

CNA Steering Committee

Feb. 9, 2005, Taqueria Los Altos

SC ATTENDING: (6, No quorum) Jennifer Elsner, Alexandria Garcia, Girard Kinney, Jack Newman, Randall Terrell [presiding], Jennifer Smith

SC NOT ATTENDING (7): Kyle King, Rebecca Kohout, Scott Chasteen, Peter Ketter, Maxwell McDaniel, Charlie Roadman, Dave Westenbarger

OTHERS Gordon Bennett, Kelli Kirk, Lex Dale Owens, Ofc. Sheldon Salisbury

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1. DESIGN GUIDELINES (Gordon)

Almost ready to "go to press." The present draft is on-line: see Cherrywood.Org, Library: < <http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/n-library.htm#DG> >

2. ASBURY INITIATIVE (Gordon)

The result of the Feb 8 meeting will be circulating shortly. Some imaginative ideas emerged. A core premise is that churches and communities need each other. For some flavor of the connection, peruse: < http://www.acton.org/publicat/m_and_m/2003_spring/ >. These articles reflect some of the nature and importance of the Initiative. Details to follow...

3. UPPER BOGGY CREEK CLEANUP (Girard)

Debris has begun to accumulate. It is time for another creek cleanup day. Because the easement runs along private property lines, we need to enlist the cooperation of adjacent neighbors (which we have done before with only one refusal). One Saturday early in March is likely. TBA...

This time will focus on the segment between Cherrywood Rd and 38½. Other segments could use a day of their own, as could the branch running through Willowbrook Reach.

4. SILVER RIDGE APARTMENTS (Jack and Kelli)

This complex is getting troublesome. The management company (absentee, in California) is not taking good care of its tenants. There are numerous security problems. Feeling was strong among SC members was that CNA and APD should join to help these neighbors out. TBC..

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5. OTHER SECURITY PROBLEMS (Ofc. Salisbury)

a. Several properties are annoying to immediate neighbors and a blight on the whole community. Inquiries and actions are progressing to remedy these situations.

b. Homeless panhandlers (thought to be responsible for some burglaries). A particular concern are drifters who live beneath the IH35 bridge over Airport Blvd, and in the drainage tunnel from Maplewood Elementary to north of the Hancock Center. The City is working on an Ordinance to ban some of the panhandling, but the problem is much broader.

6. SECURITY COMMITTEE (Lex)

- Crime Fighter award discussed
- Cap Metro says will clear homeless communities away from of its rail line right-of-way
- Cap Metro will install “quad gates” next summer. These will prevent cars and pedestrians from crossing the tracks at street-crossings. Once installed, trains will no longer have to sound their horn to warn of their approach.
- APD is recruiting neighbors for its “COPS” program of neighborhood patrols
- More perimeter Neighborhood Watch signs will be erected. Remaining locations require planting posts. NW blocks have raised awareness of potential problems. More block groups would be desirable. Organizing NW groups at Silver Ridge, for example, might be a good idea.

7. CANDIDATE FORUM (from Jim Walker)

Neighborhoods north of us (Windsor Park, Pecan Springs) are organizing a northeast forum for City Council candidates in early April. They have invited Cherrywood to co-sponsor. Without a quorum, the SC will have to vote by e-mail. Our interest is served by drawing candidates attention to our area. And Girard suggested preparing question in advance, on which we might record new Council Members’ commitments.

8. FLEA

Renewed optimism was expressed that THE FLEA could be distributed in big apartment complexes (Archway, Avalon, Sagebrush, Silver Ridge, etc.). We don’t have delivery routes for these renters. But apparently some managers are willing to help distribute to their tenants. This would be very nice. Half of Cherrywood rents.