

BCNA GENERAL ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2020 6:45PM

OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY BCNA STEERING COMMITTEE Nov. 02, 2020

VENUE: Zoom Video Conference

6:50 President Jesse Moore thanked everyone for joining the virtual meeting and convened a quorum of the General Association(GA) with 20 members participating via ZOOM.

6:55 **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- President Jesse Moore announced that his 3rd, term as President of the BCNA expires in two months.
- BCNA donated in August, 2020 10% of the General fund to *Home Opportunities for Musicians* and *Austin Creative Alliance* and 10% of the Parks Fund to *The Other Ones Foundation*. The BCNA donations were matched with anonymous donations from neighbors totaling \$2,500.
- City approval and implementation of the SOCO Parking study is currently on hold mainly due to City resources being strained during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Schlotzsky's PUD near S. Lamar & Riverside has passed 2nd. Reading by City Council. President Moore reminded the membership that we opposed the PUD zoning in a letter to Council because it had no affordable housing, was only commercial in nature and was opposed by Zilker N.A.
- News: VP Kate Francis is coordinating a neighborhood wide pumpkin carving contest with gift card prizes to the winners. October 30th is the deadline for entries to be submitted to her. She will post info. To both on-line forums soon.
- Bond Elections, Jesse Moore indicated that he received numerous contacts from proponents & opponents for the upcoming bond & transportation elections. Due to the time involved and our heavy agenda he side stepped placing discussions of the initiatives on this evening's agenda. But he did recommend that we all do our best to research the issues and VOTE.

6:57 **Discussion of Art-In-Public Places (AIPP) online survey:**

President Moore recognized Ingrid Weigand to explain and clarify the details of the project. The South Lamar Corridor Improvement Project has an art component managed by the City. The AIPP has created a website where residents who have lived along the corridor can record stories and narratives. Those stories will be used to help inform the selected artists of what they can interpret in their art along the boulevard. The website address is in the October/November newsletter.

7:00 **Discussion of 2021 meeting schedule:**

President Moore indicated that due to on-going COVID concerns and a general slow down of City activities the BCNA may shift from 6 to 4 General Associations meetings annually. This is allowed in the by-laws he said. The exact dates have not been determined and will probably be left up to the next President to assign. President Moore asked if any of the attending members had an opposition to the reduction in frequency. He indicated that he heard none.

7:03 **BCNA Elections in December, 2020:**

President Moore announced that he, VP Paul Strange & Brown Sector Rep. Stephanie Scholten were term limited and would have to step down from their position or run for a different position. President Moore asked and appointed Ingrid Weigand(chair) and Paul Strange to the BCNA voting committee in order to coordinate the elections in December.

7:08 **Bouldin Name Historical Adhoc.Committee Update:**

President Moore provided information about the work the committee produced. The Adhoc Committee (J. Moore, M. Coldwell & J. Zemel) was created in response to the City Council resolution of July 29, 2020 that seeks to remove

names on City assets of individuals associated with the Confederacy, slave owners or those who venerate white supremacy.

7:12 Second Reading and Vote of the by-law amendments:

President Moore read aloud the amendments to the BCNA bylaws. After reading he commented that these anti-racism, anti-discrimination amendments to the by-laws need to be done cautiously and with the thought in mind that this is not lip service or white washing of the bylaws.

Tres. R. Dittmar motioned for a vote from the GA to approve and make binding the amendments as read. Ingrid Weigand 2nd. President Moore called for a count of hands or voices of registered voting members.

Vote: motion to approve the amendment to the by-laws passed 17/0/1

7:17 Discussion of changes to Bouldin Forum & Guidelines:

President Moore presented an update to the progress of shifting and migrating to a new online discussion venue, Groups IO. With the imminent demise of Yahoo Groups, by Dec. 15, 2020 BCNA must implement the new platform soon. Comms. Dir. Mimi Martinez-McKay has drafted and the Steering Comm. has approved a revised set of guidelines for BCNA users. The text was presented to the membership.

Matt Coldwell proposed Motion: That the BCNA upgrade the current prototype Groups IO to accommodate the full migration of current BCNA Yahoo list users and adopting the revised Guidelines. That the BCNA shall pay to own the subscription to the new forum and that it shall be called "BCNA FORUM." VP K. Francis 2nd.

Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

7:27 Sector Map Redraw Discussion:

President Moore yielded to VP Kate Francis who explained that the neighborhood has changed with added residences in areas where only commercial existed. She presented on the screen a new map produced by her in consultation with other BCNA members, Stephanie Scholton & M. Coldwell. In addition to shifting a few boundaries of existing sectors, the new map showed a new sector, "AQUA."

Motion to Adopt the new map by Tres. Dittmar, 2nd by Robert Cantu.

Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

7:35 The End of Healthy Streets Discussion:

President Moore reported that the Healthy Street program currently in place on Bouldin Ave. is slated for removal soon. Stephanie Scholten reported that the new replacement program, "Safe Streets" does not include Bouldin for a variety of reasons. Ingrid Weigand recommended that we request a continuance of some sort of safe / slow street situation on Bouldin Ave. The benefit of walking and riding on a street where cars must go slow is too valuable to lose.

President Moore drafted the following resolution to be sent ASAP to City Council, Mayor and other City Heads:

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association wishes to see the current Healthy Street program continue along Bouldin Ave & South 3rd Streets. And that we encourage the City to work towards a more permanent solution of safe and slow streets along this route with the involvement of the neighborhood.

Resolution passed by voice vote unanimously.

7:44 Other Items: Have a Happy & Safe Halloween

7:45—Adjourn