

MINUTES OF NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2007

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President, Malcolm St. Romain, with the following Board members present: Malcolm St. Romain, Jeff Russell, Helene Maham, Sandy Perkins, Trey Hamilton, Mary Arnett, Mary Jane Wier, Claudell Migl and Roger Wines, who arrived late. Meredith Highsmith, absent. Jeff Russell introduced Casey Dobson, from the Scott-Douglas Law Firm, who is retained by the City of Austin to examine whether or not the Wal-Mart site plan was properly approved. Mr. Dobson indicated that if the City is sued the law suit would not be successful. Wal-Mart would perhaps be open to design negotiation but would be more willing to negotiate the 24-7 rather than the size. The developer is close to beginning demolition and construction and have part of the Center completed by late this year. Some of the tenants will remain and be moved to different locations in the Mall. Wal-Mart "pulled out" of a project at MoPac and Slaughter but that was due to needing variances to move forward and North Cross does not need changes in variances. The consensus is to try to consolidate our efforts as to the design that would meet what Wal-Mart is trying to accomplish and what we would like in the neighborhood. North Shoal Creek's list of concerns have been presented to the City and the City is to have a report sometime in February.

After Mr. Dobson's presentation, the president posed three questions to each member of the board, i.e.

1. Why do you want to be on the Board?
2. What do you want to accomplish this year? and
3. What do you think about the Wal-Mart site plan?

There were various reasons for wanting to be on the Board – serve the neighborhood and represent everyone in the neighborhood was the most prevalent. Accomplishments that are hoped to take place, are to have a budget, obtain liability insurance, have the charter re-instated, have events the neighborhood can participate in and generally get the Association back "on track". While there were some that are totally opposed to Wal-Mart because of size, traffic, crime, lights, etc. others felt like negotiations could be possible with regard to a better design, hours, etc.

The goal of the Association is to try to get people to participate in neighborhood activities and keeping the neighborhood informed via newsletters being mailed rather than by e-mail and flyers.

Helene Maham, Treasurer, provided a list of current members, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. Malcolm St. Romain asked that everyone read the by-laws and be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting and appoint a by-laws committee. Helene will move forward to complete the necessary paper work to have the Charter re-instated.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. and another meeting scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. to continue the agenda planned for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudell Migl, Secretary

APPROVED:



Malcolm St. Romain, President

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