
CNA Steering Committee
July 10, 2002, Taqueria Los Altos
(uncorrected notes from GB)

SC Attending: Bree Buchanan (presiding), Frances Delaune, Jeff Folmar, Rebecca Kohout, Jack Newman, Dave Menhard, Kyle Ranne, Andy Simmons, Stefan Schuster, Dave Westenbarger (plus non-SC: Gordon Bennett, Girard Kinney, Lex Dale Owens)

SC Not Attending: Jim Sander, James Spanelli, one vacancy

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (no Minutes from June 18)

2. TREASURY PROBLEM

CNA has \$5500 in the bank. \$2000 is a gift from Grande Communications, earmarked for Cherrywood Green. All other revenue is earned from FLEA ads. Since \$800 is obligated to print the July issue, the current balance is \$4700.

The problem is it should be more. Advertising purchased last year amounted to \$4310. But only \$2450 was deposited. Hence \$1860 remains unaccounted for. Either some advertisers have not paid their bill, or they paid but their checks were not deposited. Somewhat incomplete records suggest 15-20 delinquent accounts. An ad hoc committee of G.Kinney, D.Menhard (or D.Westenbarger), K.Ranne, and A.Simmons will investigate whether the bills were paid, and if so whether the checks were cashed. They are to report back in August.

3. FLEA EDITOR SOUGHT

J.Newman is stepping down. B.Buchanan will edit the October issue ad interim. A successor is needed to coordinate a talented team of people doing editing, layout, advertising, and distribution. The time commitment is a few hours each quarter as the new issue is put together. This is IMPORTANT. The FLEA is how CNA communicates with the whole neighborhood (10% of households are on NeighborNet). A fine staff is assembled. A fine newsletter results. A "make-it-all-work-together" person is needed.

4. PARKS (G.Kinney)

Friends of Patterson Park are very active behind Isabel Headrick. Cherrywood Green's Katharine Beisner is busy otherwise for awhile, but the project is alive. Katharine would be grateful if someone could fill in as organizer. No news on Willowbrook Reach. The "Parks, Open Spaces, and Environment" part of the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Plan is posted on the Parks page at <cherrywood.org>:

http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/_cwd/is_park.htm#Links

5. PLANNING & ZONING (G.Kinney)

An August date will be announced at the CNA Membership Meeting July 17. This committee has been dormant during the UBC Neighborhood Planning effort. Chair Kinney expressed interest in having CNA exploit every available tool to realize our Vision (see the

<cherrywood.org> home page).

6. TRANSPORTATION (S.Schuster)

Finalizing plans to upgrade I-35 dominate this agenda. TxDOT has rejected all but a few inner-City interests. A coalition of neighborhoods from the River north to US 290 has formed to try and force more out of them. See the NCINC site at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ncinc/>

Given the political appeal of road building for congestion relief these days, our chances are iffy. But more effort will be made. The Transportation Committee may ask for folks to write some letters to Senator Barrientos, and a CNA delegation may visit the Senator (whose help to get TxDOT's attention on this is essential). CNA endorsement of the "North Central I-35 Neighborhoods and Citizens" agenda will be sought at the Membership Meeting July 17.

7. HISTORICAL DESIGNATION

Interest in Cherrywood history is on the rise again. Sharon Edmonson's "Old North Central East (ONCE) History Club" has not been heard from for awhile. Probably CNA will revive a History Committee. Anyone interested in taking the helm? Aside from intrinsic interest, historical designation (or even eligibility) might give us a tool to use in neighborhood planning. Newly built residential communities don't at all look like Cherrywood. There are aspects of our ambience well worth preserving. Chase Robertson, Architect for the "Plains" Region of the Texas Historical Commission, offers her help.

8. NOMINATIONS (Michael McClendon)

Michael will report at the Membership Meeting next week.

9. DELWOOD ELECTRIC SUBSTATION ENCLOSURE

Trying to cut corners by operating without an architect, Austin Energy has run afoul of some construction problems. The steel girder budget has gone up 25%, for which they must seek a supplemental appropriation from a budget-strapped Council. If successful, they may begin work in September.

10. SECURITY

The Steering Committee will invite Austin Police Chief Stanley Knee to its August 9 meeting to discuss the still unresolved problem of an apparent (some would say obvious) drug market on Vineland.

Th-th-th-that's all folks!

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CNA quarterly Membership Meeting
July 17, 2002. 6:30-9:00 pm. Maplewood Elementary
Attending: 29. Presiding: Bree Buchanan (CNA Chair)
Notes in lieu of Minutes

1. FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK (Isabel Headrick)

HEB will underwrite half the cost of shading the baby pool. FoPP is applying to the Austin Parks Foundation for a grant to hire a landscape architect to design a jogging trail around the Park. The City Capital Improvement budget has \$100,000 earmarked for the playground. If it survives budget cutting, construction should be in Spring '03. Applied Materials is promising to fund a "Kaboom" playground project one day this fall.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PattPark/>

<http://www.kaboom.org/what.asp>

2. UBC PLAN (Stephen Kreger)

On Council's agenda for July 18 (Thu). Zoning hearings begin at 4p. Another Stratus hearing is scheduled, and SOS is calling out its supporters. UBC comes AFTER Stratus (which has the potential to take hours), so it get postponed until Aug 1. This wouldn't be all bad. If Council approves Subdistricts Jul 18, then UBC (which includes Subdistricts) would come up when these are legal.

3. FLEA (Bree) bbuchanan6@austin.rr.com

Bree will edit the October issue ad interim while we seek a new Editor-in-Chief. Contact her with questions about the position or the issue. The FLEA Team (including Assistant Editors, Photo Editor, Layout Artist, Advertising Manager, and Distribution Coordinator) plan to meet Jul 25 (Thu), 6:30p at the Sacred Cup (Manor at Chicon). Anyone interested in helping, or with ideas, is more than welcome to join in.

4. NORTH CENTRAL I-35 NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION (Stefan Schuster)

****MOTION Passes**** CNA should formally participate in this coalition of neighborhoods along the central section of I-35. YEA 29. NAY 0.

NCINC hopes to achieve neighborhood-friendly design improvements in TxDOT's long-term upgrade plan.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ncinc/>

5. HISTORIC DESIGNATION

Chase Robertson of the Texas Historical Commission encouraged us to seek her assistance in applying for status as an "eligible" neighborhood for historic designation. Since longstanding

legislation (1966) requires any federally funded project to avoid “adverse effects” on historical areas, the status might bring us some protection, and help achieve NCINC objectives. She suggested making contact with Mike Walker (TxDOT Environmental Environmental Affairs Division), Barbara Stocklin and Daniel Harris of the City of Austin, and Bob Brinkman (Texas Historical Commission), the person in charge of reviewing applications for eligibility.

Discussion of applicable criteria, and how this might help us.

6. NOMINATIONS (Michael McClendon) michaelmclendon@juno.com

The Nominations Committee seeks 7 new or repeating Steering Committee members for a 2-year term beginning in November. Michael has a short form for interested folks to return. It may be online soon.

Discussion of the joys of CNA Steering Committee participation.

7. PLANNING & ZONING (Girard Kinney) gkinney@texas.net

This Committee plans to meet Sep 3 (Tue), location TBA. Tasks include assessing the effects of UBC Plan re-zonings, reviving the “Zoning 101” elucidation Mike Damal used to offer, and setting an agenda for this revived Committee (dormant during the UBC process).

8. SECURITY (Lex Dale Owens) aaa@airambulance.com

a. Pato’s Tacos

The present demolition was ordered by the City. But owner Roldan Ramirez apparently has topped the and financing hurdles and will re-open a new restaurant in October. Reportedly he has applied for a full liquor license. The new Pato’s it seems will be a little spiffier. Details are scarce.

b. That house

The “shut it down” campaign has picked up a new player. A Travis County Assistant District Attorney attended and introduced us to some new avenues to pursue, including an abatement suit. Police Chief Knee has been invited to the August Steering Committee meeting. This blight is going to be removed, one way or another.

c. National Night Out Aug 6 (Tue) Block Parties

See the growing list at
http://link.lanic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwd/pssyct.htm

9. MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL “Pedestrian Audit” (Dave Westenbarger)

The Trans Texas Alliance will offer us this workshop July 26 (Fri), 5-9p, Maplewood

Elementary. One object is to get the City more actively involved in making it safer for kids to walk and bike to the School. “Maplewood PTA will use the ideas developed at the workshop to put together a project to be nominated and we need your input!”

10. RMMA (Jim Walker)

The City has hired Thompson & Knight to negotiate its contract with Catellus. One issue is how the public will be kept informed of the progress of the negotiations (expected to take months). Stay tuned.

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