

Allendale Neighborhood Association-Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Board Members Present: Dan Eden, Julie Peckham, Mary Fero, John Tate, Nathalie Frensley, Nicko Burnet, and Janis Reinken

Also present: Carlene Wegmann-Todd, Billy Mullins, Joe Reynolds, Randi White, Donna Beth McCormick, Stephanie Ryan, Caroline Reynolds

Absent: Carlos Salinas, Chris Barnard, Hans Magnusson, and Andrew Kerr

1. **Call to Order** by Dan shortly after 7p.m.

a. Board Roll call/introductions

2. **Minutes** a. Julie Peckham, ANA Secretary: Previous Minutes distributed with any changes noted. Mary made a motion to approve them, and John seconded it. All were in favor and the Minutes stand as written.

3. **Associate Organization Reports**

a. Caroline Reynolds- At the ANC meeting there was a lot of talk about people who buy houses and then rent them. The Guadalupe House and Habitat for Humanity. They are affordable and reasonable rent. She thought it was a good meeting. There was a lot of detail from city staff perspective. Contact Caroline if you want to know more information.

4. **Officer Reports**

a. Treasurer, Nicko Burnett – Reported that there is 32K+ in checking and 8K+ in savings. There will be some of this spent on the parade.

b. Vice President, Dan Eden - Membership - None

5. **Committee & Special Committee Reports**

a. Communications: Kaylee Romantic & Sarah Torchin – no report

Social subcommittee: Randi White & Diana Wheeler- Plans for the 4th of July Parade- Randi has the fire engines lined up plus bagpipers, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, a drumline and constables. McCallum may participate. There may be trophies as prizes for floats. For the carnival there will be laser tag, hamster races, a big bounce house, face painter, and balloon twister. Amy's Ice Creams and Taco Shack will donate food. Possibly Easy Tiger will either donate food or money. There will be a table for Safety Committee. Donna Beth had some other suggestions to have including elected officials. There was a question raised if someone will be taking photographs for the newsletter and website. Randi has received \$1,200 in donations. Randi would like help from Donna Beth with inviting elected officials. Randi has gotten the Facebook page going and she has assistance. Many thanks were expressed to Randi for all she has done to prepare for this.

b. **Parks, Recreation and Greenspace:** Mary Fero – She has been contacting Parks people. The pond is in the worst shape she has seen it and she wants to have a parks committee meeting to discuss it. The pond is covered with growth. Caroline may be able to get a solar powered aerator for the pond. She talked with the woman who oversees the dam restoration project and that is scheduled to begin after the pool is put in. There will be a Northwest Pool meeting for the new aquatic facility held at Northwest Recreation Center on Tuesday, June 28th at 7p.m. In person and on Zoom. The first Movie In The Park was held last Friday. Other parks will have movies later this summer.

Zoning, Planning and Land Use: Nathalie Frensley - We have three major issues on the City Council agenda on consent. She is concerned. We monitor the Council Message Board, which indicates that Council will relax parking requirements and Council is speeding through this. There are four active development cases for rezoning. There is a plan to move Twin Liquor store next to HEB, but it is not planned as a VMU. There is a VMU near Northcross being developed now.

Safety: Carlene Wegmann Todd – Two articles on safety will be included in the next newsletter. One is on safety in the home and the other is on sharing the road especially on Shoal Creek Boulevard. This second article will be shared with Safe Streets Austin, which is now one organization combined from several previous bike and pedestrian organizations. The Safety Committee is also trying to get Block Captains updated and BC's found for streets where there are none. We want to have better communication with Block Captains in the future. Stephanie has been pulling up crime stats for the neighborhood. Most of the crime is along Burnet Road, Anderson Lane, and around North Loop. Be sure to notify police if there is a crime on your property. We hope to participate in the officer Forum meetings in the future.

6. Updates on ASMP- Janis said several Council members have been looking at issues. She proposed that they adopt an ordinance about the right of way and unfortunately, it is not in the current version. There is approved ROW and proposed ROW. Owners may not know of this, and the city can take that ROW if they want. Janis wants the ordinance to be more transparent. The city doesn't want to provide notice to individual owners that they may be impacted. Janis found it is difficult to get specifics. Much discussion followed. Janis will draft something up for the ANA Board to look at before Council takes up this topic. John gave an **update on the Parkview historical house**. There was no Council motion that would support the preservation of this early air-conditioned homes. It was determined that it failed to get the support.

7.VMU and VMU2- VMU is development where the ground floor is commercial while the upper is residential. Joe explained how it came about in 2010; and, in the original version, neighborhoods could Opt-In to allow. There aren't many lots large enough of the west side of Burnet Road for a VMU. The most recent thing happening is 90-foot-tall buildings with the idea that there could be some affordable housing as a part of it. The problem is that it isn't compatible with adjacent residential use. It is on the agenda for the next City Council meeting on June 9 with possible options of building without set back from residences. Joe showed us some City Code ordinances on VMU height and how they can get affordable housing.

8. **Neighborhood input**-none

9. **Unfinished Business** -none

10. **New Business** -Janis gave a shout out to the Gullett librarian who hosted the election. Three classrooms of kids came through and asked great questions.

11. Dan **adjourned the meeting** at 9:10 pm

Next meeting Wednesday, July 6, 7p.m.

Submitted by Julie Peckham, secretary