Norhill Neighborhood Association (NNA)
General Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2026

Bret Baccus, NNA President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with a "Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. He then called for elected officials or their representatives to address the meeting.

Wendy Novoa, representing City Council Member, Mario Castillo Drew attention to the following:

- Solid Waste Management is launching a new Customer Service Line, intended only for follow-up on an **existing 311 service request**: **832-394-1653** Residents should contact Castillo's office if no response from Department.
- District H now has a dedicated 2-person Hot Spot Team for illegal dumping. Residents should have already opened a 311 complaint and obtained a case number before contacting the Council Member's office for follow-up.
- Other events announced were: 1) Neighbors Night Out, Tues., Oct. 6th; 2) Major Tree Planting 10/24 at Dodsen Lake Park in the Eastex-Jensen area. Free trees and rain barrels will be distributed to the community. 3) A baby formula drive is in progress for another week.

Introduction of Norhill Neighborhood Association (NNA) Board

President asked all Board members present to stand and introduce themselves"

- Larua Diez: Social Activities (She announced Neighbors' Night Out coming Oct. 6th)
- John Santorelli: VP Deed Restrictions - summarized status of Historic Design Guidelines which are still in City Committee resolving clarity in language used. To be resolved at public meeting 10/08/2026
- Duanne Bradley, At-large #1
- Mary Schultz: Secretary
- Jorgan Jorgansen: Crime Watch
- Abigail Koester: VP Membership
- Viula Torgerson: Communications
- Letha Allen: Programs (meeting speakers)
- Forrest McFarlin: At-large #2
- Jon Albrecht, Treasurer

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Bret Baccus called for and received a motion to approve the minutes which had been posted for all interested persons to read and comment upon. The motion was made and approved

2026 Norhill Bungalow and Garden Tour Report

Mary Schultz noted that preparations are nearing conclusion for the event on Oct. 17 AND 18, except for A continuing need for volunteer docents at each featured property. A white board with dates and locations of docent openings was posted at front of the meeting room for sign-ups. All present were referred to the NNA Website for all details and links to sign-ups for the home tour.
https://www.norhill.org/2026-norhill-bungalow-and-garden-tour/

Report on Historic Design Guidelines

Jon Albrecht stated that the Houston Office of Preservation promised to distribute by the time of the October Houston Archeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting, the "draft final copy" of the "red line revisions" that have been under consideration since June 2026.

Treasurer's Report by Jon Albrecht, Treasurer

Beginning Balance (July31st)		$28,958.62
	Income	5,413.45 (from Home Tour Support and from Membership)
	Expenses:	25 (Yard of the Month)
Ending Balance (aug.31st)	I:	$34,347.07

Matching Grant Project Proposal Survey
Jon Albrecht reported that the survey sent to all members to gauge support for possible community improvement possibilities, for NNA funds showed that two of the listed proposals drew votes higher than any others. These two were nearly equal: 1) Plant more trees; 2) install blue tile street names. The survey was a phase of NNA's application for a City Council matching grant. The Intent to apply was required to be filed by Aug. 31st and was done without choosing which project would be (at least partially) funded by the grant, if obtained.
The survey is currently on the norhill.org website and on NNA's social media. It closes on Oct. 5th.

September Yard of the Month
John & Harriet Mai, 1108 E. 16th. John Mai, present at the meeting, stood to express gratitude.

Neighborhood Night Out (NNO)
Ken and Kim Martinez are coordinating communications and some equipment for this year's NNO. Kim described what can be expected on October 6th, 630 – 8:30 pm, and encouraged everyone present to come, bring snacks, meet neighbors on the north Norhill Esplanade at this time.

Proctor Plaza Fall Festival
Pam Foote, current director for Proctor Plaza and Love Park was introduced, and her tireless efforts to round up financial support, volunteers and a program for this event each year. It is a safe and enjoyable event that serves many diverse families throughout our area on October 31st. Joh Albrecht stated that NNA routinely provides money to support this. Motions were made and approved to increase the NNA donation form $250 to $1000 for this year. The event runs from 4:30 to 7:00 pm and volunteers are needed.

NNA Election Slate and Nomineees
Slate Nominating Committee: Viula Torgerson, Lawrence Febo, Forrest McFarlin, Laura Diez, and Rebecca Duckworth.
Slate of Nominated Officers:

President: Andrew Tharp;	VP Membership: Letha Allen
VP Deed Restrictions: Abigail Koester	Treasurer: Forrest McFarlin
Secretary: Laura Diez	Crime Watch: Duane Bradley
Director: Programs: Jorgen Jogensen	Community Projects: Alexis Stieffel
Director: Social Events: Rachel Beeton	Director, Communications: Viula Torgerson
Dir. At-Large #1: Suzanne Parr	Dir. At-Large #2 Bret Baccus

Self- Nominated Candidates:

Secretary: Julie Gremillion	Director, Social Events: Patti Proietti
Dir. At-Large: Tom Hillebrand	Dir. At-Large: Brian Laney

Elections will take place at the November NNA General Meeting, November 24, 2026

With no further business the business meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15pm