

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association  
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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
September 27, 2016, 6:30 pm  
First Texas Honda 3400 Steck Ave.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Amelia Cobb conducted the meeting. Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings. Others present were Vice President Sarah Brandon, Treasurer Donna Eagar; Members of the Board Sharon Justice, Jeri Wines, and Connor Finnigan.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 SPECIALLY CALLED GENERAL MEETING**

Sharon Justice (Donna Eagar) moved that the minutes of the August 16 meeting be approved as read; and that the minutes of the September 21 specially called general meeting be approved with amendments. Both motions carried.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Donna Eagar reported that NSCNA now has 77 member households; our membership target remains at 87.

A charge of \$70.00 was paid to AISD for overtime for the last general meeting.

**IV. NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERING PROGRAM**

**A. Beautification funds for mosaic consult**

Sarah Brandon reported that she had met with consultant Dianne Sonnenberg at a cost of \$75.00. They went to several bridge sites, and Ms. Sonnenberg explained the types of materials needed and their cost estimates. An inquiry to the general membership will go out for anyone interested in participating in the mosaic project.

**B. Sustainable Food Center sponsorship**

Amelia Cobb reported that this agency is available to sponsor the community garden with these services for a ten percent administration fee:

1. Provision of liability insurance
2. Fiscal oversight (pay utility bills and funnel donations toward the cause)

Sustainable Foods has 501 C 3 tax status; NSCNA does not.

The board agreed by acclamation that the Sustainable Food Center would assume responsibility of the tasks listed above.

**C. Community Garden Committee**

Sarah Brandon reported that the committee will be governed by by-laws which outline its function and operation.

Kenneth Webb said that a Steering Committee is required to oversee the Neighborhood Plan. It would function somewhat like an executive committee and would determine any activities involving the garden.

**V. NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS**

Meetings are planned for Saturdays, Oct. 1, Nov. 12, and Dec. 3; 9 am-12 noon; at Pillow Elementary Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served.

The board consensus was that our neighborhood's valued characteristics include mixed business use, multifamily housing, single family residences, modest home values, reasonably sized lots, and subsidized housing. We like the way things are now. Our neighborhood needs more sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic calming and accurate zoning to match what is already here with city planning maps.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Styrofoam Recycling**

Amelia Cobb said that Evelin Nunes will not be coordinating this project. Any work on this project will be deferred until January. Funds for it will be considered in the 2017 budget.

**B. National Night Out events**

Amelia Cobb and Donna Eagar will be sponsoring events in their neighborhoods.

Roger Wines will be delivering printed materials to every gathering.

**C. Speaker ideas for Nov. 1 General Membership Meeting**

Amelia Cobb will plan for an arborist presentation.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Property at Dawnridge Circle Apartments**

Sarah Brandon reported that she met with the owner of four of the 16 units. Part of his property includes an area that once held a swimming pool. The area has been filled in and the owner said that he is interested in working with the neighborhood to possibly install a garden at that site. He asked if he could deed that area to NSCNA. Sarah suggested that NSCNA ask Austin Parks and Recreation Department to purchase the land and then allow NSCNA to use it for beautification purposes.

**B. Volunteer Appreciation Night in December**

Amelia Cobb suggested that a pizza party in honor of all the people who have volunteered throughout the year be held on the first Tuesday in December. The Social Committee should have enough in the budget to fund it.

Kenneth Webb expressed his concern that the by-laws forbid that NSCNA funds be used in any way to benefit individuals.

Decision on this is tabled until a later time.

**C. Domain name and website hosting**

Kenneth Webb announced that this November NSCNA domain name and website hosting are due to be renewed. Cost for this is included in the budget.

Sarah Brandon (Sharon Justice) moved that the board approve the website hosting for next year, and renewing the domain name. Motion carried.

**D. January annual General Membership Meeting date**

Since school will not yet be open on the first Tuesday, the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 10, 2017.

**E. Vote on By-laws**

Kenneth Webb announced that, since he cannot attend the November General Meeting, he will ask Dallas Maham to present proposals for changes and additions to the by-laws. He said that this can be revisited in the October board meeting.

**F. Location of General Membership Meetings at Pillow School Library**

Amelia Cobb reported that, since Principal Hill has offered the library as a meeting place for NSCNA general meetings, the next general meeting will be in the library. It will be easier for the custodian to arrange that area. The library accommodates sixty persons. Library video equipment is readily available for presentations.

**G. Land near KVUE TV station**

Sarah Brandon reported that she had spoken to KVUE's new executive director about land on their property. The executive director said that they have a portion of "land that we can't do anything with." When Sarah mentioned a dog park, the director said, "Let's talk about it." No decisions were made. However, this opens a possibility that appeared to be closed, until the new station's management came on board.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT AT 8 PM.** Next Board Meetings are scheduled for 10/25 and 11/29.

Final copy of the minutes of the 9/27/16 NSCNA Board of Directors meeting approved at the November 1, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting