**NACA MONTHLY MEETING**

Thursday May 16, 2019

North Austin Community Recreation Center

1000 West Rundberg Lane

**Introductions:**

Melinda Schiera called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**General Announcements**

The April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

At the end of April there are $10,785.42 in the Beautification Fund which includes the funds from the investment account; $1,495.43 in the General Fund.

Ken Zarifis with Education Austin advocated an increase in pay for AISD employees. There are two charter schools that are potentially locating in this area which could equate to further loss of AISD student attendance. He asked for two volunteers from NACA to represent the neighborhood in AISD sessions.

**Membership Recruitment Drive Update:** We made significant gains in membership. We spent $1548.80 on this year's membership drive. Most of that was color printing of the flyers. Over the months of March and April we received $1675.78 in revenue for a profit of $126.98. As of the end of April 2019 we had 146 members. The recommendation for the next membership drive is to go back to black and white flyers.

**Burglary Prevention: John Gabrielson, Austin Police Department**

Love It/Lock it campaign focuses on property crime. In the fourth quarter of last year in Northwest Austin there were over 1500 burglaries. He read every report and every incident had a front or garage door open or an object in plain sight. Three parts of the crime are identified: desire, ability and opportunity. The only element that we can control is the opportunity. For vehicle and home burglary; lock the car doors; don’t leave items in plain sight including shopping bags. Trees should be cut up to seven feet. Cut shrubs down to three feet so they are not blocking windows. Make sure your house numbers are visible. Do not leave garage doors open. Don’t leave TV boxes on the curb. Good lighting is crime prevention through environmental design. John can be reached at 512 974 5963

**District 4 Update: District 4 Council Person, Greg Casar**

A priority is investing in affordable housing through bond funds to provide wrap around services so people transition out of homelessness permanently. One resident stated that absentee landlords have been charging tenants for items that are not on the lease.

He stated after a comprehensive library review, that Little Walnut Creek library was at the top of the list for needing improvements.

Quail Creek Park: the flood remediation project must be completed first before the new park overlay project can be started.

MLS soccer stadium: City Code requires the MLS soccer stadium must have equal to better post than pre-construction drainage. Less parking spots will require less drainage control.

Increase infrastructure along North Lamar; most of the sidewalk gaps have been created or replaced. Remaining sidewalks that need to be built have drainage issues. Drainage must be created underground before sidewalks can be built on top.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm**