

(Notes in lieu of Minutes -- gb)
General Membership Meeting, 02Apr17
In Bree's absence, Stefan Schuster presiding

We had an exact quorum of 20.

Stefan announced that Girard Kinney would take over Planning & Zoning.

Parks will devolve to the separate Cherrywood Green, Patterson, and Willowbrook projects. James Spanelli will head Willowbrook (Katharine Beisner heads the Green; Isabel Headrick heads Patterson).

Michael McClendon volunteered to chair Nominations.

Since Lyn is moving, Rebecca K volunteered to re-serve as Interim Treasurer until a replacement is found.

We elected Andy Simmons to fill Kim Cameron's slot on the SC, and Jack Newman to fill Robbin Howard's slot. That leave 1 vacancy (Lyn's).

Rebecca Kohout handed out a flyer for the Friends of Patterson Park community picnic on April 28 (Sun). More at <cherrywood.org> | What's New, Pussycat?

Frances DeLaune described her idea for a monthly book club, meeting initially on the 4th Wed. Contact her at 477-1986, thedelaunes@austin.rr.com .

Judy Fowler, Dave Nichols, and Allen Small from Austin Energy came to show pictures of the enclosure they plan for the Delwood Electric Substation, and a landscaping map. They said the station is to become operative in "late May." They will begin construction of the enclosure shortly. A tower with a neon neighborhood emblem will be the last element to go in. We need to decide what the emblem will be.

We discussed the importance of airing issues as widely as possible – by e-mail, FLEA, and Membership Meeting. I elaborated a proposal to make an issue for this summer “our” homeless community and problems surrounding it. The core of the idea is to have CNA host a 1-day conference, inviting homeless advocates, the City's Homeless Task Force, Red Cross, Texas Workforce Commission, political representatives, police, and surrounding neighborhoods. The object would be to deepen our appreciation of all dimensions of the problem, and to bring available solution approaches into focus. It would be especially helpful to learn of successful approaches elsewhere. This would happen in August at the earliest, after we had aired the issue among ourselves.