

WNA Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2010

In attendance: Chris Schexnayder, Gary Buvenick, Jan Boswell, Chris Morris, Nick Weynand, Barbara Huffman, Elaine Pozos, and Trudy Hasan

- Jan presented the Treasurer's Report. Eighty-eight (88) homeowners have paid their dues so far this year.
- The Board approved the January 27, 2010 minutes.
- Chris S. introduced new board member Barbara Huffman (Member at Large #3) and new webmaster Elaine Pozos. Barbara will chair the Neighborhood Enhancement Committee (NEC), which will focus on aesthetic issues for Westcreek. The Yard of the Month will be rolled into the NEC, in addition to code enforcement. YOM is awarded April-September plus the December holiday. Discussed two to five year limit on how often a homeowner can win (this is to be determined by the NEC). Chris S. discussed the process of identifying code violations, mailing the code compliance form to the homeowner, and then following up after two weeks. If the violation hasn't been addressed, then report to 311. At least two WNA members have expressed interest in serving on the Neighborhood Enhancement Committee.

Thank you Barbara and Elaine for volunteering your time to Westcreek.

- Stefano Crispieri, an Eagle Scout candidate, presented his project plan "Westcreek Nature Trail Cleanup and Improvement". Stefano has made several trips through the trail area with various WNA and OHTA members to define the scope of the project. Bartlett Tree staff also did a walk through to identify what limbs to trim. The project objectives are: clear and widen the existing trail (to about five feet wide), clear two areas near both ends of the trail (for sitting/resting), fix the stone staircase, construct simple water crossings with flat rocks, clean up trash, and spread mulch generated from the tree trimming. This work is scheduled for three Saturdays in April and will coincide with Clean Sweep. Beneficiaries of this project will be: students at Patton and Small, the Westcreek community, and the Monterey apartment residents.

Gary will oversee the marking of limbs to cut (no oaks since we are past the time for trimming oak trees). Bartlett Tree will trim the dead wood prior to the first scout work day.

With the Board's approval, Stefano will now present his plans to the Scout Board. After final approval, the project plans and timeline will be posted on the WNA website.

- Gary discussed the WNA membership drive. He is finishing up calling those members whose listserv emails have bounced. He will also make another listserv solicitation to recruit members. Flyers/doorhangers may be an inexpensive option for us to take: 1,000 flyers printed and delivered for under \$200. A door-to-door canvassing may be an option this Spring to drum up membership. Are there incentive programs – like "refer a neighbor" or similar ideas?

- Trudy discussed Keep Austin Beautiful's Clean Sweep scheduled for Saturday April 10th. She has signed up as the project leader for the Brush Country Bridge cleanup. Our goal will be to get 30 volunteers from Westcreek and OHTA for this two-hour trash cleanup. In addition to the creek at the bridge, the drainage at the end of Brush Country will also be scoured for trash.
- WNA is now a non-profit corporation in Texas. WNA is currently not registered with the IRS as a non-profit and, at this time, we won't pursue it because it doesn't seem worth it in terms of the accounting costs vs the benefits.
- The Board approved \$50 to have a plaque made in appreciation of Nick's excellent work on revamping the website during the past year. Thank you Nick!
- Chris S. attended meetings recently pertaining to the Patton boundary changes. Plan 3 was approved by AISD which means Patton will have 75-150 additional students, 5 additional teachers, more portables, and more traffic since students from Scenic Brook will be commuting over to Patton. Students living in the apartments off of Monterey Oaks will continue to attend Patton. Patton will be losing their computer lab to make room for additional classrooms, but they use portable computers throughout the school.
- Discussed board meeting times and locations. Travis County has not yet responded to our inquiry about using the meeting space at the housing development by the Post Office. First Evangelical meeting space is \$25/month. Our next meeting on Tuesday March 30th will be at Barbara's house.

Meeting Adjourned.