SRCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to order/President's report

Presenter/chair of meeting: Mary Fealkoff
Mary called the meeting called to order at 7pm; Ruth Casarez volunteered to serve as secretary.

2. Approve General Membership Meeting Minutes for previous general meeting

It was noted the August 18th minutes had not been posted on SRCC website. No minutes for the Aug. 18th meeting exist, as we don't have a secretary and are relying on volunteers. No vote will occur in the future.

3. Membership Report

Presenter: Mary Janecek-Friedman, SRCC Membership

Mary reported that SRCC's membership had increased by 41 since the same time last year. This is a positive development, and she urged folks to continue to invite neighborhood residents to join SRCC. We're still looking for a permanent secretary to take minutes at meetings, so please consider volunteering for that position.

4.Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Will Andrews reported that income had been received during the month and when expenses were paid, there was a net positive balance in the bank. He also reported SRCC's account includes several specific amounts for dedicated purposes. If a member has further questions about the budget, he/she should contact Will at treasurer@srccatx.org.

5.Candidate Forum Update and Call for Volunteers

Presenter**:** Betty Weed reported that the candidate forum is set for Wed, Sept 30 at 7 pm at Wildflower Church, located at Oltorf & I-35. Ten candidates have confirmed and volunteers are needed at 6 pm to set up and clean up. The forum is being sponsored by SRCC, Bouldin, EROC and several other neighborhood organizations. It will also be available via ZOOM.

6. Roots & Wings Update and Call for Volunteers

Presenter: Mary Fealkoff reported the festival is set for Saturday, Oct 17 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Little Stacy Park. She indicated Ken, Carly, Amy and Kim have been working hard to planning activities for the festival. She stated Ken was able to get a $1500 grant and so far, they have not exceeded the budget. Among the activities being planned are scavenger hunts, nature bingo, face-painting, and tree-related giveaways. The group expressed concerns about heat, and suggestions about providing water were proposed. Volunteers are still needed so pls contact any of the above to help out.

7. Bylaws Revision Presentation

Presenter: Gretchen Otto, chair of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, presented proposed changes to the organization's bylaws, explaining that the last update was in 2017, and many processes have changed since then. The committee, consisting of Gretchen, Carol Martin, Dan Fredine, and Jo Weber, is working on both updating the bylaws and creating a new policies and procedures manual to provide more detailed processes. Key changes discussed included reordering articles in the bylaws, allowing virtual and hybrid meetings, updating procedures for electronic voting, giving more flexibility in scheduling the annual meeting, and adding a nominating committee as a

standing committee. The proposed changes will be voted on at the November general meeting as an up or down vote, with no opportunity for adjustments during that meeting.

Discussion followed on the bylaws updates & changes, with Gretchen explaining that area coordinators have been part of the Executive Committee for as long as she's been involved with SRCC. Betty W raised concerns about last-minute meeting time changes, which Gretchen addressed by suggesting this should be addressed as a best practice in the policies and procedures manual rather than in the bylaws. Ruth suggested adding a requirement for 10 days' notice before removing an officer from the Executive Committee, which Gretchen agreed to discuss with the committee. A redlined version reflecting the proposed changes will be included in SRCC's website for review by the membership.

8. Modifications to Little Stacy Park

Presenter: Glenn Hartop, in Adam Lancaster's absence, presented via PowerPoint a proposal for improvements to Little Stacy Park's basketball court, including resurfacing, fencing, lighting, benches, and water fountains. He emphasized the improvements would maintain the court as a mixed-use, half-court space accessible to people of all ages and skill levels, without requiring any financial investment from attendees. The proposed changes aim to address current issues like loose balls, unsafe surfaces, and lack of lighting, while maintaining the recreational nature of the space. The PowerPoint may be accessed at https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Little_Stacy_Park_SRCC-091526.pdf.

Neighborhood Recreational Space Proposals (Big Stacy)

Glenn also presented proposals to improve recreational spaces in the neighborhood, including upgrading outdoor gym equipment, adding water fountains, and creating barriers around the kickball field to accommodate dog owners of leashed and off-leash dogs. Betty W emphasized that each proposal would need to be submitted separately and clearly defined, as community opinions vary significantly on topics like dog parks in ball fields. Russell F suggested preserving the current soccer field area near the elementary school and proposed expanding gym equipment south of the existing setup. Carly offered to connect Glenn with a group of parents from Travis Heights Elementary who have experience working with the City of Austin on park improvements.

As Glenn had presented proposals for improving Big & Little Stacy Park, members at the meeting suggested he break the proposals down into smaller, more manageable projects to allow for better community input and voting on specific items. Wendy T advised on maintaining existing water fountains and building relationships with city maintenance staff, while Melissa B offered to help process community assistance forms. Members agreed that Glenn and Adam should restructure the presentation to allow for more focused discussions and decisions on individual proposals.

9.Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

a) **P&Z—no report**; **b) Historic Preservation**: Barbara Cilly reported that the committee continues to work to protect 1109 Travis Hts property from demolition; several members are working with the city's landmark commission to make the case for preserving the property. However, there are 2 other properties, 2009 Travis Hts and one on Monroe that are set to be demolished; **c) Finance**—no report; **d) Mobility**—Mark reported that PTMD is providing $2500 to the Safe Routes to School project for enhanced sidewalk improvements on Alameda between Riverside and Live Oak. The city has struggled with scheduling the PTMD funded requests but implemented new guidelines for the new fiscal year. The group discussed concerns about autonomous vehicle traffic, noting that while Waymo vehicles appear to have decreased, other autonomous vehicle brands have increased in the neighborhood. Mark shared financial data showing strong revenue from parking spaces, including $457 per month per space along S Congress near the deaf school and $12,000 monthly revenue from Academy spaces, the highest revenue spaces would be eliminated under Project Connect's original plan. The discussion concluded with concerns about Project Connect's funding status, with Mark noting that the federal transportation dept has approved ZERO projects in the past two years, casting doubt on the published timeline for construction; **e) Public Safety**—Tom reported significant improvement in Little Stacy Park's condition over the past year and noted ongoing neighborhood watch activities; however, he was unaware of concerns about overnight camping in the pavilion in Little Stacy Park; **f) Parks & Environment**—David indicated My Park

Days will be Oct 3 and Nov 7, 2026, with plans to work with Elizabeth Warren on creek cleanup. Wendy Todd added that a CAP proposal for a protective berm at Blunn Creek Nature Preserve is in the works that will run upstream of Stacy Park, along the Blunn Creek segment that is adjacent to St. Eds campus, with Jeff providing engineering expertise;
g) Schools---Carly reported Travis Hts Elementary is having its Fall Festival on October 24; she asks for donations for the event, such as toys, stuffed animals, etc. to be used as prizes. Stephanie D indicated a Halloween Parade is planned on 10/31 at 5:30 at Little Stacy Park;
h) Communications—Betty indicated the folks from Zilker Neighborhood would work the video portion of the candidate forum. Ruth stated that articles for the fall newsletter were due Sept 10, and that she hopes to get the printed newsletters on or about Oct 9, 2026. She will notify area coordinators as soon as the copies are ready for pick up.

Barbara Cilly proposed a legislative agenda focusing on Waymo vehicle charging limits, mental health beds, and release policies for state facilities, and requested discussion of such proposed agenda at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Q-4 2026 Meetings (Zoom unless otherwise noted):
The next **Executive Committee** meeting is **October 6, 2026**
The next **General Membership** meeting is **October 20, 2026**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Casarez, ad hoc secretary