

NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MAY 1, 2007

The general meeting of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association was called to order by President Malcolm St. Romain in the Pillow Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:33 pm.

The Agenda for the evening was presented by the President which included an introduction of representatives of Randolph Brooks Credit Union, a presentation by George Adams from the City of Austin about Vertical Mixed Use and reports from all the Committee chairs about activities year to date.

Minutes of the previous meeting on March 6th were made available for inspection and there was a motion to accept the minutes by Dallas Maham and seconded by Chris Jones. Motion passed.

Helene Maham made a brief treasurer's report and copies of the treasurer's report were made available for inspection by anyone interested. A question was asked by Tom Byrne about liability insurance for our association and Mrs. Maham responded by letting him know that the issue had been discussed in Board meetings, but the cost was high. She also let him know that other options were still being explored.

Malcolm St. Romain then introduced George Adams from the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Commission at the City of Austin. He gave a slide presentation about vertical mixed used design standards. A summary presentation was made of the concept of Vertical Mixed Use. An explanation was given of the decisions that the City is expecting from the neighborhoods by June 4th, 2007, called the Opt In/ Opt Out Process. A question and answer session was held.

Malcolm then covered developments since the last general meeting on March 6th:

Regarding negotiations between Lincoln and the City of Austin and NSCNA, as previously reported, a Term Sheet (posted on the NSCNA website) was submitted by the City of Austin to North Shoal Creek NA outlining concessions and addressing certain issues that were previously presented through the City Managers office. NSCNA's issues were centered on the negative impact that traffic would have and offered some suggestions for solutions. The City's term sheet did not completely address some of the issues at hand and Laura Huffman, Asst. City Manager, has committed resources in the Planning and Engineering departments to work on budgets to address our cut through traffic issues. Malcolm St. Romain expressed optimism that the City would ultimately be responsive to our concerns.

The President also mentioned the new Library groundbreaking ceremony that was held on April 21st. He also brought up a future meeting with Office Max representatives and Betsy Todd and others from the Development committee on Thursday, May 4th to discuss any neighborhood concerns. Office Max has an option to buy the defunct Post Office facility on Anderson Ln. In addition to this development, Malcolm noted that a car dealership has purchased the former BMC property at the corner of Steck and Shoal Creek.

A summary about the VMU Opt In/Opt Out Process was made by Malcolm St. Romain to let the membership know that the Development committee would be reviewing the official process and

making a recommendation to the Board. The Board would then vote on accepting the recommendation and a formal decision would be submitted to the City by June 4th. He also announced that there would be a special meeting of the Development committee on Monday, May 7th at 6:30pm, hosted by Jon Menegay at 8009 Rockwood Ln. Anyone was invited to attend.

The president also mentioned that the following Board members had resigned: Meredith Highsmith and Liz Haltom and mentioned that if anyone was interested, they should approach one of the current Board members and let them know.

Committee reports followed:

In absence of Lori Anderson, Beautification Chair, a report on beautification activities was made by Mary Arnett. A proposal to improve the property around the Allandale Estates sign was discussed. Options for funding were mentioned.

Two door prizes, \$50 gift certificates to Home Depot and Target, were drawn and handed out by representatives from Randolph Brooks Credit Union. Winners were Dallas Maham and Jerry Horn. William Newcom and Jon Menegay won a Randolph Brooks bag. It was explained to the membership that Randolph Brooks Credit Union was NSCNA's first business membership for the year and that company had made a commitment to assist our neighborhood association with certain events during the year, such as the 4th of July parade. Members of North Shoal Creek Neighborhood are eligible to be members at Randolph Brooks Credit Union.

Jeff Russell, Traffic Committee chair, gave a Traffic Committee report and mentioned the Traffic Analysis study that was in process. Jo McFerrin said that she had spoken at the City Council Meeting of April 26th to make her concerns known about the impact of Traffic on Rockwood and other streets.

Mary Arnett, Safety Committee Chair, gave a report of the Safety Committee. A Safety meeting was held on April 29th with some block captains. The entire roster of current Block Captains was read and appreciation was expressed for their participation in this aspect of our NA. A call was made for additional block captain volunteers to sign up for streets that were lacking representation. Concern was expressed by a resident of Stillwood for some unusual activity that had taken place regarding solicitors and a stolen garbage can. It was pointed out that since the activity had previously been reported to Mary Jane Weir, Board Member and resident of Stillwood, she had passed the information on to Mary Arnett who passed it along to the block captains at the Safety Meeting. It was explained that this was a good example of why the block captain network is so important for safety in our neighborhood.

Sandy Perkins, Media Co-Chair, gave a short report about the Spring newsletter which had been delivered to most residents that day. She asked everyone to support the advertisers in the newsletters.

Sandy Perkins, Social Chair, also mentioned that the 4th of July parade would be expanded this year to include many extras including food and other entertainment at the festivities. She also announced that the Neighborhood Garage sale would be held on May 12th, 2007. A meeting of the social committee will be held the next night at Waterloo Ice House at 7:00pm. She also announced the \$50 gift certificate contest for new members described on the back of the latest newsletter.

Jon Menegay, co chair of the new Development committee was introduced. He mentioned an upcoming meeting with Office Max about the old post office property on Anderson Ln, Mopac 1 changes that are being considered, VMU and the car dealership purchasing the BMC property.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Submitted by

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Approved by

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President