



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sept. 16, 2017, 2:00-4:00 PM
at Corona Coffee Co.

Attendees:

Joanne Richards (president)
Dan Eckam (secretary)
Saundra Ragona (board member)
Naiman Rigby (board member)

Discussion items:

1. Minutes approved. We confirmed approving, by email, the minutes of our Sept. 2 board meeting.

2. Activism updates.

- **Texas Fair Courts** (Joanne): Rep. Rodriguez is making the request for an interim study on judicial selection; Joanne offered support from CG4TX; will also see if Sen. Zaffirini will make the same request for an interim study from the Senate side.

3. Report on meeting spaces

Joanne contacted ACC; not much meeting space there. Eastview campus has some but it's too far. Asking AFL-CIO about possibilities.

4. Ideas on what to do during legislative interim

Joanne has heard some ideas from others (Cinde Weatherby, LWV-AA and Adrian Shelley, Public Citizen Texas): visit in district offices; attend interim session meetings at the capitol. We can also focus on the non-legislative parts of our mission.

5. Programming notes.

- October meeting on CodeNEXT: will remind Flannigan & Mueller; Jeffrey Travillion agreed to come. Possible questions to ask at the meeting:
 1. How to balance the differing interests of different areas of Austin?
 2. How do we ensure there will be enough affordable housing?
 3. How did the Mueller development work out? What did we learn? Same question for the Triangle and West Campus.
- The League of Women Voters is hosting a meeting on the AISD bond election in October -- should we co-sponsor with them? **We voted 4-0 in favor of doing so.**
- November meeting -- options:
 1. weather & climate -- implications for Texas? (Naomi Klein book: *No Is Not Enough*)
 2. campaign finance reform -- include conservative group Take Back Our Republic
 3. PC culture, or "identity politics vs. universal values"

Decision: we'll focus on climate change for November. We may invite a local meteorologist.

