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North Hills Community Association August 20, 2018 Board Meeting

Present

Steve Hanson, Chair
Elizabeth Stage, Vice Chair
Carolyn Burgess, VC, Public Safety Chair
Chris Johnson, Communications Committee
Edgar Antonio, Garden Committee
Julie Nachtwey

Excused

Susan Piper, Secretary

Absent

Dave McGuinness, Treasurer
Ken Cohen

Guests

Gordon Piper,
Eagle Scouts Seamus Meagher and Alex Hilton, and one of their Scout sponsors

Development of a "Welcome card" to hand out to new neighbors (and existing neighbors)
Julie shared her current draft, her questions were answered, other suggestions were made, and she will give the information to a designer, and then circulate a final draft.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting were approved (as amended with the correct meeting date) and Steve will post on the website.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report because the treasurer was absent.

Communications Committee

- Existing mission statement

“The mission and purpose of the NHCA is to develop and sustain a community that is safe, beautiful and a welcoming place in which to live. The NHCA seeks to keep residents informed, and it promotes community involvement in local issues.”

Discussion of revisions, based on the June retreat, is still underway, with Ken in the lead.

Chris pointed out that adding advocacy to the mission needs to be done carefully.

- Website updates

The board endorsed Chris’s idea of soliciting local talent to modify the website; he will use NHCA Announcements to request nominations.

Garden Committee

- Proposal (emailed by Edgar to the board 8/16) to extend the boundary of the Gateway Garden (across the street from the existing garden, already has a water pipe) so that it creates a firebreak for Hiller Highlands (the Garden Committee has been clearing and cutting the grass and weeds because the City hasn’t been doing it even though it’s City property) and an ability to generate more succulents for other areas (that’s the “resource” part of the proposal).
- We are doing this project in conjunction with the Eagle Scouts from Troop 1 of the Piedmont Council; they are doing it because it directly benefits the community and can educate people about fire safety. Ideas about further educational activities and ongoing collaboration with the Scouts were discussed.
- We thanked the Scouts and continued the discussion with more technical and financial questions. We voted to approve the submission of the proposal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on August 22, 2018 so that it can appear on their November agenda.
- Edgar also talked through the current planting plan that he included in his 8/16 email.

Public Safety Committee

- PG&E July 25th meeting, Chris still working on the video and Sue is compiling notes with contributions from others who were present; both will be posted on the website when edited.
- Steve is drafting on a position paper for board consideration concerning PG&E’s power shut down plan and he will circulate after another draft or two.
- Next Public Safety meeting is August 23rd, disaster preparedness is the topic and the presenter is Dena Gunning from **Emergency Management Services**
- Vegetation Management Draft Plan, City Council’s Public Safety Committee declined approval, OFD Chief White agreed to work with the contractor to address Council’s (and our) concerns, and Council voted to spend \$1.5 million for this purpose. Sue is following up with the City Administrator to see if she has put that expenditure and process in motion.

Candidate Forum for Mayor

Steve will check in with Chris about collaboration with the League of Women Voters, etc.

Note, for the September meeting agenda, there are carryover items:

- Additional signers on bank accounts – Status
- Requested signage for Grizzly Peak and Gateway Monument area
- Fourth Bore Mitigations
- Parking in the Hills new information
- Recruitment of additional Board Members