**NACA MONTHLY MEETING**

Thursday October 19, 2017

North Austin Community Recreation Center

1000 West Rundberg Lane

**Introductions:**

Randy Teich called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

**General Announcements**

The September meeting minutes were distributed and approved.

Treasury Report: Brian LaCour stated that as of the end of September, NACA currently has $10,732.27 in the Beautification Funds and $1,208.54 in the General Funds. We currently have 161 members compared to 176 that we had last year at this time.

**Topic: Solar in your Home; Alex Seyer, Freedom Solar Power**

Freedom Solar Power started 11 years ago. They have installed systems at JJ Pickle Research Center, Westlake Medical and Whole Foods. They also do residential projects. They have done 65% of the Austin residential homes.

There are two to three incentives available for homeowners: Austin Energy Rebate; Federal Rebate of 30% which covers tax liability. If your liability does not cover the cost it rolls over from year to year.

There is also a manufacturer rebate available with some companies.

The average solar system size is 6.5 kilowatts. There is financing available with no upfront payment. Once the loan is paid off, you will start putting money back in pocket. Solar systems will increase property value without increasing property taxes.

Solar panels are very durable and can withstand hailstorms. In the event there is roof damage, they will reset the solar system at a cost.

**Topic: HoLA Project; Ricardo A Garay**

HoLA stands for household level assessment. The goal is to hire people from the community to go door to door for health assessments. The focus is to pinpoint households that are not accessing healthcare resources. They want to identify the root sources that are contributing to not seeking healthcare. They are holding outreach sessions in the area during the next month.

There were concerns expressed about doing outreach and focus groups in other languages than English and Spanish; also concerns about likelihood for residents to open the door which will limit feedback. House parties were also mentioned as a way to perform health assessments with people who could translate.

**Topic: CodeNEXT Update; Caro Dubois**

NACA asked for mixed use along Lamar, Metric and 183 which was granted. The comment period for Version 2 closes end of October. 15 questions were proposed by NACA to CodeNEXT but not all were answered clearly. They stated they needed more time and may extend the Oct 31st deadline. Go to their website to review the current version and submit questions.

**AISD Bond Endorsement;**

A motion was made for NACA to approve Proposition A resolution, which is a 1.5 billion bond. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. AISD still controls the tax rate. The eastside AISD campuses will receive 30% of the funding. NACA can approve endorsements but not political candidates.

**Other Announcements**

Jesse Rodriguez introduced himself as a new APD officer. Jesse and APD officer James Coons, who has mental health crisis intervention training, works in Edwards Sector 3. They are currently on night beat from 8:30pm to 6:30pm. Jesse has concerns with the violent crimes and the homeless population. They have focused on the issues at Heron Hollow and surrounding area and have engaged the homeless.

They said there is an abatement program for cars parking on the lawns.

John announced that Cross Creek Apartments has been sold. He stated that the code violations and pressure from City of Austin fines expedited the sale.

Celeste Fanos is now going to be the editor of the NACA newsletter.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm**