



**NORTH SHOAL CREEK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday 11/7/2023

Pillow Elementary Cafeteria

Minutes

President Josh Conrad started the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Announcements and News

- Diana Perez, parent support specialist, thanked supporters and shared upcoming projects and requests for donations:
 - Thanksgiving baskets with donations needed of gift cards for a turkey and canned goods.
 - Expectant mom baskets: donations needed of diapers, wipes, and gently used clothes.
 - Additionally seeking coats for kids, pajamas for families, board games, socks, hot cocoa, and gift cards to include in backpacks to be distributed before the winter break.
 - Highest need: canned goods, clothes, and anything a child might need or want.
 - Donations can be brought to the front office of Pillow Elementary
- Adam Powell, vice president, introduced District 7 staff attending on behalf of council Member Poole, who was scheduled to attend, but was pulled away for an out of state meeting. Louisa shared a brief overview of the HOME Initiative, a significant effort of which is to provide more middle income housing. She shared that NSC is a model for other neighborhoods as we have diverse housing stock that is not necessarily seen across the city. Louisa identified future issues related to staffing EMS and city services. She reported on recent testimony from the last public hearing from Austin Regional Clinic that they closed the Central Austin clinic due to difficulties staffing it, as many staff members reportedly cannot afford to live in Austin.
- Staff shared that within the Austin city limits 75% of land is single family housing and from their perspective, unless we can infill, it will not be possible to solve the housing crisis. Forcing people to live outside Austin contributes to sprawl and negative environmental impacts. The need for more infrastructure will build slowly and the COA is planning for this. The thought is that building more densely within COA is more environmentally sustainable.

- There are many endorsements for the HOME resolution and they were reviewed by Louisa. They are also working with Preservation Austin to build an incentive program based on their recommendations which include preserving the entire facade of a building and allowing an additional unit to be built on the lot. The second environmental aspect is to incentivize/make easier to relocate a house instead of demolishing it. It is currently much faster and easier to demolish a house. They are working with Austin Resource Recovery to expand the requirements for reuse of materials.
- Questions gathered from attendees were answered by staff.
- Josh announced that at the next General Membership meeting on Tuesday Jan 9th, 2024, we will elect new officers and the new board of directors for the year. Kat gave a brief update from the nominating committee.

Minutes

- **After receiving edits of the last meeting minutes from Sharon and David, the 9/5/23 General Meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.**

Treasurer's Report

- John Anderson, treasurer, reported that there was a minor mistake on the second page of the financial report. We expected a loss due to spending initiatives. We are spending more money than we are taking in this year. Advertising income far exceeded expected. Equity section: Towne Northplex is for a specific purpose but it is the understanding of the board that it can be adjusted to meet needs of the association.

Current Activities and Topics

- No updates.

Membership Committee Report

- 90 households are members of NSCNA. Josh is working on outreach to apartment complexes.
- Ayesha Badar, social committee chair, encouraged everyone to share with neighbors and those they meet about the organization.

Development Committee Report

- No updates

Media Committee Report

- Sharon Justice will be stepping down from the Media Committee next year. Her duties include: Newsletter, Advertising, posts on Facebook, NSCNA website, and Next Door.

Social Committee Report

- Ayesha reported on the following events:

- The Playland Skate Event was a huge success. We did a wide outreach effort resulting in a lot of community building and new neighbors and members in attendance. The event did not go past the cap and the cost was under the \$2000 approved at the last membership meeting. Sharon posted photos of the event on Facebook.
- Kat partnered with Pillow on their Literacy Night and supported in a trunk-or-treat. The NSCNA had a presence and donated candy and Pillow really appreciated it.
- Next event: Luminaria, which will likely be in the 2nd week of December to coincide with the winter recital when the date has been solidified.
- Fall Garage Sale was successful and about 12 houses participated.

Beautification Committee Report

- Josh reported that a planting and seeding day is planned with Shoal Creek Conservancy in November at the Steck informal park behind KVUE studios to aid in Riparian Restoration. Ongoing efforts are continuing to negotiate an easement with KVUE, but the process takes time as management needs to sign off. Josh will send out a call to the beautification committee's email list.
- Ideas are being discussed for re-landscaping the lot where the Allendale Sign is located. Currently working with the neighboring property owner and will plan a time to discuss ideas for managing and using the lot and will discuss at board meetings and bring to the general membership when appropriate.

Garden Committee Report

- No updates

Traffic Committee Report

- No updates

Safety Committee Report

- No updates

By-laws Committee Report

- No updates

Hearing no further business, Josh adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm