

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
October 11, 2010
North Village Branch Library, 2505 Steck Ave.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Attendance: Chip Rosenthal (President), Ken Moyer (Vice President), Kate Brien (Secretary), Lois McEvoy (Treasurer), Andreas Guenin, Cheri Hartman, Alyssa Hedge, Don Jones, Vicki McFadden, and Mary Jane Wier (arrived at 6:40)

Excused Absence: Sherran Williams

Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

Discussion over adding "Parliamentary Procedure" under new Business. Cheri motioned to adopt the amended agenda to include Parliamentary Procedure. The amended agenda was adopted by consent.

Approve the August 9, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Alyssa to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by consent.

There was discussion over the Parliamentary procedure of seconding motion and then needing to vote on the motion.

Treasurer's Report

The following topics arose while reviewing the line items on the Treasurer's report:

- Received 1 membership registration by PayPal.
- Cheri has a detailed list of who has paid for advertising.
- The interest earned includes membership dues.

Discussion over the Friends of the Library Fundraiser. Neighbors are curious why we are holding onto the funds. The NSCNA is waiting for direction from the Library staff. The fundraiser was for subscriptions. The NSCNA has paid for all subscriptions on the request list. It is possible to work with Kathleen Kanarski to coordinate other funds.

Motion by Alyssa to accept the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted by consent.

Committee Reports

Safety

Overall, the yearly crime is declining. Vehicular burglaries remain an issue.

Discussion over the safety committee. There was a discussion a while ago regarding possible safety activities such as buying safety vests for neighbors.

Last month the safety committee decided that there were not enough resources to create a Neighborhood Watch.

Andreas helped coordinate National Night Out last week. There were several neighborhood parties.

A site at the southeast corner of Braker Lane and Burnet Road near McKalla Place has been proposed as a homeless park operated by Mobile Loaves and Fishes. This is one of 2 possible locations for the homeless park, but the Braker and Burnet location seems to be the favored location. The North Austin Coalition of Neighborhoods (NACN) has taken lead on the issue. The next NACN meeting will be Oct 20. A larger community meeting is planned for the Dec/Jan time frame. If possible, members should try to attend the Oct 20th meeting at 7:00 pm at the Odd Fellows Lodge #23 at 6809 Guadalupe. Then, members can work with NSCNA and NACN regarding this issue. Ken will try to attend the meeting. It is unknown whether there has been a public forum on this issue. The City has not notified adjacent businesses of the proposed homeless park. It is on a old chemical waste disposal site; the City has done some remediation to make the land safer. There may be some zoning issues that need to be addressed. We will try to announce this meeting at the Oct 19th meeting.

APD Central -West District Commanders Forum is Oct 12 at 6:30 - 8 pm at McCallum High School Cafeteria at 5600 Sunshine Dr.

Media

The newsletter will be 12 pages and is on track to be published at the end of October. The deadline for submitting articles has already passed, but you can talk to Cheri if you have an article. Lois and Cheri will see if there is space for a Bylaws committee announcement.

There was discussion over e-mails regarding Randolph Brooks. No action has been taken at this time. In the past, Randolph Brooks has been an exclusive sponsor. There was discussion over e-mail whether sponsorship can also be offered to other advertisers. There was also discussion over whether this issue can be discussed over e-mail (Does Robert's Rules allow this type of discussion over e-mail? Is this an issue for the media committee, not the board of directors, to decide, etc).

Randolph Books has been a newsletter sponsor in prior years. They have indicated interest in doing so again. They are interested in receiving both newsletter advertising space and a graphic on the website. The sponsorship situation would not be exclusive, but to date no other suitable organizations have expressed an interest in this level of support.

There is a need for new yard signs. The media committee would like to request an additional \$120 to purchase new yard signs. The current signs that are placed are kept by the president. There was discussion over having neighbors keep the signs in their garages and place the signs out when needed. Motion by Lois to approve an additional \$120 to purchase new yard signs. Motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws

Bylaws committee needs funds, probably \$100, for tasks such as providing all members with a copy of the Bylaws. Motion by Ken to allocate \$100 as a budget for the Bylaws committee. Motion passed unanimously.

The amended Bylaws will be printed and ready for distribution the weekend before the Nov 9th meeting, and the committee is anticipating voting on the amended Bylaws at the Nov 9th meeting. The Bylaws committee would appreciate help with delivering the copies. There will also be an announcement in the NPP flier regarding voting on the amendments at the Nov meeting.

The Board will have an opportunity to view the amendments; however, edits to the amendments can only be done by the Bylaws committee until the vote at the general membership meeting. Board members can e-mail suggestions or concerns prior to the general meeting. Edits to the amendments can also be suggested at the general membership meeting.

There was discussion over waiting until January to vote on the Bylaws. There is concern that waiting until the Jan. meeting will not provide enough time during the actual meeting since members are voting on the officers and board members at the Jan. meeting.

Based on Robert's Rules, the amendments should be voted on 1 amendment at a time. They should be voted on in the order of the Bylaws.

NPP Special Committee

Discussion over adding Bylaws announcement and Nominating Committee Elections to the bottom of the NPP flier. Motion by Lois to include two separate PS lines for voting on Bylaw amendments and the election of the Nominating Committee at the bottom of the NPP survey. Motion passed unanimously.

Request for general budget. Motion by Alyssa to approve a general budget of \$250 for the NPP committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion over the intent of the survey. The survey is simply to gauge interest and provide food for thought before the Oct 19th meeting. The survey results flier includes information that clarifies that the actual vote will occur at the Oct 19th meeting.

Motion by Vicki to hire a parliamentarian for the Oct 19th meeting. Discussion over whether the NSCNA should hire a parliamentarian. If a parliamentarian is hired, Chip would still lead the meeting. Motion by Alyssa to table parliamentarian discussion until after the agenda/structure for the special meeting was discussed. Motion passed unanimously. After further discussion, Lois called the question regarding whether or not NSCNA should hire a parliamentarian. The question was called unanimously. The motion is to hire a parliamentarian. 5 in favor and 3 against and 1 abstain.

There is concern over having enough time to research the different projects in time. There is also concern over voting on whether or not to participate in NPP before voting on actu-

al projects. Consider asking for committee members to help with researching projects or pursuing details of a particular project.

New Business

2011 Nominations and Election Issues

Nominations for the Nominating Committee will be made at the next general membership meeting on Nov 9th. The volunteers so far are: Jerry Horn, John Migl, Candice Swindall, Vicki McFadden, Sherran Williams.

Village Christian Apts. "Thank You"

Vicki motioned that the NSCNA buy a gift for the Village christian Apts in an amount up to \$25. The motion passed unanimously.

Parliamentary Procedures

There was concern that the officers met without notice to the other board members. It was stated by a board member that the "bylaws state that if 4 board members meet, it is a meeting." There must be a 5-day notice of meetings. There is concern that the meeting was not transparent.

Items for Upcoming Meetings

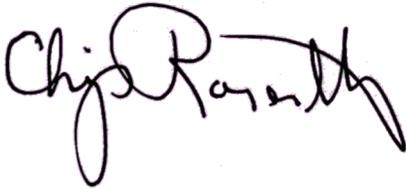
Board member attendance is not required at the Oct 19th meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Kate Brien, Secretary

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Rosenthal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

Chip Rosenthal, President
January 3, 2011