

Allandale Neighborhood Association-Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Meeting held: Wednesday, 6-Feb- 2018, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Drive [Published Agenda link](#)

1. **Call to Order.** (5 Minutes 7:00 – 7:05 pm) by President Kevin Smith at 7:05 p.m. A total of 8 board members present:
 - i. Kevin Smith, President, and presiding officer
 - ii. Jarren Wenderlein Sternburg
 - iii. Ranleigh Hirsh, Secretary
 - iv. Todd Shaw
 - v. Allan McMurtry
 - vi. Joanne Senyk
 - vii. Diana Wheeler
 - viii. Amanda Cagle
 - b. Absent members included: Adam Haynes, Vice President, Monica Malhotra, Erik Butler

2. **Minutes.** (5 Minutes 7:05 – 7:10 pm)
 - a. Secretary: December minutes as distributed by Ranleigh Hirsh; changes noted in [2018-12-ANA-MeetingMinutes](#). No January meeting was held.

3. **Presentation on Proposed Social Committee** (10 minutes; 7:10-7:20 pm) - for detailed presentation see [2019 February Committee Reports](#)
 - a. Allison Thompson and Heather Varela presented their ideas on adding the social aspect of improving membership
 - i. Thoughts on events included: selling t-shirts for funds, easter egg hunts, turkey trot, pictures with Santa, softball game, back-to-school pool party, street vs. street field day, and setting up a table at events
 - ii. The social subcommittee would take over Facebook page postings
 - iii. The social subcommittee would report to the existing membership committee and Chair Joanne Senyk
 - iv. Allan McMurtry made the following motion:

Based on the enthusiasm of these two ladies, I move that we establish a subcommittee for social activities reporting to the Membership Committee Chairperson who reports their progress back to the ANA.

Joanne Senyk seconded the motion. The motion passed unamously by a voice vote of the board

4. Presentation on **Cap Metro's Project Connect** (15 minutes; 7:20-7:35 pm)
 - a. Cynthia Miller works with CapMetro on community engagement and outreach for [Project Connect](#). CapMetro is looking for everyone's input on the future of what should be done with public transportation in the metro area. She handed out an anonymous 10 minutes survey and requested meeting attendees complete the survey.

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5. Discussion on the **Appeal to Yard Bar's Amplified music permit.** (5 minutes; 7:35-7:40 pm) see [2019 February Committee Reports](#) for the public hearing announcement text
 - a. Kevin Smith stated that a group of neighbors is appealing the permit granted by the city. The public hearing for the appeal is scheduled for Feb 21 starting 4 pm. The hearing will be held at 301 W. 2nd Street in the city council chambers. Carol Vaughan, part of the neighborhood group, stated she was appealing the issue of the permit because the city did not implement a "good neighbor" policy that was requested by the city council as part as the outdoor music ordinance. She didn't have an issue with the decibel levels stated in the permit
 - b. Kristen Heaney, the owner of the Yard Bar, was in attendance and described how the business site plan was established using a one-way traffic pattern that entered on Burnet Rd and exiting on Daugherty as the previous business had already established. She mentioned that she had worked closely with the city, neighbors and neighborhood associations when working through the permit processes including making structural improvements to direct sound to mitigation the impact on her neighbors.
 - c. Several board members asked Ms. Heaney about rerouting traffic, blocking exiting on Daugherty, and widening driveways. She said she would reach out to the property owner to see what can be done.

6. Discussion about **MIS 374 Project- Allandale Deed Restrictions Web Map** (10 minutes; 7:40- 7:50 pm) ANA Board/Scott Ehlers/Caryn Conley
 - a. Caryn Conley - MIS is part of the McCombs Business School. Their classes look for partnerships to provide real-world knowledge applications/projects that students can complete during the semester
 - i. Projects lasts 12 weeks
 - ii. Feb 19 is the first "Meet and greet" with customers
 - iii. 5 weeks dedicated to information gathering
 - iv. 6 weeks building the application
 - v. At the end of 12 weeks the students present their application to the customer
 - b. Scott Ehlers reached out to Caryn about applying for their assistance in building an online map of Allandale's subdivisions where neighbors could click on their property outline or enter their address to see deed restrictions for their lot.
 - c. UT expects that deed restriction text need to be provided to them. **Scott said that he would lead the effort to gather the deed restriction at the Austin History Center/Travis County records.**

7. Discussion on **Neighborhood Survey** (20 minutes; 7:50-8:10 pm) ANA Board
 - a. Kevin presented a draft survey created by the zoning; land use subcommittee. The survey would help ANA's positions better reflect the viewpoints of the neighborhood in ANA future actions/statements. Results would guide ANA's

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board to act on future city business related to land development based on ANA members and neighbors opinions which are unknown today except for the vocal minority. The survey would be passed out at the March general meeting and printed in the April newsletter with the results finalized in June.

- b. Board member concerns expressed included: online survey responses that are not from the neighborhood; survey monkey not allowing a view of all the questions; questions should be 1-5 ranges, not a yes or no response; results would force the next ANA board to abide by the survey results; and having personal information attached to response could have legal implications for ANA.
 - c. Laura DiCarlo suggested that neighborhood block captains could organize a door-to-door survey collection to ensure just neighbors answered the survey.
 - d. Kevin state he would postpone the publication of the survey pending a full board member review of the questions
 - e. Ranleigh asked that everyone add a comment in the document to show that all 11 board members had seen the survey
 - f. Survey Guidelines will be drafted for the next meeting - the land planning use subcommittee to come up with guidelines such as: are the results to be made public, target audience, target goal.
8. Discussion of **New Meeting Layout** (5 minutes; 8:10-8:15 pm)
- a. Kevin Smith said he was adding a public comment period at the end of the meeting limited to 10 minutes for all future meetings. The board voiced no objections.
9. **Officer Reports.** (10 Minutes; 8:15-8:25 pm) - for detailed reports previously submitted see [2019 February Committee Reports](#)
- a. Treasurer, Erik Butler - not present, report submitted earlier
 - b. Vice President, Adam Haynes - not present
 - c. President, Kevin Smith - no report
 - d. Secretary, Ranleigh Hirsh - report submitted earlier
10. **Committee & Special Committee Reports.** (10 Minutes; 8:25-8:35 pm) - for detailed reports previously submitted see [2019 February Committee Reports](#)
- a. **Nominating Committee**, Diana Wheeler - She is making plans for 2019 goals
 - b. **Zoning, Planning and Land Use (ZPL)**, Todd Shaw - He will need to reschedule next Wednesday zoning committee meeting.
 - i. Allan asked everyone to read Casar's motion on affordable housing found in the committee reports, and the Statesman article on the topic- <https://www.statesman.com/news/20190205/city-councils-casar-unveils-ambitious-affordable-housing-plan>

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- c. **Parks, Recreation, and Greenspace (RPG)**, Monica Malhotra - not present, no report
- d. **Membership**, Joanne Senyk - report submitted earlier. She has set up membershipworks software to allow for her new membership campaign - allowing for a free first-year membership. She also highlighted the new Social Subcommittee.
- e. **Safety**, Laura DiCarlo - report submitted earlier. Highlights include: Feb 23 Take10 CPR training at Northwest Rec from 10am - 2pm - it is a drop in anytime format for the quick 10-minute essential training; more Auto thefts are occurring in the Allandale. The police suggested the people be aware of your surroundings and don't leave your keys in your car.
- f. **Communications** Committee, Kevin Smith - no report

11. Associate Organization Reports. - see previously submitted report detaild found in the [2019 February Committee Reports](#)

- a. **Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC)**: Caroline Reynolds (5 Minutes; 8:35-8:40 pm) - report submitted earlier
 - i. ANC new president elected is Pat King. She is looking to be more proactive and push the city more
 - ii. Presentations included Planning Commission make-up, City staff efforts on 10 projects to change zoning without changing the code, update on Land Development Code by sitting commissioners, and Firewise Alliance
- b. **Bull Creek Road Coalition (BCRC)**: Ranleigh Hirsh (5 Minutes; 8:40-8:45 pm) - report submitted earlier. Highlights included:
 - i. Traffic mitigation efforts with Austin Transportation and public works Department continue
 - ii. Work with the Grove Master Parks Plan continues. Park board hearing set for Feb 26th on the master plan
 - iii. Construction issues impacting neighbors being addressed by various departments after assistance from CM Pool and CM Alter
- c. Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan: Ranleigh Hirsh (5 minutes; 8:45-8:50 pm) - report submitted earlier
 - i. Shoal Creek Watershed Action stakeholders are a consortium of state, city, private organizations, and neighbors working together to build a comprehensive action plan for the improvement of the creek. Meeting materials can be found at <https://shoalcreekconservancy.org/watershedplan/>

12. Old Business - Agenda item skipped

- a. December's items were:
 - i. Jarren Wenderlein Sternburg committed the bylaws committee making a standardized form for motions she will distribute to the board for future use to ensure motions follow ANA bylaws

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- ii. Bylaws committee should make language changes with the motion passed last month to change the general meeting schedule

13. **New Business** -- Agenda item skipped.

14. **Adjourn.** President adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ranleigh Hirsh
ANA Secretary
February 7, 2019