

Minutes of the September 16, 1996, NSCNA Meeting

The September 16th meeting of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association was called to order at 6:40 p.m., in the Pillow Elementary cafeteria. Margo Courreges presided as president.

Minutes from the April 22 meeting were not read because they were published in the July/August issue of the newsletter.

Harold Anderson, treasurer, reported that the current balance in the bank account was \$893.50. Of that amount, \$260 was received from newsletter advertising and will be used to help cover costs of producing and mailing the newsletter.

The status of the Lucas Tract on Highway 183 was reviewed. The buyer, Robert Ohler, is renegotiating the site plat with the City of Austin. The new configuration includes 64 lots. There will be no "crossover" zone between the commercial zone, which faces Hwy. 183, and the residences. Estimates for the commercial zone activity is 2,000 trips per day. Water runoff will be handled by retention ponds, which are being allocated a large portion of the tract. The ponds, to be located in the southwest corner of the tract, are designed to capture all the runoff from the tract. There is no estimate yet for a groundbreaking date, as the final plat has not been accepted.

Several members requested a review of the outcome of the association's efforts to have speed bumps erected on Rockwood and Primrose. Since the city's traffic count survey revealed that these streets do not qualify for a solution by the city, the association or other individuals would have to pay \$3,000 per speed bump for any that the city erected. This issue is considered closed.

Pam Penick, editor of the neighborhood newsletter, was acknowledged for her efforts by the group. Pam is requesting help in soliciting advertisements.

One of the members remarked that the City of Austin utility bills refer residents to a special phone number (499-7282) for reporting flooding problems. It was suggested that anyone who is affected by erosion on Shoal Creek should call this number and ask for help from the city.

The Yard of the Month Committee was acknowledged for its recognition of residences with outstanding yards. This group provides a sign to be placed in the yards. These volunteers were thanked for their participation in this project.

The members voted overwhelmingly to increase the annual membership dues per household to \$13 from \$10. The additional \$3 will be allocated to the cost of producing the newsletter.

The president of the PTA talked to the group about traffic and other related issues. All neighborhood residents are encouraged to help Pillow Elementary by supporting programs like mentoring.

The next meeting, on January 13, will be the 1997 annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers. Volunteers for officers would be greatly appreciated. If each of us would offer to serve for just one year, it would make keeping an active association a small commitment, and the same individuals would not have to keep serving from year to year. Please call Margo Courreges at 454-6654. We need your help. The alternative is a very weak and ineffective association.

Lynda Oakes
NSCNA Secretary