

BCNA GENERAL ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 09, 2020

OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY BCNA STEERING COMMITTEE, JULY 07, 2020

VENUE:

Zoom Video Conference Hosted by Andrew Collier

Full copy at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ITCX3YiBviV1yYCKpXfnuYLZ4cY4Bdwq/view>

6:52pm President Jesse Moore convened a quorum of the General Association(GA) with over 20 members participating via a ZOOM conference.

6:53pm Discussion of electronic newsletter and upcoming changes to BCNA online forum:

President yielded to Communications Director, Mimi Martinez-McKay for an update concerning the transition of BCNA online discussion forum from Yahoo Groups to GROUPS-IO. It was explained that the Steering Comm. has been using the new platform for about 2 months and found it useful. It was further explained that BCNA needs the “Premium” version of the service in order to have the options we need for digest mode and managing the large number of subscribers. The cost of purchasing the Premium mode is about \$210.00 annually. It was also noted that unlike NEXTDOOR, there shall be no advertising spots inserted into the forum. The Communications Director is working with Ronnie Dittmar to facilitate a smooth transition of the Yahoo list serve members to the new forum platform.

President Jesse Moore announced that the BCNA Newsletter shall broaden its distribution through digital publishing during the COVID-19 crisis and he asked for feedback from GA members about continuing the printed publication of the Bouldin Bulletin.

6:58pm 2020 BCNA budget discussion and vote:

President Jesse Moore explained that the Steering Comm. approved on June 01, a fiscal year budget and spending authorizations for 2020. He yielded to Ronnie Dittmar, Treasurer, for an overview of the proposed budget. *See budget summary at the end of these minutes.* After reviewing the line item budget, Ingrid Weigand motioned to approve and Paul Strange 2nd. President Moore requested a voice vote of all BCNA registered voting members.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED APPROVED.

NO VOICE IN OPPOSITION OR ABSTENTION.

7:11PM 1612 Newton St zoning variance review:

President Moore announced that the SC voted “no-opposition” to a zoning variance request at 1612 Newton St. on May 11, 2020. He yielded the floor to Zoning Comm. Chair, Paul Strange, for further explanation. Paul reported that the variance request was for a new residence on a lot size of 3,800sqft. And the design is compatible with current and historical land uses in the neighborhood. The Board of Adjustment approved the variance in May with the proviso that the applicant not vary from the site plan with a .23 FAR.

President Moore indicated that lot size is important but that a new small house on a small lot is typical of Bouldin. In accordance with the by-laws, he requested a voice vote of the GA to approve the Steering Committee’s decision.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STEERING COMMITTEE’S APPROVAL OF THE 1612 NEWTON ST ZONING WAS APPROVED.

NO VOICE IN OPPOSITION OR ABSTENTION.

7:17pm Update on South Congress parking study.

President Moore provided an update noting that the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) has been contracted by the City to prepare a comprehensive set of recommendations. The consultant is still gathering data and input, but they have offered several concept solutions. Although further data and citizen input gathering has been hampered by COVID-19 there are very informative documents available to the general public at the DAA website:

<https://downtownaustin.com/what-we-do/socoparking/>

On the whole, the study aims to unify parking standards along and near South Congress Ave. by standardizing RPP regulations and creating a neighborhood parking district. Expect to see the study coalesce further based upon many of the initial proposals and observations illustrated in the online documents.

7:21 **Ongoing land development code(LDC) rewrites:**

President Moore provided a brief background of the process to date. He noted that the most recent version of the rewrite did not treat all portions of the city fairly or equally. Although the City is appealing the most recent court ruling requiring a super-majority of council members to pass a new LDC, he did not expect any significant movement of the rewrite or appeal rulings until after the next city council member election.

7:31pm **Healthy Streets Initiative:**

President Moore expressed pleasure with the City initiative but added that it was a short 4-month program that offered only temporary relief to the Bouldin Neighborhood which he mentioned has been plagued for decades with insufficient sidewalks, crowded streets and fast moving cars. It was noted from Communication Director, Mimi Martinez-McKay that the City wants feedback from residents about this temporary program at:

<http://austintexas.gov/HealthyStreets>

7:34pm **Forum on Covid responses and issues:**

President Moore yielded to Communication Director, Mimi Martinez-McKay to explain the outcome of the last BCNA online discussion about outreach during these times of COVID-19. Several suggestions were mentioned including a Healthy Street Event, an organized parade and a dedicated time to go outside and say hello to neighbors.

Vice President of Neighborhood Issues. Kate Francis volunteered to craft and send out an email to the neighborhood list with a proposal for an organized, yet socially distant street walk.

7:44 **Open floor Announcements**

Gary Hyatt mentioned the start and details **West Mary Street Storm Drain Relief System.**

This project includes installing a storm drain pipe and upgrading two inlets on Mary Street between Newton Street and East Bouldin Creek.

Ingrid Weigand requested that we have introductions of “new-comers” at the next Zoom Meeting.

7:46 President Moore Adjourned the Zoom GA Meeting

2020 BCNA Budget

<u>BCNA GA Operating Income</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Dues Income	\$500	
Newsletter Advertising Revenue	\$2,800	4 issues @ 700 (Skip 2 printed issues - COVID)
	\$3,300	\$-
<u>BCNA GA Operating Expenses</u>		
Newsletter Printing	\$2,560	4 Issues @ \$640 ea.
Meeting Signage	\$150	Replacement signs for GA Meeting Notice
PO Box Fee	\$106	Annual Fee - PO Box 3683
High Road Meeting Facility Donation	\$1,000	30+ Meetings annually at HR
Third Party Web / Internet Services	\$300	Domains (BCNA.org) & possible Cloud Backup of BCNA Files & Documents

BCNA-GA Sponsored Neighborhood Events	\$500		1 per Qtr @ \$250 ea. (Food & Materials) (none for Q1 & Q2)
Equipment / Supplies for Meetings	\$450		Banner / Election Items / Misc.
Austin Neighborhoods Council Dues	\$50		Annual Dues
D&O Insurance Policy Premium	\$1,100		Directors & Officers Insurance NFP - Policy
	\$6,216	\$-	Total 2019 Annual Expenditure

Net 2020 Operating Budget result **\$(2,916)** \$-

2019 EOY Operating Acct Balance \$31,520
2020 EOY Balance (Projected) **\$28,604** \$-

BCNA Parks Income

ACL Donation / Ticket Sales No ACL Fest in 2020
Interest Earned

BCNA Parks Expenses

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Parks Cleanup Materials/Tools	\$250	\$-	Misc.
Parks Maintenance - Fencing/Signage	\$1,000	\$-	Improve / Repair Fencing & New Signage
Parks Maintenance - Materials	\$1,000	\$-	Mulch / Stone / Etc.
Parks Neighborhood Events	\$500	\$-	Park Opening / Welcome Events # TBD
	\$2,750	\$-	Total 2019 Annual Expenditure
Net 2019 BCNA Parks Budget Position	\$(2,750)	\$-	
2019 EOY Parks Acct Balance	\$37,441		
2020 EOY Balance (Projected)	\$34,691	\$-	(~12 years of expenditure at current annual budget level)
Total Prior Year Cash & Receivables	\$68,961		
TOTAL EOY CASH & Receivables (Projected) (Operating + Parks)	\$63,295	\$-	

Austin Parks Foundation

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Account Balance (est.) 1/1/2020	\$20,000	\$21,962	Balance 07/06/2020 held by Austin Parks Foundation for BCNA
Proposed Expenditure - 2020	\$5,000	\$5,000	Matching Funds - Post Oak Project