

CNA Steering Committee

Nov. 10, 2004, Taqueria Los Altos

SC ATTENDING (8, Quorum): Jennifer Elsner, Maddie Kadas (Vice Chair) presiding, Kyle King, Rebecca Kohout, Maxwell McDaniel, Jack Newman, Charlie Roadman, Randall Terrell

SC NOT ATTENDING (5): Scott Chasteen, Alex Garcia, Peter Ketter, Jen Smith, Dave Westenbarger

OTHERS: Gordon Bennett, Girard Kinney, Michael McClendon, Lex Dale Owens

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS for '04-'05

- Chair: Randall Terrell
- Vice Chair: Kyle King
- Treasurer: Alexandria Garcia
- Secretary: Maxwell McDaniel

2. CHERRYWOOD ART FAIR Dec. 11 (Sat) at Maplewood, 11a-5p

< <http://www.cherrywoodartfair.org/> >

(Maddie) This year's 3rd annual Yuletide extravaganza is proceeding energetically. 40 artists will vend many objets d'art for holiday giving. Vivo will offer food. A lineup of musicians will entertain. Kids' activities will be organized. The draft Cherrywood/Wilshire Wood Traffic Calming Plan will be put on display. It will be a fabulous day! Watch for calls for volunteers...

MOTION (passed unanimously) Appropriate \$250 for Fair promotion and decorations.

3. TREASURY

(Rebecca Kohout) CNA has a current balance of a little over \$6000.

4. PROBLEM ADDRESSES

(Condensing several reports) As in other neighborhoods, CNA occasionally receives complaints about undesirable activity. While we might disagree over what sort of situation is "undesirable" -- excessive noise, running a home business with customers or clients, excessive trash, too many vehicles, illegal construction that affects nearby residents, suspected criminal activity, etc. -- the question is always the same: "What can we do?"

Since CNA has no formal powers, the answer must be, "nothing directly." CNA neither sets nor enforces standards of any sort. Rather CNA may try to help by assessing the facts, clarifying the law, attempting mediation, or backstopping individuals' efforts to seek a remedy.

Since such indirect intervention often works, concern was expressed that some criteria be developed to guide CNA and its committees when contemplating Association involvement. Probably some draft criteria will be put before the January 26 Member meeting.

One address evidently was a crack house until condemned and boarded up, but now the owner's family members are fixing it up; might it return to its former nuisance ways? Another address is suspected of worse, including prostitution. Neighbors of both properties are frightened. Before the Steering Committee publicizes any actions it authorizes, they want to verify the facts and talk to relevant officials. But the feeling is strong that one role of CNA should be to help the affected neighbors any way it can.

MOTION (passed unanimously) Authorize the CNA Safety Committee to proceed as its **** (address suppressed) Working Group recommends.

5. MORE "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" SIGNS

(Lex Dale Owens) Lex wanted CNA to write letters commending those who participated in the 3rd annual Safety Fair (Oct. 27), to purchase and install more Watch signs @\$600, and but a couple of people had to leave and the quorum was lost.

//g