

# BCNA VIRTUAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 05, 2020

6:45 PM

APPROVED BY THE BCNA STEERING COMMITTEE ON Nov. 02, 2020

Attendance: Shows those persons who logged-in for the Zoom meeting

Officers	Present (Y/N)	Zone Reps	Present (Y/N)	Non-Officer	Present (Y/N)
Jesse Moore; President	Y	Stephanie Scholten; Brown	Y	Ingrid Weigand; Parks Chr.	y
Kate Francis; VP-Issues	Y	Jeff Seiden Jody Zemel; Yellow	Y Y	Thom Parker; Traffic/Event Chr.	
Paul Strange; VP- External/Zone Chr.	Y	Nick Sargologos; Green		Gary Hyatt; Web & News Dist.	
Mimi Martinez McKay; Comm.Dir		Robert Cantu; Lavender		Andrew Collier Zoom Host	Y
Ronnie Dittmar; Tres.	Y	Sue Mercado Vincent; Orange			
Matt Coldwell Secretary	Y	Scottee Downing; Pink	Y		
		Rebecca R. Harrell Blue	Y		

6:49PM Pres. Moore called the meeting to order with greetings and thanks to all. An officer quorum of 9 on Zoom.

*Old Business:*

Steering Comm. Minutes & GENERAL ASSOCIATION Minutes from August, 2020

**Approved 9/0/0**

6:51 Newsletter Distribution: Sec. M. Coldwell reported that the newsletters have been printed and the pick-up point for newsletter czars had shifted to his house porch for this edition. It was noted that some auditing of newsletter amounts and contacts should be updated given the long pause from printed editions. Coldwell volunteered to follow-up on the matter.

6:55 Discussion concerning BCNA publicly urging and promoting SOCO merchants on the Bouldin Forum:  
Jeff Seiden urged that unless merchants provided a special incentive or discount to Bouldin area residents, we should not promote them for free. Tres. Dittmar mentioned that we had already published a letter from Brandon Hodge, Pres. SOCO Merch Assoc. calling for support and that doing anymore would be excessive. Sec. Coldwell noted that the Bouldin Forum is best used for discussing contemporary topics, events or announcements, not advertising.

President Moore asked J. Seiden to follow-up with SOCO Merchants to see if they wanted to provide a special neighborhood wide discount and perhaps make that news available in our next newsletter.

7:00 Bouldin Forum Migration Update: In absence of M. Martinez-McKay, President Moore mentioned that it looked like all things were in place to make the cut-over to Groups IO. Parks Chair, Ingrid Weigand mentioned that as one of the moderators, it was easy to add and allow new members. VP Francis mentioned that few on the Yahoo list know that the transition is about to happen and that we should provide a notice to those users. President Moore mentioned he could put the changeover on the GENERAL ASSOCIATION meeting agenda and also provide a letter of introduction in lieu of M. Martinez-McKay.

7:07 New Bouldin Forum Guidelines: President Moore asked the Steering Committee if they had any comments or concerns about the new Bouldin Forum guidelines written by Comm. Dir. M. Martinez Mckay. Hearing none, he motioned that the STEERING COMMITTEE approve them. VP Paul Strange 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Approved 9/0/0** (The new guidelines shall be placed on the next GENERAL ASSOCIATION meeting for approval. See Addendum 1.)

7:09 Sector Zone Map Redraw Update: VP. Francis presented the work from the adhoc-Committee consisting of Scholten, Coldwell & herself. An on-screen review of the redraw was met with approval and praise by the STEERING COMMITTEE. The redraw essentially added a new sector, (Aqua) to the north end and realigned other sector boundaries. Two corrections were noted; 1). A corner of the brown zone south of E. Bouldin creek needed to be converted to pink. 2). A portion of the yellow zone around the 1200-1300 block of Sth. 1<sup>st</sup> Street needed to be included.

Motion to approve the new sector zone map as presented with edits was made by President Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>. by M. Coldwell.

**Approved 9/0/0**

7:19 Zoning Comm. update: Zoning Chair, Paul Strange noted that the "Schlotzsky's PUD" had passed first reading at City Council; Tovo, Alter, Kitchen & Pool against. He predicted that the PUD shall be approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> readings. The City Council voted 9-2 on Sept. 17 to rezone old Mercury Hall at 3504 S. First St. (the Galindo NA) to allow for construction of a three-story apartment complex, a five-story complex and a five-story parking garage. Nothing new from Storybuilt developers concerning the Copeland St. properties. They have not submitted any plans for his committee to review.

7:22 Bouldin Name Adhoc Comm. Update: Matt Coldwell recapped the City Council resolution passed on July 29, 2020 that directs the City Manager to report on plans to rename / rebrand City assets that venerate the Confederacy, white supremacy or racism. He noted that Bouldin Ave. and Bouldin creek names had been identified as candidates for renaming by the Equity Office. A City Manager's report is due November 30<sup>th</sup>. 2020. Coldwell reported, the adhoc Committee dove deep into the history of the Bouldin name and found that it is tied to the Jamestown Virginia colony in 1610. That James E. Bouldin Sr. (1797-1876) did own up to 18 slaves in 1860 and that he did give and will over 60 acres of his land to "his servant," Jacob Jackson & Elick Crewes "a colored man," after the Civil War. A four page timeline with reference citations about the Bouldin family name was drafted and sent to the BCNA Steering Comm. for further review.

7:34 Bylaw Amendment: President Moore commented that the only concern that he has heard about the new Anti-Racism/Anti-Discrimination amendment is that it must be taken seriously and not as a short term trend. The second reading of the amendment is on the next GENERAL ASSOCIATION meeting agenda.

7:35 Elections: BCNA elections are scheduled for the December GENERAL ASSOCIATION meeting. President Moore asked Ingrid Weigand to head up the committee provided she did not intend to run for office. She agreed but lamented that she did not want to be a committee of one. Jeff Seiden proposed that she put out a call for committee members on the Bouldin Forum. She will follow up with an email to current officers indicating if they are term limited and/or willing to hold further office.

7:39 Healthy Streets Update: I. Weigand noted that the Healthy Street initiative on Bouldin Ave. and Sth 3<sup>rd</sup>. was going away due to a number of factors. Stephanie Scholten volunteered to research and get back to the group concerning the issue and see if a request from BCNA to continue a form of the Healthy Street was possible.

7:44 GENERAL ASSOCIATION & STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Frequency During COVID: J. Seiden proposed that due to COVID we reduce the number of GENERAL ASSOCIATION meetings to quarterly and the same with STEERING COMMITTEE meetings. It was noted that our bylaws only require quarterly meetings but 10 STEERING COMMITTEE meetings are required. President Moore felt that we could possibly curtail meetings "pro-forma," but that spacing STEERING COMMITTEE meetings far apart makes it difficult to keep track of ongoing issues. The suggestion was tabled since we have an election coming up and that for the rest of the year our meeting schedule is inflexible.

7:53 Parks Comm. Update: Chair Weigand reported that APF would like to lead and coordinate small volunteer groups of 10 in our parks. She suggested invasive "cats claw" vine removal which could be done in a socially distant way. The Neighborhood grant project with Public Works for the west end of Post Oak street has been funded by our share of the cost and is in the development stage of design. She has seen no plans or drawings from the project manager and will follow up if we do not receive something soon.

7:56 Traffic Comm. Thom Parker not in attendance. Jeff Seiden noted that the SOCO parking plan is on hold but that license plate recognition is the likely form of parking validation as opposed to stickers.

7:58 Next GENERAL ASSOCIATION Meeting Messaging: Time to put signs out about our next ZOOM meeting. Jesse will post a message and agenda to the Bouldin Forum soon.

8:02 AIPP Art Survey Blue Sector Rep Rebecca Harrell reminded folks about the "share your story" project for the upcoming South Lamar Corridor art project. She volunteered to provide a brief update with links and contacts for those at the GENERAL ASSOCIATION meeting to pursue.

8:05 President Moore wished all a safe and healthy week and adjourned the meeting of the BCNA Virtual Steering Committee.

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Addendum 1:

#### Bouldin Forum Guidelines

*The Bouldin Forum is designed to encourage constructive discussion of neighborhood issues and express timely observations about events and opportunities among neighbors and residents within the boundaries of Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association.*

To encourage constructive discussion among neighbors, please respect these guidelines:

1. Show respect for your fellow neighbors. Treat them with kindness and understanding, even if you disagree. Write to them as you would speak to them if you were sharing a cup of coffee.
2. List membership is limited to Bouldin Creek Neighborhood residents. Please sign your posts with, at a minimum, your first name and street name, for example: "Margo on Elizabeth Street". You do not need to give your exact address.
3. When expressing opinions, please focus on the issues and refrain from making personal attacks. This includes disparaging anyone personally, name-calling, slurs, or making threats, real or implied. Although this is a lightly-moderated list, posts of this nature will result in an initial warning and serious infractions will result in suspension or removed from the forum.

4. Consider responding to posts OFF-forum by directly messaging the neighbor. If someone replies to you OFF-forum, please do not reply to them ON-forum or forward their private message to the list.
5. Please DO NOT forward anything intended as private, such as a phone number or any confidential information to the forum.
6. If you are offended by a post, carefully consider your options before replying to the forum. Tempting as it may be, please do not violate these guidelines in response to a neighbor who is violating these guidelines. Responding to rude behavior with more rude behavior could get you a warning, suspension or removal from the forum
7. When responding to a long post, please delete most of the original post or posts, retaining only short excerpts to which you are specifically responding and want to quote.
8. Posts representing an announcement or official position of the BCNA will be identified as such and signed by a BCNA officer. Other posts by officers or any other individual do not represent the position of BCNA.
9. Helpful addresses for managing your forum membership:
  - Post: [BCNAForum@groups.io](mailto:BCNAForum@groups.io)
  - Subscribe: [BCNAForum+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:BCNAForum+subscribe@groups.io)
  - Unsubscribe: [BCNAForum+unsubscribe@groups.io](mailto:BCNAForum+unsubscribe@groups.io)
  - Group Owner: [BCNAForum+owner@groups.io](mailto:BCNAForum+owner@groups.io)
  - Help: [BCNAForum+help@groups.io](mailto:BCNAForum+help@groups.io)

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