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**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday 9/05/2023**  
**Pillow Elementary School Library**

**Minutes**

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**President Josh Conrad started the meeting at 6:37 p.m.**

**Announcements and News**

- Guest Speaker: representatives from the County Constable's Office - Precinct 5 shared about their work to re-establish outreach programs and re-engage with Pillow Elementary, including tabling for community events, health fairs and an upcoming National Night Out event which will be held on October 3rd at Wooten Elementary. They are interested in learning about the projects NSCNA has done with the community and Pillow Elementary.
- A representative from Public Citizen announced that they are focusing on shutting down a coal plant nearby
- Flyers for Roller skating party on Sept 23rd at 930am were distributed to all attendees
- Next General Membership meeting will be held on Nov 7th, 2023
- Josh reviewed the agenda and announced the nominating committee: Kat, Tomas, Deborah Glast, Clarissa Colley, and Betsy Todd. Criteria: you need to be a member and not the president Function: Compile list of possible nominees for the open positions. Josh moved to approve the nominating committee. Hearing no opposition, the nominating committee was elected.
- Steve Weintraub reported that there are 14 constitutional amendments coming up in November with early voting starting in mid-October and requested attendees vote. He also requested Contact Team updates at future General Membership Meetings
- Sharon reported the Contact Team needs a new chair. You have to attend the meeting twice prior to being nominated. Interested parties should email [nsccontactteam@gmail.com](mailto:nsccontactteam@gmail.com)

**Minutes**

- Edits: Traffic committee report - name edit "Nici Huff"
- Hearing no other edits, the minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- John Anderson reported on and reviewed the balance sheet and profit loss. The checking account balance is up by 20%. Overall, total assets are up a bit, but most activity occurs in the checking account. Profit loss statement: total income is up 60% from ytd last year and is composed of membership dues, ad revenue, miscellaneous income and non-member income. Expenses decreased and overall net income is up 187%.

### **Current Activities and Topics**

- If you are interested in volunteering to support Pillow Elementary, reach out to Dianna Perez at [adrianna.perez@austinisd.org](mailto:adrianna.perez@austinisd.org) or 512-698-1179 for more information.

### **Membership Committee Report**

- Membership chair resigned for personal reasons and the position is currently open.
- 87 current households (139 members). 63% of the neighborhood population consists of renters.

### **Development Committee Report**

- No updates

### **Media Committee Report**

- Sharon Justice reported that the media committee has been publishing the monthly newsletter (last went out July 31st to current and past members). Email [media@nscna.org](mailto:media@nscna.org) if you are not receiving emails and would like to be added to the membership list

### **Social Committee Report**

- Ayesha Badar announced the Sept 23rd 9:30am - 11:30 Skate Party for a fun neighborhood gathering and membership drive. All are welcome. The event is being promoted via door to door flyer distribution, NSCNA newsletter, NSCNA Facebook group, NextDoor, and outreach to apt complexes/condos to distribute digital flyers to residents.
- The next event is the Fall Garage Sale on Sept 30, 2023. If you would like to participate, email [socialchair@nscna.org](mailto:socialchair@nscna.org) to have your house added to the GoogleMap.
- Kat reports that Diana Perez is planning a Pillow Elementary Fall/Halloween Festival the last weekend in October and is requesting NSCNA involvement and volunteers.
- The last NSCNA event of 2023 will be Luminaria and is scheduled in coordination with Pillow Elementary's winter performance.

### **Beautification Committee Report**

- Josh Conrad reported on the following projects:
  - Steck to Anderson creekside park project near KVUE - collaborating with Shoal Creek Conservancy on creekside riparian restoration planting and seeding. The

next event will be in November and more information will follow via email. Information has been gathered from the city about how to create a parks & recreation easement with the property owners along the creekside greenspace strip and this has been passed on to KVUE leadership. To move forward on the project, the other businesses will need to agree to easements

- Jeremy Gunn, the owner of the lot with the Allendale Estates sign at Steck and Daleview, has been working with neighbors to manage the lot. He recently received citations from the city for letting the wildflower meadow get overgrown. Clarissa and Josh helped to clean it up. He is interested in ideas for how to manage the property and is open to signing an easement with NSCNA to manage the lot and save/redesign the sign.
- Josh is working with John Cano to look into neighborhood partnering program grants (previously granted funds to create the community garden and Steck bridge mosaics) to build sidewalks in areas that don't currently have them.
- Discussion of graffiti in the neighborhood: neighbors can call in concerns to 311 and encourage other neighbors to do the same. Sharon Justice reported that the city will only remove graffiti that is on city property.
- Discussed that the installation of improvements like paths to the park at Pillow are currently unmaintained and there are issues with debris and maintenance.

#### **Garden Committee Report**

- Darlene is planning to reinvigorate programs with the school.

#### **Traffic Committee Report**

- No updates

#### **Safety Committee Report**

- Gully reported on the following:
  - Attended the City Wide Emergency Preparedness pop-up which occur once a month at libraries throughout the city. Giveaways from the event were shared. Attendees were encouraged to plan ahead and create an emergency kit with their family
  - Austin is now 77% carbon-free
  - Austin Energy is in a budget crunch and customers can expect bills to go up slightly.
  - Any medically vulnerable neighbors are encouraged to sign up through the Austin Energy website for emergency alerts and to enroll in their supportive program.

#### **By-laws Committee Report**

- No updates

**Hearing no further business, Josh adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**