

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF
NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
April 1, 2008

The general meeting of North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on April 1, at Pillow School cafeteria, by President, Jeff Russell.

With no objection, the agenda for the meeting was adopted.

Jeff Russell, President, introduced the speaker for the evening, Kevin Belter, a certified tree arborist.

Jeff asked for approval of minutes for May 1, 2007, general meeting, September 18, 2007 special meeting, January 6, 2008, special meeting and January 6, 2008, general meeting.

Betsy asked if the minutes had been posted to the web for review. They were not but were passed out at the January meeting. It was suggested that the minutes in the future be posted on the web prior to a meeting. Discussion followed. Sherran Williams moved that the May 1, 2007 minutes be approved, seconded and motion passed.

Chip Rosenthal moved that the approval of the remainder of the minutes be postponed until next general meeting in May, seconded by Kevin Wier. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Betsy Todd called for division - the count was 34 against postponing and 17 for postponing.

Dallas Maham moved that all remaining minutes be approved, seconded. Jerry Horn raised a point of order regarding the September 18, 2007, meeting minutes. The point of order was that the \$2000 voted to be given to Allandale at the September meeting was in violation of the by-laws. Jeff, as chair, ruled that it was out of order. Discussion followed. Kevin Wier appealed the chair's decision, seconded by Trey Hamilton. Debate followed. Frank Kotrola made a motion to end debate. Motion passed unanimously to end debate. Appeal voted, the chair's decision was sustained. Motion to approve remainder of minutes (September 18, January 6, special and January 6 general) passed, 39 for and 3 against.

In the interest of time, Betsy Todd moved to rearrange the agenda to give the Development Committee time to make their presentation. Seconded and motion carried. The recommendation of the Development Committee was that NSCNA revise its existing VMU overlay Application (Opt-In/Opt-Out process) to support VMU (Vertical Mixed Use) designation for all of the properties on the north side of Anderson Lane between Burnet Road and MoPac, with the exception of the following properties:

1. 2620 Anderson (where Office Depot is under construction);
2. Strip property immediately east of 2620 Anderson that connect to property occupied by apartment complex that fronts on Ashdale;
3. Creekside Square property, including Einstein Bakery pad site, at northeast corner of Anderson and Shoal Creek Blvd.; and
4. 7900 Shoal Creek (bank location at northwest corner of Anderson and Shoal Creek Blvd.

Motion that the Development Committee be given authority to use its discretion to achieve the best outcome for the neighborhood in this process, keeping in mind the priorities that have been expressed by the neighborhood as to the Village project and other developments within or adjacent to our neighborhood.

Trey Hamilton moved to accept recommendations of Development Committee. The two motions passed unanimously.

Ken Moyer presented the traffic committee report. Resolutions are attached. Each resolution was discussed separately and voted on separately. All resolutions passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Claudell Migl, Secretary

BICYCLE LANE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the recommended bicycle facilities for Steck Avenue in the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan are bicycle lanes, and

WHEREAS, there is neighborhood and community support for establishing bicycle lanes on Steck Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the installation of bicycle lanes on Steck Avenue will encourage use by commuter and recreational bicyclists, and

WHEREAS, the installation of bicycle lanes on Steck Avenue will provide area residents a safe, east-west route for bicycle access to local businesses, and

WHEREAS, the installation of bike lanes on Steck Ave will provide a safety buffer between motor vehicles and pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, the North Village Branch Library, being built on Steck Avenue, will increase the bicycle and pedestrian traffic along Steck,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association supports the installation of bicycle lanes on Steck Avenue between Burnet Road and Mopac, as well as the City of Austin pilot study to measure the impact on traffic mobility for all modes of transportation after the bicycle lanes are installed.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____
Jeffry T. Russell
President,
North Shoal Creek
Neighborhood Association



ROAD DIET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, research studies demonstrate several benefits of implementing a road diet; namely:

- Better livability and quality of life for residents by protecting the residential nature of the adjacent properties;
- Improved safety due to more uniform flow of traffic, fewer incidents of speeding, reduced conflicts and reduction in crashes;
- Increased access, mobility and safety for people walking, using transit and bicycling;
- The same volume of traffic was accommodated, always at lower, more appropriate speeds; and

WHEREAS, implementation of a road diet on Steck Avenue between Shoal Creek Blvd and Burnet provides for two traffic lanes, two bike lanes, and a shared left-turn lane to be installed and

WHEREAS, Installation of bike lanes on Steck Avenue will improve bicyclist safety and provide a safety buffer between motor vehicles and pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, a road diet on Steck Avenue will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to neighborhood destinations such as Pillow Elementary, North Village Library and local area businesses, and

WHEREAS, bicycle lanes on Steck Avenue will provide greater turning radius and improved sight triangles for property owners entering and exiting their driveways on Steck, and

WHEREAS, there is neighborhood and community support for implementing a road diet on Steck Avenue,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association recommends that the City of Austin implement a road diet that includes bicycle lanes on Steck Avenue between Shoal Creek Blvd and Burnet.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____

Jeffry T. Russell
President,
North Shoal Creek
Neighborhood Association

RECLASSIFICATION OF STECK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Steck Avenue between Shoal Creek Blvd and Burnet Rd is a residential street containing over 22 residence driveways, 12 residences adjacent to Steck, and over 15 residences on coves off Steck, and

WHEREAS, Steck Avenue is key bicycle and pedestrian route in the North Shoal Creek neighborhood without sufficient right of way to implement proper bicycle lanes and sidewalks for an Arterial street, and

WHEREAS, Steck Avenue does not meet the criteria of an Arterial street as defined by the Austin Transportation Criteria Manual, namely:

- There is frequent driveway access to abutting property;
- Numerous single-family residences front on Steck Ave;
- The current 10 ft. wide lanes are less than the stated minimum of 12 ft;
- An arterial roadway is less than ½ mile to the South, and a freeway is located less than ¾ mile North; and

WHEREAS, Steck Ave is not a necessary component of this area of the arterial network based on the criteria of spacing of arterial roadways,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association recommends that the City Council of the City of Austin amend the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan to remove the arterial classification of Steck Avenue between Shoal Creek Blvd and Burnet.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____
Jeffry T. Russell
President,
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