development Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors whether the rezoning should be changed and the RC removed. Ms. Morrow will also be asked to explain her client's request at our May General Membership meeting, after which the membership will vote on the request.

(Thanks to Sharon Justice for providing the text for this information to the NSCNA secretary. BG)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT at 8 pm