
CNA Member Meeting
October 19, 2005, Maplewood Elementary
- 25 from Cherrywood ATTENDING, quorum YES
Notes by GB

****ACTIONS****

(1) Motion (passed unanimously) to elect to the 2005-07 class of Steering Committee members the slate of proposed by the Nominations Committee -- David Green, Rebecca Kohout, Jack Newman, Shani Snoddy, Heather Telo', and Megan Woodburn.

(2) Motion (passed unanimously) to appropriate \$1000 toward construction by Asbury United Methodist Church of a sign on the corner of 38½ St and Cherrywood Rd. The sign will look like this < http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwd/43a~Sign.pdf > (5 pages, 600K).

1. PLUG-IN AUSTIN (Darryl Slusher)

< <http://www.austinenergy.com/index.htm> >, search for "pluginaustin"

Former Council Member Slusher promoted plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs). A campaign is underway to encourage auto makers to manufacture these hybrids, which in 15 minutes recharge enough to commute 35 miles without gas.

2. CAPITAL METRO "Future Connections Study" (Sam Archer)

< <http://allsystemsgo.capmetro.org/eadraft.asp> >

CapMetro will visit Cherrywood -- Nov 1 (Tue) 6:30p, Asbury Methodist -- to discuss different options it is considering. They will arrive at a "locally prepared alternative in Spring, and recommend new ballot language for Nov 2006 in Summer.

To comment, < http://www.allsystemsgoconnections.org/get_involved/comment.asp >

Cherrywood has a survey showing significant support for serving a rail connection to Mueller (79%). The SC may decide to make it known to CapMetro. It is still possible vote at Cherrywood.Org.

3. SECURITY (Ofc. Sheldon Salisbury and Lex Dale Owens)

a. Burglaries are on the rise in Charlie Sector

< http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwd/DR~map~03Apr.jpg >, especially laptops. Peeping Toms and after-dark panhandlers are a problem. Report all incidents to 3-1-1. Police need to see a pattern to be most effective. Even though one-third of Cherrywood is on NeighborNet now, active Neighborhood Watch groups are still best for many purposes.

b. The Nov. 5 Safety Fair is postponed. An undertaking on this scale needs better preparation.

c. Lex was elected by the Charlie Sector Commander's Forum to be its representative to the Chief's Forum. Lex will meet regularly with Chief Knee. Lex is going to ask if APD could assign officers to adopt the Camp Fire Girls and Cub Scouts that are organizaing at Asbury Methodist.

4. CASH ON HAND (Randall Terrell)
\$8900, mostly from Flea ads

5. BIBLE STUDY (Rev. George Holcombe, Asbury United Methodist Church)

“I’ll be starting a Tuesday Evening Bible Study group on Oct. 25 at AUMC. It will be a 6 week course ending the last Tuesday in November, and will be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. This will be both an introduction to the Bible, how it came to be, a look at the history, context, and uses over the years, and the development of study and devotion practices.” Anyone who knows George knows this will be a very lively and scholarly history.

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6. ANC, September 28 meeting (earlier report forwarded from Lisa Tipps)

- Zoning was discussed at length after presentations from the City supervisors in charge of zoning and zoning law enforcement.

- The City representatives said that there's good news and bad news. The bad news is that certain developers are still untouchable, due to lack of a City Council ruling in favor of stiffer penalties for not complying with the zoning ordinances. (Other neighborhood reps gave examples of developments run by people who worked outside the law and happily paid the tiny \$250 penalties for it.) The GOOD news is that the City is reorganizing this department for better efficiency than they've had in the past, as well as hiring 6 new people to better cover the Austin area.

- Roger Duncan also spoke about Austin Energy's conservation vision--plugin hybrids. There is a petition at pluginaustin.org that we can sign if we want to support the idea of City rebates on plugin hybrids as well as plugins for the city fleet.

- Jim Walker updated everyone on the City Bond Package, and several other concerns were discussed, including the new Spring Condominium zoning case, the Pfluger Bridge extension, and the Gables. Two resolutions passed:

*Resolution No. 1 – Re: Spring Condominium Project

ANC Vice President Laura Morrison proposed a resolution opposing the Spring Condominium Project, proposed for the intersection of 3rd and Bowie Streets. The resolution reads: The Austin Neighborhoods Council opposes the zoning change at Bowie and 3rd St. requested for the Spring Condominium project. It is neither the right place nor the right time for such a zoning change. The requested zoning would be an incursion of excessive height and density into the area that must remain as a transition from the central business district to the neighborhoods surrounding the central business district to the west, east, north and south. The use of “CURE” zoning is also inappropriate at this location. In addition, this zoning application would be a matter of “spot” zoning that violates the current comprehensive plan for central Austin, and any revisions to that plan should be made within the framework of the upcoming Downtown Neighborhood Plan process.

There was a motion by Tim Mahoney, ANC Communications Coordinator requesting the membership to adopt the resolution. There was a second by Lorraine Atherton of Zilker Neighborhood Association. During the ensuing discussion, a friendly amendment by Bob Swaffar of Judges Hill Neighborhood Association was adopted. The amendment added the neighborhoods to the east and north. The motion was approved with a vote of 16 in favor and 2 abstentions from attending ANC officers and ANC members in good standing with representatives in attendance as reflected by the Roll Call/Roster.

***Resolution No. 2 – Re: Sand Beach Reserve and Pfluger Bridge Extension**

ANC Representative Lorraine Atherton of the Zilker Neighborhood Association and member of the Pfluger Bridge Community Advisory Group, proposed the following resolution:

Having reviewed the numerous alternatives to the original Northwest Extension of the Pfluger Bridge that have been proposed over the last five years, the Austin Neighborhoods Council now recommends that:

1. The City of Austin should build the Northwest Flyover as originally scheduled; and the extension of the Pfluger Bridge should not be dependent on any other development proje
2. No projects in this area should be granted additional height above that presently permitted, and none should violate the protections of the Town Lake Corridor.
3. Sandra Muraida Way should not be rerouted before the future of the Seaholm Project and Cesar Chavez are determined.
4. No part of San Beach Reserve should be committed to private road or drainage projects.

There was a motion by Tim Mahoney, ANC Communications Coordinator to support the proposed resolution. There was a second by ANC Representative Dale Henry of the Brentwood Neighborhood Association. The motion was approved with a vote of 14 in favor and 3 abstentions from attending ANC officers and ANC members in good standing with representatives in attendance as reflected by the Roll Call/Roster.

Lisa Tipps

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