

Minutes  
Colorado River Walkers  
September 11, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carol Obianwu, president, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at the meeting room in the Mueller HEB. Thirteen members were present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 8/14/2017 meeting were read and accepted with three spelling corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sam Harris reported the current bank balance of \$2,183.12.

**YRE REPORT: AUGUST 2017:**

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|-------------------|----|--------------|--------|
| Austin Historical | 6w | Brushy Creek | 0w, 0b |
| Lady Bird Lake    | 3w | Pflugerville | 1w     |
| Fairview Park     | 2w | Round Rock   | 1w     |
| Georgetown        | 1w | Salado       | 1w     |
| Belton            | 1w |              |        |

Total: 16w (one free) and a \$1.00 donation = \$46.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The next CRW sponsored walk event, Patterson Park to Mueller Redevelopment, will be held on 9/30/2017. The start point is at Patterson Park. On checking with the Austin Parks and Recreation Department to determine if the pavilion at the Park had been rented for 9/30, Carol O. found that it had. Since our walk starts at 7:30 am, this may not present a problem. The start point will be moved to an adjacent picnic table should an overlap occur. An impromptu workers walk was held on Labor Day (9/4/2017) for those who would not be able to come to the official worker's walk which will be held on Sunday 9/17/2017 at 8:00 am. A sign-up sheet for those who would like to volunteer to staff the walk was passed around.
2. Carol O. has completed updating all our YREs and has entered them on the AVA web-site. On checking the YRE walk box at Extended Stay America, she was informed that all walkers would be required to have a parking permit, to park in their lot. Workers are to ask the person at the registration desk for the free permit.
3. CRW was well represented at recent area events. i.e., LBJ Stonewall sunrise event, Japanese Tea Garden event in the sunken garden adjacent to the San Antonio Zoo, and the World Heritage Festival in San Antonio that held a walk and bike event. CRW member, Doug Eide, was the sole AVA bike participant at the Festival along with hundreds of non AVA bikers. There were also several hundred AVA and non AVA walkers.

**New Business:**

1. CRW will sponsor a walk on 11/18/2017. The anticipated trail route from Balcones District Park to Walnut Creek Park will not be completed by the City in time for this walk. Another route in south Austin was selected. It is in the Onion Creek area that flooded a few years ago. Most of the homes in the area were bought and removed by the City. Thus the walk will be named "Ghost Neighborhood at Onion Creek."

2. REI is again promoting "Opt Out" on 11/24/2017, the day after Thanksgiving. This is to promote a venue for activities other than shopping. CRW will host a group walk on that date featuring one of our YREs.
3. Since there are no nearby walk events next weekend, Saturday, 9/16/2017, a group walk of the Pflugerville YRE will held starting at 8:00 am. During the walk, a realignment of part of the walk route that goes through an elementary school playground will be investigated. School officials are opposed to the current route.
4. The dates for CRW sponsored walk events for 2018 are as follows: 2/17/2018, 4/14/2018, 9/29/2018, and 11/17/2018. Carol C. is working on a route through UT with no date chosen. Doug E. would like to have another walk at the caves in Cedar Park on 4/14/2018. Other suggestions were Yett Creek City Park and Catherine Fletcher Park & Mill Pond in Wells Branch.
5. Kathy and Les Stratemann have again generously offered to host the CRW Christmas party. It will be held on 12/11/2017.

**Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 – Schriener City Park – Kerrville

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017 YRE Shiner

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 – Patterson Park to Mueller Redevelopment – Austin

Fri., Sat., Sun., Oct. 06, 07, 08, 2017 – Guadalupe Mountains National Park

Saturday, Oct. 07, 2017 – Featured YRE, Palmetto State Park – Ottine

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 – Elmendorf Lake Park – San Antonio

For further information about the above events, Please check the AVA web-site.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Zeitler, Recording Secretary