

Allandale Neighborhood Association-Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 6-January 2021, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

- 1. Call to Order and time for Zoom entry (5 Min; 7:00 – 7:05 pm)**
 - a. Roll call/introductions; Diana Wheeler, Janis Reinken, Amanda Cagle, Joe Parsons, Dan Eden, Mary Fero, Hans Magnusson, Steve Johnson, Julie Peckham were present. Amy Wright joined after minutes were voted upon.

- 2. Minutes (5 Min; 7:05 – 7:10 pm)**
 - a. Amanda Cagle, ANA Secretary: December Minutes distributed with any changes noted. Steve moved to approve; Dan seconded. Passed unanimously. 9-0.

- 3. Old Business Follow-Up**
 - a. Allison—Food Bank Project: 2600 pounds of food were gathered and \$2900 was donated in addition to the food. She talked to Apple Moving (Erin and John Minor) and key stakeholders, they would love to do it again.
 - b. Allison has been working with Amy Wright on the Block Captain project. They are moving forward with contacting
 - c. Mary Fero requested that we post this information to the list serve in addition to FaceBook. Steve will work with Allison to post that.

- 4. Update on ANA Newsletter (15 Min, 7:10 - 7:25 pm)**
 - a. Steve Johnson & Coti Heusmann—profit and loss of the newsletter—newsletter is doing pretty well nearly, not losing large amounts of money; he’s compared a bunch; if we can maintain approx 4k in revenue and move back up to slightly more pages. Coti spoke to whether advertisers want ads based on specific dates v. repeat. Many kudos to Coti for selling so many ads. Also, everyone is happy to increase the size of the newsletter to reach people, but to just play it by ear based on the number of ads and amount of content available each time. Laura Beck, the editor, is going to step down as editor, so we need a new editor, preferably for February to ensure a smooth transition. If we don’t have a volunteer by March 1, we should reconsider having a newsletter until an editor is found.
 - b. Amy Wright pointed out that everyone should take it upon themselves to find their successor. And newsletter editor is a similar position. To guarantee the succession of this organization, we need to plan for transition and successors. Allison pointed out that there could well be internship opportunities at either Kealing or McCallum, but still need an adult to supervise and manage. Tom Waterston has been working as a copy editor of the newsletter, but he doesn’t want to be the full editor. They need articles for next month.

- 5. Homelessness in Allandale (10 Min; 7:25 – 7:35 pm)**
 - a. **Stephanie Ryan**-She’s thankful after Amy’s talk about contributing and got involved in this because of repeated posts on the list serve. She feels that no one in the U.S. should live without shelter. But people are concerned about trash and needles and such. She started just north of Anderson Lane and checked out the obvious spots.
 - b. Mary Fero-re the creek and cleanups. What responsibility to homeowners have to clean up their land down to the middle of the creek, esp. since they’re not putting the trash in the water, it’s coming from upstream.

- 6. Officer Reports (15 Minutes; 7:35 - 7:50 pm)**

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- a. Secretary, Amanda Cagle
 - b. Treasurer, Dan Eden; he sent out the treasurer report. we have approx \$28k in the account. We are going to increase our Membership works account so we will be able to add more members.
 - c. Vice President, Amy Wright
 - d. President, Diana Wheeler
- 7. Committee & Special Committee Reports (30 Minutes; 7:50 - 8:20 pm)**
- a. Communications: Steve Johnson; They are increasing the Membership Works account
 - b. Parks, Recreation and Greenspace: Mary Fero. Austin Parks Foundation has agreed to fund maintenance on the pond for the next year! Environmental Survey or something like that is the name of the company that got the contract. PARD did sign the contract with the company that will be spearheading community engagement for the planning process. She's hoping we'll have approx. 6 weeks to publicize community outreach. They also will hopefully give us more information about the \$5 million dam restoration project. Also, the pool is now on the list for replacement. NW Pool has a spot on the priority list, but the first-to-fail gets the money and there is a finite amount of bond money. There may be a plan to replace it as part of the dam project. This year was the 65th anniversary of the pool and park. Community garden is moving forward but there have been some delays related to a water hook-up, permits, and land use.
 - c. Zoning & Planning & Landuse: Nathalie Frensley. They are learning about city tools and the demolition notification process with proposed changes. Still working on establishing a standing meeting time.
 - d. Membership: Amy Wright. They met and discussed the block captain effort. Allison had a great idea for membership. As we promote new membership and renewals, we would like an article in the Feb. newsletter. Want to promote the why of membership
 - e. Safety: Julie Peckham & Amanda Cagle
- 8. Associate Organization Reports. (5 Minutes; 8:20 - 8:25 pm)**
- a. Austin Neighborhoods Council, Caroline Reynolds. No meeting, but they will be meeting next month.
- 9. Neighborhood Input (10-Minutes; 8:25- 8:35 pm)**
- 10. Old Business**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Adjourn at or before 9pm**