

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
May 4, 2010
Pillow Elementary School, 3025 Crosscreek Dr.

The meeting began at 6:30. Members socialized from 6:30 to 7:00. There was also a media swap from 6:30 to 7:00 where members could place items on the back table and take a corresponding number of items off of the table. The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Dallas Mahan to adopt the agenda. There was a motion to amend the 8th item on the agenda to “Committee and Event Reports.” The amended agenda was adopted by consent.

Approval of minutes from the March 9, 2010 general membership meeting

The draft minutes were posted on the NSCNA website. The minutes were also circulated at the meeting. The minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Lynda Oakes last name under the Beautification committee report. Motion by Lois McEvoy to adopt the amended minutes. The minutes were adopted by consent.

Member announcements

Martin Tenney shared information regarding Pillow Elementary supply requests. Please contact the Parent Support Specialist at Pillow Elementary if you have any school supplies on the supply wish list that you can donate. Cheri will put the supply wish list and Parent Support Specialist contact information in the newsletter. Chip will coordinate with the Parent Support Specialist to get the wish list posted on the NSCNA website. Alyssa will see if the social committee can work with Pillow Elementary on a possible fundraiser.

Treasurers report – Lois McEvoy

As of the start of the meeting, there are 109 members. The income statement presented at the meeting is based on the number of members as of March 31st.

President Report – Chip Rosenthal

- **Roller-skating rink parking issue**
There is a post on the NSCNA website regarding the skating rink. About 5 weeks ago, there was a large event where cars blocked fire hydrants and crowded streets. Chip and Dallas meet with the rink owners regarding parking issues. The rink does have an overflow parking lot that attendees should be using. Please contact Chip if you notice issues regarding the rink parking.
- **Crossroads Shopping Center sign variance**
There is a public hearing on May 10th regarding the Crossroad’s Shopping Center’s request for a new sign. Please contact Chip with concerns.
- **Cap Metro “Trails with Rails” project (Wooten NA, Monday May 10)**

The city was considering having hike and bike trails next to the train rails that run through Austin. Now, the city is considering an alternate approach that uses cross links of the bike paths instead of having them run parallel to the train tracks. Wooten NA is meeting to discuss this issue on May 10.

- **Property Tax Issues (free class info at changeaustin.org)**

There are free classes about protesting property taxes at changeaustin.org. Please be advised that this is a political group sharing information, so the group may present political information as well as property tax information.

- **Funding opportunities – November bond package, Neighborhood Partner Program**

The city gap list has been released. Committee chairs should review the gap list to see which items on the list pertain to NSCNA.

The Neighborhood Partner Program (NPP) is being established. Neighborhoods can put up collateral (money or labor hours) and the city also contributes. The NPP offers opportunities for beautification, safety, and traffic (pedestrian and automotive) issues. Please contact the committee chairs if you have ideas for any projects.

- **Events and news – posted to nscna.org**

The NSCNA website is continuously being updated with current information.

- **Volunteer opportunities – committees, Independence Day Parade, newsletter ads**

There are several volunteer opportunities especially with committees, the Independence Day Parade, newsletter ads, and an ad supervisor (someone to organize and proof read ads). Chip passed around sign-up sheets to volunteer for committees.

Committee and Event Reports

- **4th of July Celebration – Ken Moyer**

The Independence Day celebration will actually be on Saturday, July 3rd.

Volunteer opportunities include sound system, decorating, organizing the parade, and judges for bike decorating. There will be face-painting, snow cones, games, and other activities. There will be prizes. There may also be a fire truck.

- **Garage Sale on May 22nd – Juliet Kernion**

There will be a neighborhood wide garage sale on May 22nd (rain or shine).

Volunteers are needed to help make signs.

- **Neighborhood Social May 26th – Alyssa Hedge**

On May 26th at 7 pm, there will be a neighborhood social at Frutii Frogurt.

Coupons will be offered. The social committee is trying to have at least 1 event each month toward the end of each month.

- **Hazardous Waste Collection – Alyssa Hedge**

There will be a hazardous waste collection at Pillow Elementary on Saturday, June 5th. Volunteers with pick-up trucks are needed to help transport the waste.

- **Membership – Barbara Gaston, Lois McEvoy, Vicki McFadden, Sherran Williams**

Vicki spoke on behalf of the membership committee. As of Feb 1st, there were 37 members. Now, there are 110 members. There is a membership survey to gauge members' interests. Members may make additional comments at the bottom and on the back of the survey.

There is currently a 5 for 5 challenge (get 5 neighbors in a row adjacent to your household to join the NSCNA and win a prize).

- **Media – Cheri Hartman**

Newsletters were sent before the general membership meeting. The newsletter will be published 6 times this year. Cheri needs volunteers for writers, photographers, distributors, and advertising (including an ad coordinator). The next meeting is at 4 pm on May 16th.

- **Development – Kevin Wier**

Volunteers are needed to help with the development committee.

First Texas Honda hopes to open by the first of next year. There was concern over the construction trucks blocking the road while the dealership is being built.

The Walmart will be 25% smaller than originally planned. The store will be closed from 1 am to 5 am unless a 24 hour competitor opens near by. The official Walmart trucks will come down Burnet and exit Anderson. Walmart officials are meeting with neighborhood representatives again to discuss traffic and crime concerns.

Waterloo is expanding into the parking lot next to it.

There were questions regarding the development of the old Tien Hung building.

Currently, the neighborhood has not been notified of the development or included in any of the development plans.

- **Safety – Vicki McFadden**

Vicki discussed the safety issues since Don was absent. There has been an upswing of crime in the Benbrook area. If you see anything suspicious, please call 911.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

Submitted by Kate Brien, Secretary

Approved,

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

Chip Rosenthal, President
September 7, 2010