
CNA Steering Committee
Sep. 11, 2002. Taqueria Los Altos
GB notes

SC attending (9): Bree Buchanan (presiding), Frances Delaune, Jeff Folmar, Rebecca Kohout, Jack Newman, Kyle Ranne, Stefan Schuster, Andy Simmons, Dave Westenbarger

SC not attending (3): David Menhard, Jim Sander, James Spanelli, (1 vacancy)

Others attending: Gordon Bennett, Dana DeBeauvoir (Travis County Clerk), Girard Kinney, Michael McClendon, Jules Vieau

1. CHERRYWOOD PREMIER of TRAVIS CO.'S NEW VOTING SYSTEM (Dana)

The County is going to replace familiar punch card ballots with "eSlate" technology, similar to an ATM. View their slide show, or if you have RealPlayer, their video at http://www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk/election/eSlate/how.asp#top

The new system will be used this Nov. 5 in just one precinct for demonstration purposes – Pct. 131 at Asbury Methodist. Expect all the media! County Clerk DeBeauvoir came to seek CNA's approval, which the SC gave enthusiastically.

2. GRANDE "CABINET" (Bree)

This is the big metallic switchbox across from Cherrywood Green. Grande has given us money to enclose and landscape it, subject to their approving our design. Mark Lind and Bree have almost completed the agreement. It should be signed and sealed within the month.

3. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROPOSAL (Dave)

TxDOT's pilot grant program will fund traffic calming around a school. Maplewood PTA, surrounding neighborhood associations, and the City are going to apply for almost \$200,000 of sidewalks, redesigned crossings, signs, lane narrowings, etc. to make walking or biking to Maplewood a realistic option for a lot more kids (most live within walking distance).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srs22/>

4. UBC PLAN (Dave)

The Planning Team will meet again Sep 17 (Tue), 6:30 at Maplewood. One task is to fine-tune broadly agreed use of expected City implementing funds (at least \$20,000). Wilshire Woods want to stripe bicycle lanes. Blackland wants sidewalks near Campbell Elementary. We want some sidewalks. some matching funds for our grant-seeking parks committees, and information kiosks in Patterson Park and Cherrywood Green. Another task is to discuss/decide how the Plan will be administered and amended in the years ahead.

5. NORTHEAST CAREGIVERS OF AUSTIN (Dave)

This very highly thought-of charity assists elderly residents with shopping, medical visits, and chores. They would like CNA to be a sponsor, give financial support, and contribute two

Board Members. The SC was responsive, but also mindful of many other charities among us. ****MOTION (passed unanimously)**** to endorse, and encourage individuals to contribute, but not to allocate Association funds. More at:

http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwdCHOICES/main.html#Help

6. TREASURER'S REPORT (Rebecca)

CNA has \$4500 on hand. \$2000 stems from a donation by Grande. The rest is income from FLEA ads. Some Grande money will go for the "cabinet" and Cherrywood Green. The rest is not earmarked.

7. HOLIDAY ARTS FESTIVAL (Rebecca)

Planned for the Saturday before Thanksgiving (Nov 23, 11-5, Asbury Methodist). Interest is running high. There will be booths for artisans, offerings from local restaurateurs, face-painting and kid stuff, and maybe some music and theater. Organizers are Priscilla Boston <peboston@juno.com> and Kathleen McTee <artcloth@texas.net>. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** It will be a sweet but busy event, perhaps kicking off an annual festival.

****MOTION (passed unanimously)**** to front this effort \$300, which will be repaid by revenues generated from the festival.

8. BLOCK CAPTAINS (Jules)

Jules and Jim Walker have worked on this idea for some time, and are bringing it closer to fruition. Functioning block organizers (captains?) could facilitate FLEA delivery, get-out-the-vote efforts, emergency communications, etc. If you could act as the Association's conduit from time to time to a few of your closest neighbors, or if you have suggestions, contact Jules at <jules@vieau.net>. This could be a powerful CNA component.

9. FLEA (Bree)

All copy for the October issue is due Friday, Sep 13th. The issue is almost full. Ads are oversold. No successor General Editor volunteer has yet stepped forward to date. The FLEA Team is strong, and our little publication might hobble along as a conductorless orchestra. But a Chief would be an asset.

10. NOMINATIONS (Michael)

Almost a full slate is ready for the October SC election. There are new faces and old. The Nominations Committee would like to include an additional female. Recruiting a replacement for a Class of '03 Steer who may need to resign soon (also female) is another Committee objective.

11. "DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES" (Girard)

A. The revived Planning & Zoning Committee is revisiting CNA's "Development Guidelines" approved 3 years ago.

http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwd/Dev_Guide.htm

If you have thoughts, Girard would be interested <gkinney@texas.net>. These articulate standards we would like builders to observe. Out leverage comes when they seek a zoning variance or some other exception to Code, which requires the consent of CNA and immediate

neighbors (owners) within 200 feet.

B. P&Z will offer a revival of Mike Damal's popular "Zoning 101" briefing. Some rules have changed City-wide in the last couple of years. Others have changed as a result of the UBC Plan. What can/can't you do now that you couldn't/could do before? Details TBA.

12. OVERGROWN ALLEYS (Jeff)

The alleys of Duplex Nation are trashy and even impassable. The City doesn't maintain them because they are private property with a "driveway easement" (from the document creating the alleys, filed for record in June 1948). Some property owners don't maintain their stretch. We have a "commons" problem." Some residents on Maplewood and Kirkwood have difficulty accessing their rear garages. What action CNA should take will be brought before the general membership.

Next:

- STEERING COMMITTEE: Oct. 9 (Wed), 6:30, Taqueria Los Altos
 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Oct. 16 (Wed.). 6:30, Maplewood Elementary
- Y'all come...