



**NORTH SHOAL CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday 3/23/2023
Virtual meeting (Zoom)**

Minutes

President Josh Conrad started the meeting at 6:33pm

Announcements and News

- The next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.
- The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Adam, Clarissa, Josh, and John are all able to attend, but Pam may not be able to be in attendance.
- Josh informed the board that he reached out to member, Justin Altman, who has not been able to attend any meetings due to his schedule and therefore he is resigning from his position at this time. Josh encouraged the board members to send recommendations to fill the empty seat.
- John Anderson reported that he went to the bank to get detailed instructions about how to change the signatory and at the May 2nd meeting, the amended January 2023 meeting minutes will need to be approved to reflect instructions from the bank.
- Last meeting we had a presentation from Stuart Reilly with Austin Energy. Josh shared details about the power outage information shared from this meeting with the group.

Minutes

- Due to not having a quorum, the board was not able to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes, vote on decisions about the roller skating party, approve Adam's draft of the board's Winter Storm 2023 feedback to Council Member Leslie Pool's, nor vote on the garage sale date. The members in attendance were in agreement about making decisions about the garage sale, letter, and party via email. Decisions made will be noted in these minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- John suggested adding to the agenda a discussion about increasing dues in 2024 and Josh will put this on the agenda for the next board meeting. Josh suggested getting input from attendees at the next general membership meeting.

Current Activities and Topics

- Adam shared updates on edits to the letter to Leslie Poole's office. The letter will represent NSCNA board of directors and include feedback from the community. Discussed approving the letter over email and all in attendance approve doing so.

Media Committee Report

- Sharon reported she plans to include information from the Austin Energy presentation the April 1 newsletter. Adam and Josh suggested including information on Austin Energy's vulnerable residents program, as well as highlighting the importance/value of responding to texts from Austin Energy as they rely on this feedback to provide accurate information to customers.
- Sharon reported that the Eldorado Cafe is buying another year of advertising which will provide \$540 of income.
- Josh reported that Austin Energy will be coming through the neighborhood soon to trim trees, which can be included in the newsletter.

Membership Committee Report

- Clarissa delivered the membership report based on Maggie's email summarizing topics from the last committee meeting with Adam, Clarissa and Maggie.
- The committee is discussing ideas for a Resident Welcoming Committee, quarterly happy hours to meet with neighbors at local businesses.
- The committee is working on apartment renter outreach program.
- Maggie has reached out to Playland to see about renting the space in April/early May.
- Josh reported that Maggie reached out to Playland and got a quote for \$850 and there is availability on Saturday, May 13th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. They require a \$200 deposit.
- Sharon suggested we clarify if the \$850 includes the cost of insurance or if NSCNA would need to pay for insurance and noted this can be costly.
- The present board members discussed whether the board would be comfortable approving spending money over email and all present were in favor.
- Pam reported that she added membership information to the main spreadsheet including committee preferences and additional email addresses in household.

Development Committee Report

- no report given

Social Committee Report

- Josh reported that the first event of the year will be the garage sale. Josh has provided Ayesha with the information for running this event. Josh reported discussing with Ayesha about holding the garage sale on Saturday, April 29 to precede the city's bulk pick up day on Monday, May 1st. Josh reported he has a form that can be completed on the website to sign up to participate. Josh will share the information with Sharon for email distribution and they will coordinate this with Ayesha

- Adam will reach out to Sharon to schedule people for completing oral histories in the next few weeks.

Beautification Committee Report

- Josh reported that the Riparian Restoration and Seeding event will occur this Sunday, March 26th. Josh will take pictures so that Sharon can post about the event on the blog and in the newsletter. All 10 volunteer spots have been filled.
- Rick Grinstead, the director of engineering at KVUE has been very supportive of the project and a helpful contact with KVUE.

Garden Committee Report

- Josh reported that the garden committee has held several work days to repair beds and dig out weeds at the community garden.
- Josh shared with the group that the garden got a greenhouse for free from the city, but it was never assembled and there is no plan for its use. Josh proposed using it as storage for NSCNA. John Anderson proposed selling it at the neighborhood garage sale.
- Josh has reached out to the city to find out about the approval process for erecting a shed behind the community garden. The block the garden is on is parceled and owned by the city. Josh reports he will ask the city if we also need to get the school's permission.

Traffic Committee Report

- no report given

Safety Committee Report

- no report given

By-laws Committee Report

- no report given

Hearing no further business, Josh adjourned the meeting.

Addendum to minutes added on 4/12/23

After the March 23rd meeting, the following votes were taken by email:

- Josh proposed to hold the Garage sale on April 29th. John seconded it and the proposal passed unanimously on 3/25/23.
- Adam proposed sending a letter to Leslie Pool's office regarding the February 2023 ice storm. The letter was emailed to the board. Tomas seconded. The proposal was passed unanimously on 4/12/23.
- Maggie proposed holding a membership event at Playland on May 13th. Pam seconded. After discussion, Josh proposed to table the discussion for the next board meeting. John seconded. The proposal to table the discussion passed unanimously.

