

Allandale Neighborhood Association Meeting  
July 6, 2022, 7pm on Zoom

**In Attendance:** Hans Magnusson, Julie Peckham, Caroline Reynolds, Mary Fero, Carlene Wegmann-Todd, Nicko Burnett, Stephanie Ryan, Chris Barnard, John Tate, Dan Eden, Glenn Meter, Janis Reinkin, Nathalie Frensley.

1. **Call to Order** by Hans at 7:05

Roll Call/introductions

2. **Minutes**

a. Julie Peckham, ANA Secretary: Previous Minutes distributed with any changes noted. Dan made a motion to approve, and John seconded it. All voting members were in favor. The minutes stand

3. **Associate Organization Reports**

a. Caroline Reynolds – not on yet. Never got a report.

4. **Officer Reports**

a. **Treasurer**, Nicko Burnett- 33K in Checking and \$8,024 in savings. There are some outstanding bills for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, but there are also some donations and dues coming in. Should be about even.

b. **Vice President**, Dan Eden – Membership- Dan did a test to John to see how it looks. There are 40% of members listed who are not up to date paying dues. The system sends out e-mails when the yearly membership comes due. It was suggested we send out an e-mail reminder to these people.

c. **President, Hans Magnusson** – Has been looking into the bounty program and wants the ANA to make a stand. John is working on it. See below #6.

5. **Committee & Special Committee Reports**

a. **Communications:** Kaylee Romantic & Sarah Torchin – They are working on getting the server set up. The website is being worked on. Square Space is being used. Content is being moved and consolidated. Hans thinks it would be useful if emails could be routed to the ANA member in charge of an area. For example, people could add photos from the parade on the site. The only way now is to post to the neighborhood Facebook page. Carlene pointed out that doing something like what Northwest Austin Civic group does would be good. Janis suggested that something more than a QR code for information on an event would be helpful.

i. **Social Committee:** Randi White & Diana Wheeler: not present but all agreed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and carnival were great. It would be good to have restrooms available next year as well as to make announcements before the parade to tell of what is available after.

b. **Parks, Recreation and Greenspace:** Mary Fero – Is working on a meeting with the project manager for the pool replacement and park renovation about cameras installed. She also wants to talk about the pool-pond connection since all the plumbing will change. There is a second survey out for neighbors to respond to what they like about the plans for the pool replacement.

c. **Zoning, Planning and Land Use:** Nathalie Frensley - The June 9<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting was epic and local media referred to it as a “midnight massacre” because of the three major impact zoning and zoning-relevant cases voted on, council members’ the on-the-fly revisions at the dais of those ordinances, and the duration of the meeting until the early hours of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Since the revisions occurred at the dais, with no public chance for review, the city was not able to provide copies of the ordinances the CMs voted by the time of the ANA’s July Board meeting. CMs voted on increasing VMU height, decreasing VMU setbacks, and reducing parking requirements for VMUs (resulting in increased parking on the streets) and additional compatibility standards on major corridors.

Additionally, Council voted to do away with protest rights for zoning, which will likely spark legal action. Upcoming in July is the Planning Commission hearing two proposed zoning ordinance revisions. The first is revising the flood ordinance to permit, among other things, additional building of impervious cover parking lots (up to 5,000 feet) and uninhabited buildings (up to 1,000 feet) on commercial lots in the 100-year floodplains. The second is asking for parkland set asides or fee-in-lieu for commercial development. Janis Reinken talked about ROW issues. The ANA Board presented a proposal to Council on June 6, which Ms. Reinken introduced at the June 9th Council meeting, to amend the ordinance approving the pre-designated ROW in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. The proposal was to add a short statement to confirm previous representations made publicly by COA Council and staff members that the extra pre-designated ROW would not involve a taking of property from owners of SF property on neighborhood streets. The Council did not adopt this language for the final approved ASMP ordinance, and that final ordinance document had not been published as of the date of this ANA Bd meeting. There will likely be another case that the ordinance will not hold up. Mary Fero also gave her insight on why 90-foot height VMUs were agreed to, was to allow low-income people to be on transportation lines but they are only rental.

d. **Safety:** Carlene Wegmann-Todd – There have been break ins at NW Park and nearby. Some people were sleeping in their cars at the park. Northwest Pool staff posted a sign warning of recent auto breakins plus ANA members have been checking the parking lots for anything suspicious.

**6. Urban Transportation Committee Bike Lane Bounty Program-** Hans received a response from the City. On the west side of Shoal Creek there are times people load or unload temporarily in the bike lanes. Laura Deirenfield responded. There was a lot of discussion about it and we concluded that it just causes more bad behavior and is not a good idea. Glen told of a personal problem he had at his home on the west side of Shoal Creek where a cyclist reported a tree trimming truck parked where limbs were cut and falling into the truck bed that was in the bike lane. UTC proposed giving the reporter of an infraction a portion of the fine. Volunteers were requested to write letters against this proposal.

**7. Northwest Park Camping and Thefts-** Mary was at the park when a woman showed her the smashed windows of her car. It has been a problem several other times in the parking lot. Carlene reported on the safety committee's discussion of BOVs. We reached out to Officer Hyatt and to his supervisor as well. The police will send patrols, when possible, to the park. There was an electric sign giving a warning for a while. Now there are some signs posted reminding patrons to lock their car and hide valuables. Posts have been made. There were 10 reported BOVs at the park. Hopefully it will be lower in July. Carlene put together possible next steps. There are plastic signs we can purchase for \$6 each and they could be posted around the neighborhood.

**8. Neighborhood Input-**none

**9. Unfinished Business** – none

**10. New Business** – John noted that at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Carnival we got two new paid members and handed out slips of paper for others with information to pay online. He suggested we should put together notes on what we should do next year at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and carnival to make it easier in the future for whoever organizes it. It was suggested that some traditions come back next year but Randi did a great job.

Mary reminded everyone that some of the BOD is reaching the end of their three-year limit on the Board, so the nominations committee needs to be reinstated

**11. Adjourned** at 8:55 pm by Hans.

Minutes submitted by Julie Peckham, Secretary