

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 66443
Austin, Texas 78766-0443
General Membership Meeting
6:30 pm, May 2, 2017
Pillow Elementary School Library

I. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS

President Amelia Cobb presided and Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Katie Kelly (Connor Finnigan) moved that minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Lois McEvoy, Barbara Gaston reported that NSCNA had a balance of \$44,251.57. A copy was available for anyone to see.

IV. REZONING REQUEST BY AMANDA MORROW of ARMBURST & BROWN

Ms. Morrow said that her firm is requesting an amendment to the 1982 Public Restrictive (zoning) Code that affects three parcels of land at 8611, 8627, and 8791 on N. MoPac near the Hwy. 183 intersection.

The current Restrictive Code includes the following.

1. Building height is zoned LO/LR (maximum height at 40 feet).
2. Landscape must be substantially in accordance with the conceptual plan as filed.
3. The exterior of the building must not be highly reflective.
4. No major illuminated sign is to be placed on or near the top of the building.

Armburst and Brown seek the following amendments.

1. Change to building height from LO/LR (40 feet) to GR (which allows height of 60 feet).
2. The granting of a conditional overlay which will allow for Hospital Services-General Use. They propose to build a Day Surgical Center with up to 17 beds that will accommodate overnight patient stays on an emergency basis.

The firm is not currently addressing items 2-4 of the 1982 Restrictive Code.

Ms. Morrow said that the firm has not yet filed the changes with the city. She left business cards with her information in case anyone wants to contact her with questions.

V. PROJECT CONNECT PRESENTATION BY JOE CLEMMONS OF CAPITOL METRO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Mr. Clemmons provided printed information and a slide presentation explaining Capital Metro's focus on evaluating how integrating various modes of transportation can work together most effectively. Capital Metro is redesigning the 2014 Transportation Map, which was confusing. The focus is on Central Austin and includes the Red Line (Metro Rail) and Metro Rapids (bus service.)

Final copy of the minutes of the May 2, 2017 NSCNA General Membership Meeting, approved with Amendments at the June 6, 2017 General Meeting, submitted by Secretary Barbara Gaston

VI. STECK AVE. PROPOSED BUFFERED BIKE LANES AND DESIGNATED TURN LANES

Amelia Cobb provided printed information and announced that a special NSCNA General Membership Meeting may be called in the summer to address this subject. The city has not begun work on the proposed lane changes, and NSCNA feedback to the city is important.

VII. UPDATES

A. Neighborhood plan process

Amelia Cobb announced that the last meeting was in April. The city's next Step is to send NSCNA each element as it is designed. Councilwoman Leslie Pool suggested that neighborhood association leaders schedule a meeting with the Mayor to discuss our ideas.

B. NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERING PROGRAM

Amelia Cobb reported that sidewalks cost \$125.00 per linear foot. NACNA chose to have the city install the sidewalks that would provide safety for children who walk to Pillow School. Sidewalks on Rockwood are being built through sweat equity which NSCNA members who have worked on the Community Garden have earned.

We can influence sidewalk locations by calling 311 and through our Neighborhood Plan.

C. COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sarah Brandon reported that more than 170 hours have been earned for sweat equity since January. Sweat equity translates NSCNA funding for specified city improvements to our neighborhood (sidewalks mentioned above). She will meet with a representation from Austin Parks Department to address water supply for the garden. The next community garden meeting will be on Tuesday, 5/9/17, 7-8pm, at First Texas Honda. Volunteers with all levels of skill are needed to work on the garden. The next work day, Sunday, 9am-12pm, will involve digging and trenching for the water pipes. Plans are for the 22 beds to be built in June-July. The website myNNA/garden has all documents and information regarding the garden. Two banners, to be hung on the fence around the garden, have been purchased.

VIII. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A. STRATEGIC HOUSING BLUEPRINT

Sharon Justice reported that there is an unresolved question as to which proposal is to prevail: Imagine Austin, Austin Housing Blueprint, Neighborhood Plans (amendments to Imagine Austin) all address density.

A second problem is that a proposal exists that 75% of 135,000 new houses will be built in Austin within 1/4 to 1/2 mile of major corridors. If enacted this would encroach severely on North Shoal Creek Neighborhood. It will drive property prices up and defeat affordable housing. Councilwoman Pool said that this idea is "contextual" and some interpretation will come into play. Whatever the outcome, high density is a given.

B. AUSTIN OAKS

Brian Brandon reported that city council members are aware that the PUDD process is broken. The developer's plans passed the third city council reading. It is scheduled for completion in 2024. The traffic cap (number of cars) is projected to be 19,000; current is 4,500. This is a mixed development of small amount of retail, mostly office space, 375 residential units (11% affordable housing). The developer will spend \$1.5m for partition on Hart Lane and \$1.6m traffic mitigation. Most of the old trees will remain.

IX. UPCOMING CODENEXT ACTIVITIES

5/16/17 6:30-8pm at Journey IFC, District 7 NSC

5/20/17 District 7 this Saturday-no other information

5/27/17 Austin Neighborhoods Council 7-9 pm no other information

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kenneth Webb announced that the Nominating Committee will be elected in September. Volunteers please email the NSCNA Treasurer.

B. Pillow principal Brian Hill announced that the Book Fair is open to the public
School hours M- Th 7am-3:30 pm, Friday 4-6:30 pm
Sunday 12-4pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 8:10 pm