

Allandale Neighborhood Association-  
Fall General Membership Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, 6-October 2021, 7:00–9:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order by Diana at 7:03p.m. (5 Min; 7:00 – 7:05 pm)  
a. Board Roll call/introductions by all current Board members and future Board members. We have one missing Board member, Amanda Cagle, the current secretary.

2. Minutes (5 Min; 7:05 – 7:10 pm) a. Amanda Cagle, ANA Secretary: Previous Minutes distributed with any changes noted. No Board members saw any changes. Joe made the motion to approve the Minutes as is and Andrew seconded it. All Board members were in favor.

3. Board of Directors Election. See Appendix A (30 Minutes; 7:10 - 7:40 pm) a. ANA Nominating Committee There were several on the Nominating Committee with Joe heading it up with Amanda Cagle and Janis Reinken.

Slate:

President: Hans Magnusson

Vice Pres: Dan Eden

Treasurer: Andrew Kerr

Secretary: Julie Peckham

At Large: Nicko Burnett

Mary Fero

Carlos Salinas

Nathalie Frensley

Chris Barnard

John Tate

Each nominated member introduced their selves and gave a talk about why they want to serve the ANA. The new Board members are elected every year and all members who are members of the neighborhood association get to vote to accept or reject. Diana gave everyone a chance to nominate from the floor. There were none. Amy Wright moved for us to vote Joe Parsons seconded. All were in favor.

4. Presentation on Prop A & B (15 Minutes; 7:40 - 7:55 pm) a. Dr Bill Spelman, Professor Emeritus at UT Austin b. Leslie Pool, District Seven City Council Member, and Brigid Shea, County Commissioner.

Brigid Shea gave an update of what is being done at the County. Affordable Housing is important – up to 2,000 units for people who are chronically homeless. The Mobile Loaves and Fishes group has done a tremendous job getting homeless back into the community. There are just one-time funds so they want to be responsible with the money. There has been similar work with affordable housing (Buy-Down-The-Rent). There have been 1,600 approved. Big improvements with limited tools. The County has one of the most ambitious tele-commuting programs in the country. Lots of savings all around and productivity has increased.

Laurie is running for a new Civil District Court which handles lots of community issues. She told us of her qualifications.

Bill Spelman, a former City Council member and recently retired professor, talked to us about Proposition A. He is against it and wants to inform us on what it will do. He shared his screen and did a presentation. He believes that passing Prop A will be throwing a bunch of money at the problem without understanding it. There is a belief that police staffing should be at 2.0 officers per 1,000 population. It will cost a lot of money. Since 1995 the APD has responded to about the same number of calls every year even with an increasing population. Austin does have an increasing homicide problem, but it is a nationwide problem. He showed statistics on cities with more officers per 1K residents that have higher homicides and more officers hasn't made the homicide rate go down.

Dr. Spelman then took questions from attendees. We need more mental health services, not sworn officers. To know more go to propA.com. Diana thanked Dr. Spelman.

Leslie Pool, our District 7 City Council representative, was up next to discuss Prop B. She talked about park land and why we have to vote on it. One is to cede about 9 acres at 2525 Lakeshore Blvd that is designated as park space but has only been used as a Central Maintenance Facility that is outdated and not used. This will be traded for 48 acres adjacent to John Trevino Park that will increase the size of that park on prime waterfront property. A new maintenance facility will be built and a former facility by Fiesta Gardens will be returned to parkland. We were encouraged to please vote yes on Prop B. For more information: <https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/10/prop-b-city-to-vote-on-east-austin-parkland-swap/>  
<http://growsaustinparks.com/>

5. Associate Organization Reports (10 minutes, 7:55- 8:05 pm) a. Austin Neighborhoods Council, Caroline Reynolds

6. Officer Reports (15 Minutes; 8:05 - 8:20 pm)  
a. Secretary, Amanda Cagle was out of the country.

b. Treasurer (includes Budget Adoption for the next Fiscal Year), Dan Eden gave the budget rundown last year. Most revenue was from advertising. He explained he mostly went through this year's budget to determine next year's budget which needs to be approved. He asked for questions. There is a correction to show a \$1,000 fee to take credit cards. We have about 35K in the account currently. Diana made a motion to adopt the budget and Mary seconded it . All Board members approved the budget. Thanks to Dan for his service as treasurer.

c. Vice President, Amy Wright -no report  
d. President, Diana Wheeler – no report

7. Committee & Special Committee Reports (20 Minutes; 8:20 - 8:40 pm)

a. Communications: Steve Johnson introduced the two women taking over, Sarah Torchin and Kaylee Romantic introduced themselves and they are coordinating the position. Lots of thanks were expressed for Steve's commitment to being Moderator and ANA Communications. Sarah requested that she and Kaylee will use the Instagram account again and they want to post information about Little Libraries, Halloween, and anything especially Allandale.

b. Parks, Recreation and Greenspace: Mary Fero reported that thanks to Ranleigh's signing ANA up for IMPD we will be doing a creek cleanup and a reseeding of a hillside area near the pool parking lot. There is continued talk about the Vision Plan for NW Park. There is continued concern about the pond and possible removal of large cypress trees so it may be revised. Mary also mentioned that Kata is stepping down from the parks committee.

c. Zoning, Planning and Land Use: Nathalie Frensley & Joe Reynolds: Nathalie gave an overview letting us know that the Dawson Resolution ensuring the public had input relative to developers. ANA also continued opposition to developing a high rise at 7113 Burnet Rd. where the old Dallas Night Club was. They renewed ties with the Brentwood Neighborhood. They have access to new building permits. Deed restrictions and zoning confuse some people.

d. Membership: Amy Wright – She has been very interested in this but will be stepping down. It doesn't have to be a Board member to take on this position.

e. Safety: Julie Peckham & Amanda Cagle – Julie reported that the Safety signs are still available if anyone wants one. The signs have helped remind those in or traveling through the neighborhood to act in a safe manner.

f. Social: Randi White & Diana Wheeler – There will be a “Trunk-Or-Treat” in Northwest Park on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6p.m.to the parking lot with your decorated car and open the trunk and candy will be distributed to participants

8. Neighborhood Input (10-Minutes; 8:40 - 8:50 pm) – Janis reminded there is information on paving around 2222 on the water work project and the City is repaving. Jules Caplan wanted to let everyone know about a developer that can change the zoning on a property and build two houses next to Fonda San Miguel. Diana made sure he knows that the Board cannot control this, but he wanted to let us know about the future construction.

Diana called the meeting to a close at 8:55p.m.

Submitted by Julie Peckham  
Secretary