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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 4, 2014

1. Call to Order

The Regular General Membership Meeting of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 6:38 p.m. at Pillow Elementary School; with the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to add Environment Texas to the Agenda and the motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to add the adoption of the minutes from the last general meeting to the Agenda. Motion passed.

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

3. City Representative Speaker on the Neighborhood Plan – Mark Walters

Mr. Mark Walters, Principal Planner for the City of Austin Planning & Development Review Department, discussed the map and neighborhood plan and the process. They will have fewer and longer-lasting meetings instead of a lot of small meetings so that the whole process can be shorter. They want people to participate and not burn out on the process. Allandale has decided not to participate in the process. Mr. Walters thinks it is best to focus the efforts on a community vision for Burnet Road and Anderson Lane. The plan also would address specific issues of North Shoal Creek and Rosedale. The process can be used as a framework for how our neighborhood will use the new land use code.

This will be a three-stage process: will look at corridors, look at neighborhood plan and address the needs for the different areas. We will look at transportation issues, sidewalks, parks, community tree plantings, and quality of life issues.

Mr. Walters has heard the new land use code will be in effect in 2015 or 2016. The City would look at neighborhood plans when deciding on the land use code. Usually meetings for the Neighborhood Plan are held on Saturday mornings from 9:00-noon. The city will notify people by a mailing sent to everyone with a utility account address in the neighborhood, to businesses and residential addresses. The mailing will also be sent to nonresident property owners, using Travis County Appraisal District data. Neighborhood planning will also try to engage Capitol Metro, although they are an independent agency.

Next meeting will be the kickoff meeting and will probably occur in April or May 2014 and property owners will be notified. The city doesn't know yet if they will do Rosedale and North Shoal Creek together.

4. Discussion of District 7 City Council Representation

A new website, www.AustinDistrict7.org has been launched to give residents in District 7 a forum, unaffiliated with any candidate or outside interest group, to share assessments of candidates based on local issues and other news affecting residents and businesses in the new district. The website shares campaign news and editorials.

Candidate Ed English is running for District 7 city council position and spoke briefly at the meeting. He would like to get input on concerns and issues from neighborhood residents. If you have concerns on the Code Next process, will have a chance to elect neighborhood-friendly candidates at the next city council elections.

5. Environment Texas

Attorney Rachel Stone spoke for Environment Texas. Environment Texas is a citizen-based environmental group dealing with clean air and clean water in Texas. Environment Texas wants Austin to focus on clean energy; and wants people to speak out about supporting renewable energy. She brought a petition for individuals to sign and resolution language for NSCNA to review to see if we support it. EnvironmentTexas.org is their website.

6. Committee Discussions

Vice President Mike Blood spoke and called on committee chairs to give their reports.

a. Membership: Lois McEvoy and Barbara Gaston are the membership chairs and Lois reported that as of right now we have 68 members and hope to get that up to above 120.

b. Media: There is no media chairperson at this time. We need to have a newsletter editor and Mr. Blood requested input on possible names for editor.

c. Bylaws: Chair Dallas Maham requested input on bylaws. The revised bylaws are posted on the website under the *About* section and also under the *Committees* section.

d. Beautification: Mary Jane Weir reported that there are four new members on the committee.

e. Development: Kevin Weir is chair and is absent. Mary Jane Weir and Kenneth Webb have information to share about Code Next and are available to talk to people after the meeting.

f. Safety: The chair is Roger Wines and he is absent.

g. Social: The new chair is Amelia Cobb and she is not here tonight. The garage sale will be held by NSCNA in May. Erin Poole mentioned the social activity that Neal Pavlac held last year after the garage sale. Lois McEvoy reminded us that someone has donated \$300 for social events this year. We need a chair for the July 4th event; Sherran Williams will probably help.

h. Traffic: Tomas Rodriguez reported on status of traffic calming and other traffic issues in the neighborhood. We can email Darryl.huba@austintexas.gov for more information.

7. Announcements

Elizabeth Ray thanked Kenneth Webb for his service as president of the association. President Ray reminded us of the street closures on March 30, 2014 for charity walk. Details of street closures will be put on the NSCNA website.

Lois McEvoy announced that in April she will collect expired prescription medications for disposal. You can drop them off at Lois' house.

8. Adjournment.

President Ray announced the meeting will adjourn and after the meeting people can meet with Kenneth Webb and Mary Jane Weir for a recap of the Code Next workshop that they attended. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Denton, NSCNA Secretary

Minutes approved at November 4, 2014 NSCNA General Membership meeting