

Norhill Neighborhood Association (NNA)

General Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2026

Bret Baccus, NNA President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with a “Pledge of Allegiance”, recited by persons attending the meeting. He then introduced officials or their representatives visiting the meeting to deliver pertinent announcements:

- Colin Gray, Metro: Metro has improved its “METRO ON DEMAND” app to include the Community Connector Service **RideMETRO.org/CommunityConnector**.
- Thomas Wheaton for Dist. H City Council Member Mario Castillo:
 - All Norhill residents are urged to attend **Norhill Design Guidelines community meeting on 09.03.2026**, here at the Proctor Plaza Community Center, 6-7 pm.
 - Trash collection for Labor Day Monday will occur one day later.
 - Illegal Dumping control is a priority for the Castillo’s office. Dist. H residents are urged to contact his office to report all illegal dumping. TIRES NOT INCLUDED.
 - Health Screening & Prevention event planned for 09/12/2026, Melrose Community Center.
 - These & other announcements to be found in Dist. H newsletter; next on 10/06/2026
- State Representative Christina Morales (House District 145): Pledged to take district concerns to the legislature, particularly any impacting the economy of small businesses. Invited members to sign up for newsletter and to communicate with her office, esp. through her assistant, Marina Guerra who comes regularly to NNA meetings. Morales noted that she is a financial sponsor of NNA Home Tour.

Introduction of New Members or First Time Meeting Participants

Bret Baccus recognized individuals who identified themselves. They were encouraged to leave their contact numbers on the sign-in sheet at the front table.

Minutes of the NNA July 28 Meeting were reviewed by NNA secretary Mary Schultz

Jon Albrecht, NNA Treasurer gave the current financial report:

- July opening: \$26,098.70; July closing: \$28,958.62 Increase due primarily to Home Tour sponsorships.
- Application for City Council Matching Grant of \$5000: will be made by the NNA Board, to help fund a civic project chosen by membership. Albrecht has posted on all NNA communications, a survey for residents to complete, indicating a project they would like to see the money used to finance in Norhill.
- Previous projects funded this way were mentioned.
- Albrecht fielded questions related to how NNA uses its funds. He and other long-time members present repeated information on the projects and explained the need that occasionally arises to defend the community regulations of Norhill as a designated historic district. Other funding uses include (among others) Yard of the Month awards, Members’ annual dinner, October festival at Proctor Plaza Park.

Other Announcements

- **Yard of the Month** was awarded to 710 Melwood; Owner was not present.
- **September 1st Friday Happy Hour** will be 09/04/2026, at 4601 Pine Ridge, 6:30 – 8 pm
Home of Yvonamor Palix
- **A Nominating Committee** to recruit nominees for Norhill Assn Board of Directors for 2027 has been formed, including long-time and short-term, Board and non-Board members.
Attendees at tonight’s meeting were urged to consider serving a term on the Board or to encourage friends in Norhill to do so.

Business Meeting was adjourned and Bret Baccus introduced tonight’s presentation:

“White Oak Bayou Association: What it Does and Why It Matters” with Fred Lidner