



**NORTH SHOAL CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday 05/17/2023
Virtual meeting (Zoom)**

Minutes

President Josh Conrad started the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Announcements and News

- The next General Membership Meeting will be on Sept 5, 2023.
- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 15th, 2023. Josh and Clarissa will be on vacation on that date and Josh proposed to change the meeting time to Sunday, June 18th and it was agreed by unanimous consent to further coordinate and agree upon a time to meet via email.

Minutes

- Josh moved to approve the April meeting minutes. The minutes were declared approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report

- Josh and John reported that those parties who needed to go to Austin Telco to update the account information have done so and we now have a debit card for use for NSCNA.
- John reported that we are financially ahead of where we were last year, but we can anticipate upcoming expenses related to the 4th of July parade and party.

Current Activities and Topics

- As was discussed at the recent general membership meeting, Diana Perez, parent support specialist at Pillow asked if NSCNA would be interested in donating prizes and/or sponsoring a booth for Pillow Elementary's back to school event in August. Josh reported that expenditures of \$50 or more need to be approved by the board.
- Tomas and Deborah will coordinate and work with Diana to learn to further discuss donation items.

Membership Committee Report

- Josh reported that he, Pam and Sharon have been working to put together a welcome letter to go out to new members, as well as a system that inputs the data of new members directly into the membership spreadsheet.
- Josh reported that NSCNA currently has a membership of 70 households (110 individual members) and this number is expected to increase upcoming community events.

Development Committee Report

- No updates

Media Committee Report

- No updates

Social Committee Report

- Ayesha reported hosting a social committee meeting a week and a half ago to begin to plan for the July 4th parade and party. Ayesha and the committee will start making donation request calls to local businesses and Ayesha requested people email if they know of businesses that have donated in the past. Contact attempts and outcomes will be logged in a shared spreadsheet.
- Deborah shared that Terra Toys may be a good source for donations, as they are very generous.
- Ayesha reached out to request a fire truck and this request has been confirmed and the department will reach out to coordinate additional details.
- Josh submitted the special event permit to the COA. This year, they are charging a fee of \$200.
- Josh reserved the facility from AISD for the July 4th event. He received an auto response to book a security officer for the event, as the APD will not be able to staff these events. Ayesha will contact the constable's office to request Corporal Smith or another available constable and reach out to campus police if they are not available.
- At the last membership meeting, it was approved to spend up to \$2000 for the event. Maggie booked Playland for the date of the event and Ayesha will reach out to organize a committee meeting to discuss ongoing planning in the coming weeks.
- Josh and Ayesha reported that the Garage Sale went well. Ayesha didn't receive any feedback from the community. Ayesha created a posting in Facebook Marketplace and got several interest messages.
- Adam reported he is working to schedule oral histories with Steven Weintraub and Tomas Rodriguez. He completed an oral history with Dallas Maham.

Beautification Committee Report

- Josh reported a creek clean-up day was held on May 7, 2023 at the Crosscreek bridge and organized by member Victoria Broderick with tools and supplies borrowed from Shoal Creek Conservancy. There was a good turn out and extraction of a couch was reported.

- Tomas inquired if the city had cleaned up branches clogging the bridge. Josh reported he submitted a 311 request on May 7 and received a response. Deborah and Tomas will call 311 again, as Tomas reported it has not been cleaned out as of this morning.
- Josh reported he has been talking to Shoal Creek Conservancy about the Steck Park project. Regular riparian restoration seeding days will continue in consultation with Sierra DeSilva. Josh talked to Nina, who worked on conceptualizing the project with Kevin Weir in 2018/19. At that time, she made contact with some of the businesses. She will be leaving SCC soon, but shared that often a property owner will provide through public easement an agreement to allow public access and this agreement can specify who will be responsible for caring for the space.
- Josh reported that a meeting is planned for May 24, 2023 at 3:30pm with COA Parks Dept to discuss their process for setting up a public easement and Josh invited others to join, if interested.
- Josh reported that if an easement is created, Sierra and Josh would propose creating a walking trail that goes through to Anderson. COA will likely want to cut a dirt path (as opposed to crushed granite) to create a new trail and Sierra will help to forge this path.
- Tomas inquired if neighbors on the creek are being included in the process. Josh reports he will reach out.
- John shared concern about the park leading to increased gathering for the unhoused. Josh reported seeing at least one encampment when he and Sierra walked that path. Shoal Creek Conservancy shared with Josh that the more active you make a space, the less likely people will decide to camp there.
- John Cano, a neighborhood member, is interested in helping to reach out to COA to start new projects under their NPP (neighborhood partnering program), which NSCNA used in the past to do the bridge tile mosaics, community garden and bulb outs on Rockwood. Project ideas discussed include the following: additional bridge tile mosaics, amenities/additional seeding for park project; trail improvement for the trail from Ashdale to Anderson next to the Summit Condos; adding sidewalks in areas where none exist at this time; removing or modifying bulbouts on Rockwood; enlarge the community garden to include an outdoor meeting space; funding for supplies for the oral history project.
- Other grants are available through Sustainable Food Center and Austin Parks Foundation for garden projects.

Garden Committee Report

- No updates

Traffic Committee Report

- Tomas emailed Leslie Poole's staff regarding potholes on Burnet and they will keep him posted.
- Josh will send John Kano's contact info to Tomas regarding bulbouts on Rockwood

Safety Committee Report

- No updates

By-laws Committee Report

- No updates

Hearing no further business, Josh adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

