

NSCNA January 23, 2007 General Association meeting minutes

Updated as of: January 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Meredith Highsmith at approximately 6:35pm in the cafeteria of Pillow Elementary School.

Attendance of general membership was approximately 90 people (which include the current Board members)

First order of business was to hold 2007 Board Member elections. The results of the general elections are as follows:

Malcolm St. Romain	President
Jeff Russell	Vice-President
Claudell Migl	Secretary
Helene Maham	Treasurer
Roger Wines	Board Member
Liz Halton	Board Member
Meredith Highsmith	Board Member
Sandy Perkins	Board Member
Trey Hamilton	Board Member
Mary Arnett	Board Member
Mary Jane Wier	Board Member

Next was a presentation by George Z. and George Adams (from the City of Austin, COA) to review and allow for discussion of the proposed Lincoln Properties (LP) Site plan for the new Northcross Mall redevelopment. George Z. discussed “what is a site plan”? “what is included, and what is not?” He mentioned that the original plan was submitted to the COA in 2006 and approved in August 2006. In December 2006, Lincoln Properties implemented a 60 day moratorium on construction. The COA officials have met with LP and LP does currently hold the appropriate building and demolition permits as required from the COA for this project. After the presentation, the floor was opened for Q&A. Many of the questions revolved around the recent traffic study that the COA performed. George made it clear that the traffic studies that were performed were higher than could be expected due to the Holiday traffic.

A question was raised if any subsidies have been included for LP or WalMart, George Z. replied that he had no knowledge of any subsidies. A question was asked regarding the “re-submission” of the LP site plan. He discussed that the “same plan” was re-filed on the Northcross property in December 2006 because LP was “nervous” that something might happen to the original site plan. Some final questions were raised about the number of trucks that could be expected; the results of these studies seemed to be vague and not conclusive.

There was a General Forum made available to the membership to share with the group their opinions on the Northcross redevelopment (speakers had to sign up in advance). Four people spoke in opposition to the proposed plan, two spoke for the plan and one spoke as neutral to the plan.

Finally, an opportunity for the neighborhood association to communicate more detailed views (of the proposed redevelopment) was circulated. The results of this survey will be available at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Meredith Highsmith at 8:05pm.

