

SHNA Meeting Minutes
July 2014

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Special guests:

Moses Rodriguez, officer with City of Austin Code Enforcement, introduced the new enforcement officer for our area: Linnda-Jo Mireider (512-974-9246).

Mr. Rodriguez encouraged our residents to call if they have any questions.

Agenda Item #1

Bylaws Update – Discussion by members

1. Discussion ensued on the “membership” and “voting” sections of the updated bylaws draft.

- Members of the SHNA Bylaws Committee pointed out that of the 20 main downtown Austin neighborhood associations, 18 have bylaws allowing only residents to vote. The other two are in East Austin.
- Several members voiced their desire to allow non-residents to vote at SHNA. Debate ensued.
- Absentee ballots and proxy voting were discussed. An exception to allow for absentee ballots for those who are “housebound” by disability was suggested.
- “Straw polls” were taken regarding several issues related to membership and voting: non-residents, commercial property owners, STR 2 permit holders, etc.

2. Discussion ensued on the “dues” portion of the updated bylaws draft.

No vote was taken on the updated bylaws draft.

It was noted that the August SHNA meeting will afford an additional opportunity to discuss the bylaws draft.

Kirsten Siegfried suggested that we vote on the updated bylaws draft in September and postpone SHNA Board of Directors election until October to have the new Board of Directors come in under the new bylaws. No objections were raised.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.