

MINUTES OF THE  
NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
November 10, 2009

The scheduled general meeting of North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association was called to order at 6:36 p.m. on November 10, 2008, at Pillow School cafeteria, by President, Jeff Russell. Approximately 36 members attended.

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

A moment of silence was observed for the recent Fort Hood tragedy as well as in memory of Claudel Migl.

The minutes of the September 1, 2009 general meeting were approved as corrected.

### **Anderson Urban Trail Resolution of Support**

Chip Rosenthal explained the Anderson Urban Trail project. It is a Sustainable Neighborhoods (<http://www.snaustin.org/>) initiative to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity from nearby neighborhoods to the Anderson Lane retail businesses. In North Shoal Creek, a portion of the trail is to run along the creek between Ashdale and Anderson. A resolution of support to fund the project was proposed (below).

Chip reported that nearby residences were informed of the project and the intention to propose a resolution of support at tonight's meeting.

The following issues to this project were raised:

- There is a concern for the security of this trail once built, and such concerns will be addressed during a design phase, should the trail project be funded.
- The trail is intended for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- A concern was raised for safety and security for any public areas adjacent to residential areas if a trail or pocket park is funded. Currently, the project funding is advocated, and such concerns will be addressed during a design process.

MOTION (Resolution of Support): On behalf of the development committee, Chip Rosenthal (chair) moved that NSCNA support the following projects proposed by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Open Space Initiative, and request nomination of these projects for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding:

1. Improvements to the existing creek-side footpath connection Anderson Lane to Ashdale Drive, with enhanced greenspace and safety features that make the trail more attractive and discourage crime and vandalism; and
2. Pedestrian-friendly and neighborhood friendly amenities such as a transit plaza, pocket park, and sidewalks near the future MetroRapid station planned for the intersection of Burnet Rd and Anderson Lane, to create a more attractive and walkable district that provides compelling alternatives to increased vehicular traffic; and
3. Pocket park and trail enhancements within walking distance of the Burnet Road and Anderson Lane transit corridors, such as along Shoal Creek near Anderson Lane and near the new North Village Branch Library.

SECONDARY MOTION: Elizabeth Ray moved, Dallas Maham seconded, to amend the resolution of support to change the paragraph (1) to read “, with enhanced greenspace and provided that safety features that make the trail more attractive and discourage crime and vandalism are addressed.” Motion PASSED.

SECONDARY MOTION: Sherran Williams moved, Vicki McFadden seconded, to table the resolution of support. After discussion, motion FAILED.

The main motion for the resolution of support PASSED.

MOTION: Chip Rosenthal, Development Committee Chair, further moved to adopt the WHEREAS clauses as reasons to support the previous main motion. Motion PASSED. (See attached resolution for text.)

The annual applications to the City for restricted front/side yard parking and mobile food establishments were briefly discussed. Currently, NSCNA is a restricted parking area, but NSCNA is not an area affected by Mobile Food Establishment restrictions. No action was taken to change the status.

### **Officer/Committee Reports**

The Treasurer, Helene Maham, reported that a budgeted \$500 was donated to Pillow Elementary in the name of Claudel Migl, who helped organize the first Fall Festival. The bank account balance and traffic calming CD/account balance was reported.

Traffic Committee chair, Dallas Maham, announced a planned effort to lobby City Council for sidewalk improvements.

Beautification Committee Chair, Cheri Hartman, reported on the Grow Green workshop held in September at the Library.

Nominating Committee Chair, Juliette Kernion, reported that 9 people have expressed interest, so far. Candidate information will be included in the next newsletter.

Social Committee Chair, Alyssa Hedge, announced a fundraiser for the library on 11/21. Merchandise to sell as well as volunteers are needed. A handout/flyer was distributed (see attached copy).

Safety Committee Chair, Lynda Oakes, announced a committee meeting devoted to crime prevention 11/17. A discussion followed, in which several ideas and issues were raised. The discussion was cut short due to adjournment.

### **Announcements**

- Imagine Austin public input meeting 10/12 at Reagan High School.
- Library Fundraiser at Pillow Elementary 11/21
- The next meeting is the annual meeting on January 5, 2010

The building closed at 8:00pm, so the meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Submitted by,



Jeff Russell, President

Recommended for approval by the board Nov. 16, 2009

Approved: \_January 5, 2010\_

## OPEN SPACE PROJECT RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association (NSCNA) adopted a resolution of support in December 2008 for the Sustainable Neighborhoods Open Space Initiative, and

**WHEREAS**, the Anderson Urban Trail project will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the commercial districts along Anderson Lane, and

**WHEREAS**, the Anderson Urban Trail project would take advantage of an existing footpath between Ashdale Drive and Anderson Lane, and

**WHEREAS**, Capital Metro plans to construct a MetroRapid station near the intersection of Burnet Road and Anderson Lane, but the planned design lacks amenities that would enhance the neighborhood and encourage transit use,

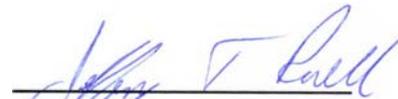
### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

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**ADOPTED:** November 10, 2009

**ATTEST:**



Jeffrey T. Russell, President  
North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association