

WNA Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2011
Jan Boswell's House 7:00 pm

In attendance: Chris Shexnayder, Gary Bunevick, Jan Boswell, Chris Morris, Barbara Huffman, Jennifer Voss, Trudy Hasan, and guest Michelle Mattalino.

1. Treasurer's Report (Jan): we have 143 members for the year. Bank balances provided.
2. The October minutes were not ready for approval. Trudy will get these and current meeting minutes out via email.
3. 6110 Hill Forest: Chris S. contacted Gail Whitfield (broker) about two months ago about cooperating with the WNA to develop the property – she has not yet responded. Demolition delays – he contacted Spelman's office again about the stoppage of work at the property. His aide is looking into it. The demolition permit has expired.

Michelle Mattalino with the Olive Tree (and a Westcreek resident) presented her ideas about purchasing the 6110 property and building a second Olive Tree location. The Olive Tree is an outdoor nature preschool (2 years through preK). She and her husband Kurt have put in several offers over the past seven years or so since the property first came on the market. She is working with Ross Frie for planning and architectural design for this green school. Their first school is in Bouldin Creek, and she is very familiar with how to set up a school within a neighborhood. Westcreek/Patton/Small parents would have priority placement. Staggered start and end times would be used to reduce traffic congestion. She has the support of the Patton PTA president and is very active on councils and boards at Patton. Michelle provided additional details on her plans for the school, but right now they are waiting to hear from the broker about their most recent offer.

4. Traffic Calming Update: Jennifer has been in contact with the vehicular homicide detective to find out more information on last month's fatal wreck on Brush Country. The man was apparently speeding and tried to avoid hitting a kid (info from witnesses), which initiated the accident. Speed bumps would have slowed the driver down. She will prepare a letter to send to the City. Gary stated that traffic calming circles (rotaries) may work well on Brush Country. We should query the City on the number of 311 complaints about speeding in our neighborhood. Are the calls making an impact?
5. Community Garden Update: Chris S. has left a message with the property management company for Randall's about possible use of the property for a community garden.
6. Wildfire Benefit Update: Listed sponsors to recognize: Mandola's, Man Bites Dog, Cypress Grill, Concentra, Blue Whale, Emerald Gardens, Donut Taco Palace, HEB. These are to be added to the WNA website. We netted \$814.57 from the benefit. That along with the \$400 from the WNA (previous vote) brings the (rounded) total to \$1,215. A check for his amount will be sent to Austin Community Foundation. Chris S. will write up an article and Yahoo email about this successful fundraiser. We may want to offer a year's WNA membership to those who wrote substantial checks for this event.
7. Service Austin Day November 19th: Chris S. said that he and two others have signed up. He walked the trail and decided that the cleanup should focus on picking up trash and not any brush cleanup.
8. Elections/Annual Meeting/ByLaw Changes: three on the current board are stepping down: Gary, Jan, and Chris M. This leaves the VP, Treasurer, and Member at Large #2 positions open. Kurt Honigschmidt has expressed interest in the Treasurer position. Gary indicated that he would be available to serve on committees and Chris M. also offered his availability for special projects. Since our newsletter has disappeared, the Board voted to amend the By Laws to make the method of announcing

elections and nominations more generic, as follows: “Positions up for election and the names of nominated candidates shall be published in the WNA newsletter, community e-mail network, or other means as may be available, prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting.” For this election, the Board agreed to post the information in the Oak Hill Gazette and group email. Jan will select a Tuesday or Wednesday in January for the Annual Meeting and make reservations at the library.

9. Schedule Next Meeting: our next meeting will be the holiday party/meeting at Austin Pizza Garden. **Friday December 16th is the tentative date.** Spouses or significant others are invited. WNA will pay the tab except for alcoholic drinks.

Meeting Adjourned.