

NORTH AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC MONTHLY MEETING - MINUTES November 16th 2023

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Board Members present: President Jared Noble; Co-President Randy Teich; Treasurer, Brian LaCour; Secretary Missy Haworth

Attendees: 22 attended in person, 4 via Zoom including Vice-President Jennifer Gonnabathula-Smith;

Guests: Listed in Meeting Agenda Attached

Treasurer's Report: Brian LaCour reported that, as of the end of October 2023, we had \$2,378.00 in the General Fund, \$12,620.24 in the Beautification Fund (of which \$3,461.11 is available for spending), and 148 members.

Minutes: The September 2023 Minutes were approved by a vote. A link to the Video recording of the meeting is posted on the Facebook link listed in the Agenda.

Announcements- Posted in attached Meeting Agenda with one addition: Anne Teich Requested \$400 to fund a new sign on the High School fence. After discussion, an amendment to authorize \$600 was approved. A unanimous vote approved the funds Ann acting as Committee Chair to follow up.

A second fund-raiser for Lanier/Navarro H.S. was mentioned, and recommended highly by members in the meeting: The holiday plant sale! Order form on the meeting agenda

Art in Public Places - Has approved a grant to artist Ernesto Hernandez, who is planning to design the art after receiving feedback from community members on color, material, and style. All in attendance had a chance to indicate preferences; one member suggested the theme "Everyone smiles in the same Language".

IH-35 Expansion Local resistance groups asking all residents to read their websites and give comments to TxDOT and other authorities.

Brendan Wittstruck of Hyde Park NA Steering Cmte and North Central I35 Neighborhood Coalition (NCINC.org) explained reasons to appeal to TxDOT to slow the decision as presented, and reconsider EPA and other factors.

Shannon Clark, (Re-Think I-35.org) explained the Austin City Council resolution to sue TxDOT for violating planning procedures and environmental protections, needs funding. CAMPOtexas.org will decide on January 29th and needs input from residents.

Tim Bray from Council Member Chito Vela's office prepared a summary and is advocating for a better I-35 plan. Tim.Brayaustintexas.gov

Land Use Code Updates -**H.O.M.E (Home Options for Middle-Income Empowerment)**

Chito Vela explained that most residential lots will all be re-zoned SF-3 to allow up to 3 dwellings on one lot if impervious cover ratios were met. He believes the benefits will be 1. more dwellings for middle income earners, 2. increased overall tax revenue to pay for infrastructure upgrades and city services 3. Increased density in neighborhoods and less sprawl that will use public transportation, sidewalks, local businesses and consume fewer resources overall. When questioned if the utility infrastructure could handle triple the demand, his answer was that, yes the facilities could handle that today, BUT, whether we approve SF-3 or not, all utilities are due for an upgrade and funds are not sufficient yet, to do that.

The other Land Use proposals in front of the Planning Commission include:

1. eliminating parking requirements for new construction
2. Allowing RV's on residential property to be used for housing all year.

We ran out of time to discuss these. Councilmember Leslie Pool's proposal and the other Council member's responses can be read here. (FYI Pool is completing her 3rd term and not running next year.)

-Austin City Council website

<https://austincouncilforum.org/viewtopic.php?t=1840>

Little Walnut Creek Flood Remediation Update-All is going as planned at Quail Creek Park and some road disruption to the West of Parkfield/Mearns Meadow is next.

Redfield 34 Update- 24/7 security provided by the City of Austin seems to be ensuring a reduction in breaches of the peace while the "Conservator" is clearing the property of the last 7 tenants and re-marketing it as low income housing. A partnership with Family Eldercare (who provides case management) was mentioned, but no concrete news.

2024 NACA Officer Elections/Nominations

Two of 4 seats are open on the January Officer Slate. All residents of NACA are encouraged to contact the President if they are interested in volunteering to be an Officer. An email was sent to all known addresses in NACA to alert the community to this upcoming need. No volunteers identified during the meeting.

No other votes or executive decisions made and meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Agenda follows on next page

**North Austin Civic Association
Meeting Agenda for November 16, 2023**

Welcome & Introductions 7:00PM Review and Approval of September 2023

Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Report 7:05PM Announcements 7:10PM Art in Public Places

Ernesto Hernandez, Artist & Lindsay Hutchens, Program Coordinator 7:15PM
TxDOT I-35 Expansion

Shannon Clark, Rethink35 & Brendan Wittstruck, NCINC 7:25PM Land Use
Code

Chito Vela, Council Member, District 4 7:35PM Little Walnut Creek Flood
Remediation Project Update

John Fletcher, Capital Delivery Services, City of Austin 8:00PM Redfield Update

8:10PM 2024 NACA Officer Elections / Nominations 8:15PM Open Discussion

8:30PM Adjourn 8:45PM

!!! Announcements !!!

NACA 2023/2024 Clean-up Schedule

12/9/23 Woolridge Elementary School, 1412 Norseman Terrace

1/13/24 North Austin YMCA, 1000 W Rundberg Ln

2/10/24 Choose Your Own Adventure! Send pictures & details of your clean-up to be
entered in a raffle for a \$50 Alamo Village gift card!

Lanier FFA/Navarro Agriculture Department Holiday Plant Sale Order Form 2023

Preorder plants for the upcoming holiday season. All plants are \$12.00 each and will
come with a gold pot cover and a plastic shipping sleeve.

Contact Tracey Cortez at tracey.cortez@austinisd.org or by phone 512-923-2633.

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