

2002 CNA Meetings

January Steering Committee

Date: January 9, 2002

Location: Taqueria los Altos

Commencement: 6:00 pm

Adjournment: 8:10 pm

Attendees: Bree Buchanan, Dave Westenbarger, James Spanelli, Lyn Estabrook, Frances Delaune, Rebecca Kohout, Stefan Schuster, Jeff Folmar, David Menhard
OTHERS: Pauline Porter, Mark Lind, Miguel Atkins, Gordon Bennett
SC absent: Robbin Howard, Kyle Ranne, Jim Sander
RESIGNED: Rebecca Schwarz

Officer's Reports:

Lyn, is a neighborhood association 501C3, non-profit tax exempt? Joan Gruszka, accountant, mentioned as a resource. Put call in the neighborhood net or call other neighborhood associations to ask their status. Who to make investigations?

James: Described procedure for publishing minutes. They will be emailed within a day after each steering committee meeting to the committee members. Then within 3 days we all have a chance to review the minutes, make additions or changes. Email your altered notes to Gordon; after 3 days, Gordon will post the minutes to the web.

DEADLINE: Next meeting

ACTION BY:

- Bree to call neighborhood associations.
- Lyn to ask bank how to eliminate her S.S. # from account.
- Gordon to email to ANC to solicit someone who may have some expertise.

General Meeting Agenda for January 16:

Question raised: Should we mail non-residing homeowners copies of the Flea. This is approximately 200 property owners, and would cost us \$75 dollars each mailing.

Question: Can we move the general membership meeting for January 2003 back one week since the second Wednesday does not fall agreeably with the holidays? All voted in favor

Problems with non-residents subscribing to the neighborhood net? What are the issues? Steering committee has no contention with governmental officials subscribing to the Neighborhood Net. (Only solve problems that exist is the current motto...)

Should the on-line Flea version include the ads? Yes, is the S.C. official position

1. To be fair to advertisers, 2. For convenience of users to find the advertisers' coordinates.

Parks:

Reed Park continuing clean-up efforts. Upcoming meetings...

Is Girard Kinney willing to continue overseeing as Chair of Reed Park? Question to ask directly...

DEADLINE: Next meeting

ACTION BY: Bree or Gordon to Ask Girard if he is willing to continue

General Question?

When do Chairmen's terms end? Bree unsure; language in by-laws loose or vague. Just need to ask directly to chair's

On the same note, Bree to assign chairs to all committees.

- Lyn to be liaison to Flea Dave liaison to parks
- Stephan liaison to traffic.
- James set to be liaison set for Planning and Zoning; this chair to contact Mike Damal and ask status.

DEADLINE: January 18th

ACTION BY: James Spanelli

Planning and Zoning

Mike Damal, Chair, concerned raised that committee has been lax over the past year. No action to be taken at the moment; concern simply voiced and noted. UBC taken over in the past year as they created the development guidelines. Beautification sub committee of planning and zoning: Garden of the Quarter/month club to be kicked off this spring.

Traffic Update:

Need to go to CAMPO since TXDOT is not listening to I-35. Gerard Kinney made a suggestion via Bree to have CAN representation at the general CAMPO meeting. This item to be raised at the general membership meeting.

Traffic calming: Seems the city program is dead. Mark suggests to lobby council for reinstatement of funding. Most effective to unite inner city neighborhood associations and confront council to be most effective. Bree voiced that Kathy Jones was very interested in helping to further this goal.

ACTION BY: Mark to contact Kathy Jones to ask assist or step up and take lead.

Security:

Issue from commander's forum. Should we not allow parking cars on your lawn...? Do we have a general membership vote? Bree to outline issues; Gordon to outline issues for a neighborhood

email. Issue to keep an eye on: Graffiti is on the rise. Domestic disturbance instances are high for Cherrywood neighborhood.

Hospitality:

Welcome wagon. Frances Delaune and Rebecca Kohout will c—chair. Eugene Watkins to handle renters, Rebecca to handle new home owners. Fiesta floral department arranges the baskets. To make deliveries once a month. Starting in January. Possibility of doing a “Taste of East Side” this spring, idea suggested. Rebecca to keep us posted.

ACTION BY: Rebecca and Eugene

Pets:

There is no Chair, nor committee. No clear committee function at the moment. Not an immediate priority. Diane Midgett, 3206 Dancy (476-3575), animal activist. Possible Chair. Rebecca to contact. Frances set as liaison to the committee.

ACTION BY: Rebecca to contact. Diane to ask for her assistance.

History Committee:

“Old North Central East” (ONCE) Austin History Club, while not a CNA committee, is the active local history writing group. At general Membership meeting, give presentation on Mueller redevelopment. Bree to ask Jim Walker to give presentation. Gordon volunteered if Jim is not available.

ACTION BY: Jim Walker to give presentation

UBC Planning: Possibility of getting the plan as a PDF file to give all the access to read it. Gordon Bennett agreed to post. Importance to get the plan out and have people. Next meeting set for Feb 13 (Wed) 6:00 pm at Taqueria Los Altos.

January General Membership

Quarterly Membership MEETING MINUTES

Membership: Wednesday, January 16, 2002

Location: Maplewood Elementary School

Commencement: 6:34 pm

Attendees: 23

Adjournment: 8:25 pm

Bree Buchanan, Chair, presiding

1. Parks, Girard Kinney, Katherine Baisner

a. "Cherrywood Park" (Reed Park): Fundraiser for Feb. 9th, plant and garage sale; organizers looking for donations of articles, time and money. Applying for Austin Parks foundation grant. Site Plan has been finalized; one can view on line. *Tree Folks* donating trees for free. Water line: using adjacent homeowners' water lines to feed trees. Tentative meeting to meet with PARD to discuss site plan with *Tree Folks*. Meeting at 6:30, January 24th to finalize events for February fundraiser. Check Neighborhood Net for updates and meeting postings.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. ****MOTION**** To move January 2003 general membership meeting to 4th Wednesday. Unanimous vote in favor.
- b. ****MOTION**** Approved last quarters meeting minutes. Unanimous approval.

3. HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE, Rebecca Kohout and Frances DeLaune

- a. Call to arms for neighborhood social clubs. Passed sign-up sheet to ask for club suggestions.
- b. Twenty-two new residences have moved into the neighborhood in past six months. Baskets are being prepared and will be delivered on Wednesday the 23rd. Suggestion made 1.) to add list of committees and or clubs in baskets 2.) to have neighborhood vision statement.
- c. Neighborhood social in April or May. Suggestion for the event to take place at the park or have "Taste of Cherrywood" restaurant crawl. Stay tuned for more; contact Rebecca or Frances for comments or additional suggestions.
- d. Yard Beautification Award for nicest yards awards will be given out for the first time beginning this March.

4. TRAFFIC, Mark Lind (with Girard Kinney)

- a. Traffic Calming has been a neighborhood issue for the past 2-½ years. Cherrywood did not succeed in its efforts to gain funding for traffic calming this year since the City revoked this year's funding due to the fiscal crisis. Cherrywood residents will try again next year.
- b. I-35 Freeway expansion (Girard). First stage of the planning just finished. Master plan will go into the engineering phase this spring providing there are no further changes. Our neighborhood and four adjacent neighborhoods have endeavored to work together to influence plan; we have succeeded in convincing TXDOT to sink I-35. The exit ramp locations though are still a contentious issue; i.e., there is no exit leading to Airport road. TXDOT has addressed these issues, but they are not responding to ramp and feeder road

problems. The concern is that traffic will line up on Manor road and 38 1/2th, and the much wider Airport Blvd will be used under capacity since there will not be a north bound exit to the Airport. This five neighborhood coalition is forming a strategy to influence this policy. A public meeting is eminent when TXDOT will unveil plan. After the plan is released, TXDOT will have to approve the plan after which it will be passed onto CAMPO for review. Bree suggested most threatening event to our neighborhood. We will need a large unified neighborhood voice to fight TXDOT. Start chatting up the subject with your neighbors.

- c. Bikeways, Dave Westenberger. January 31st, decision to be made for funding. A bikeway along Manor Road appeared; no one sure how or why. But most are pleased.
- d. 38 1/2th did not get downgraded. The City still plans eventually to widen the road.

5. Crime Committee, no presenter, general discussion.

- a. Possible gang tag/graffiti on Willowbrook creek. Suggestion to call the graffiti hotline. This makes a record and they respond quickly.
- b. In general, crime has been going down in this neighborhood except for domestic violence.
- c. Security issues: Fiesta transient population responsible for many burglaries. Cops called frequently. But another group took place of those induced to leave. Recurring problem.
- d. Contact Jim Sander and Jules Vieau if you have comments or suggestions.

6. Mueller Redevelop, Jim Walker.

- a. Travis County expressed 20-acre interest and has tried to jump to head of line in front of others to attain control of the property. There is a general worry or fear that special interest groups such as the county could cut out their own parcels from a project that has already been master planned.
- b. Two master developers are in the running. Their proposals are due end of this month. Soon afterwards in February, the developers will hold public presentations on how they expect to develop the land.
- c. Jim will call the City to inquire for 1.) another bike event or 2.) if the City can open a small portion of the old airport land for temporary park space. These actions are to appease one neighbor who voiced his opinion that the City is doing little to meet the needs of the east side.
- d. The ROMA Master Plan has not been adopted by council. The plan at moment is picture of what we would like to happen. Hiring the master developer is like hiring an architect to design the site. The concern now is whether the developer will follow through with the intent of the plan.
- e. Highly publicized neighborhood group meeting will occur before/after February presentations.

7. Opening on steering committee. Any volunteers?

- a. Kim Cameron nominated self of the floor. Unanimous vote in favor.

8. ELECTRIC SUBSTATION, Girard Kinney.

- a. Problem: the funds for the COA for the enhanced design were barely adequate. Now funds have been cut in half. Need neighborhood support to speak with local City officials. Opportunity to demonstrate how new technologies can be incorporated in the City.
- b. Austin Energy has new president, Juan Garza. Suggestion made from floor to talk to him about unfulfilled promises.

9. UPPER BOGGY CREEK PLANNING PROCESS, Stephen Kreger

- a. Tuesday, 29th, 6:30 in the Maplewood cafeteria. Top ten action items to be discussed of the current 129. Please attend to discuss or via internet to take the survey. Zoning issues are not a consideration; they are different issues.
- b. Meeting on February 5th, same time, same place, will discuss how to spend \$20,000 to be given by City. Suggestions: donate to elementary schools, or to buy welcome signs for neighborhood.
- c. History sections needed by the end of January. Please follow-through and submit your writings by the end of the month. [GB – this mystifies me. I gave them a draft a week before this meeting!]

10. Yard ordinance, Jim Walker presenter. Should the CNA opt out of the proposed City ordinance to ban parking of automobiles on front or side yards? Vote necessary to add in the Master Plan if we decide to opt out.

- a. Much discussion. Hand/Written votes turned in and counted. 5 against the proposal, 18 in favor.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mark Lind spoke of signing petition to allow current City officials who are up for re-election to run again despite maxed-out term limits. If you would like to help, contact Mark.
- b. There is a 5 million dollar bond package up for vote. The intended money is for health and safety issues in our schools. The bonds will raise funds to take care of mold growth in many public schools. People were encouraged to vote beginning late January. If money not generated, payment will come from direct operational expenses from school districts.

12. Meeting Adjourned. 8:25.

February Steering Committee

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Location: Taqueria los Altos

Chad Hamilton:

Presented his plans for a block party during SBSW to be held Thursday, March 7th. It will be during a week day, have lots of noise. Question of whether to close the street. Simply looking to inform the neighborhood and to get CNA approval.

Introductions

Officer's Reports:

Bree announced there is an opening in the steering committee. Several members mentioned they could possibly know of someone. Those members will contact their neighbors. If they are interested, the neighbors will then contact Bree.

Dave's burning issue:

Steve Wilson @ Fiesta , letter to write.

James: Will not scan list of attendees anymore. Simply add the count of attendees to the minutes.

Security update, Jules View:

School Bus parked on 34th Street. Nothing the police can do other than limit where one can park an RV. Law says not allowed to park it for more than 72 consecutive hours.

Jules' recommendation to talk with Srgt. Casas: "Talk to him frequently."
974-5917 is the direct number to Srgt. Casas. His digital pager is 802-4200.

Other than home invasion, there has been little activity in our neighborhood. Supposedly Capital Metro is responsible for bus stops.

Fiesta Parking Lot has constant issues. Cars broken into, accostings.

City does not pay for Neighborhood Watch signs. The neighborhood is responsible for them.

Bree and Jules to get together at another time to speak about how to organize a Neighborhood Watch group.

Bree brought up the idea of having block captains to have better communication. Girard added that this idea comes up every year. Somehow having hierarchical responsibilities for different sectors needs to be figured out.

Bree announced that she is Jules' campaign manager as he is running for public office as a write in candidate.

Communications, Dave.

Issue regarding advertising: Anyone willing to take over a few accounts? Kyle volunteered for this additional marketing position.

Parks, Gerard & Dave:

Friends of Patterson Park met, and having another meeting in March. Partnering with ___ for some planning with the park.

Cherrywood Park garage sale raised over \$2,000. Primary need is to water. \$6000 to install water line. Trying to get matching funds from the city.

Kim has a 27" TV to donate for a future raffle.

Grande Communications, Girard. Girard has had many problems even though others rave about the positive experiences they have.

Girard met with Grande Communications to discuss the communications hub off of 34th St. Motion, to contact Grande, request for them to paint the box Capital Green, pay CAN the \$1600. Girard suggested that he and Mike put together a proposal for spending the money. T

Beautification Committee, Rebecca.

Signs, designed by Mike Connor, are at the printer for the "Prettiest Yard".

Seventeen Welcome Baskets delivered donated by Fiesta.

Taste of Austin committee being organized.

Diane Migdette agreed to be the neighborhood pet authority.

Traffic, Stefan.

Stefan voted new chair. Renamed the committee transportation committee. Suggestions to have greater input with CAMPO. Bree offered her services for connecting with CAMPO due to her contacts. Multi-modal transportation issues on the plate for the committee. Pedestrian workshop to be held in March, but we do not have time to organize for this coming workshop.

Girard: Issue at city council on Feb. 14th. 900K of matching funds to be voted on where to be spent. The money was ear-marked to transportation/ bicycle/ pedestrian projects. Send emails to council members. Dave to send a paragraph summary on Neighborhood Net tonight. Want the money for concrete on the ground for pedestrian and bicycle projects as promised.

EarthTech and Roland Gamble, second phase of MIS (Major Investment Study) contact people to find out. No notice at all sent out.

Upper Bogy Creek Planning Team, Dave and Gordon.

Mike Walters, city planning advisor writing the survey. Gordon rose issues with the city's survey. There are positives and negatives.

March 6th, Mueller Redevelopment will get to see business plans and ask questions. March 7th, the plans will be presented to staff. Then in early April, the city management will make a recommendation of which developer to recommend to council.

New Business:

Dolly recommends to allow the businesses in the neighborhood to put their names on the internet site, as well as community classified, and a community services "Green Sheet". All of this to be added to the recommendation page.

March Steering Committee

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Location: Taqueria los Altos

ACTION DEADLINE:

ACTION BY:

Officer Reports:

Bree:

Received 2- \$1000 checks from Grande Communications for plantings around their communications box. Not able to paint boxes due to several technical reasons.

ACTION DEADLINE: Next meeting

Issue now is what to do with the \$2000. Need a design and procedure. Girard and Mark to present possible solution for next meeting.

ACTION DEADLINE: Next meeting

ACTION BY: Girard & Mark

Pato's fire. Article in Chronicle coming out on Thursday. Who is involved in the media. James to ask neighbor professor at UT.

Chad Hamilton's Party is tomorrow.

James:

Logo. Going to open it up to competition. James to write an article for the Flea

ACTION DEADLINE: Friday, Mar 15

ACTION BY: James

Lyn:

We have approximately \$2000 in the bank. Concern raised as to whether we are making money or losing money publishing the Flea.

Pressing Issues:

Helping Pato's rebuild. Owner asked for help/volunteers when rebuilding.

Bree will ask Dave to contact the owner, Randy.

ACTION BY: Bree

Final statement, we should be worried about what business we get to fill the space and help them rather than saving Randy, the owner.

Homeless issues:

Gordon's suggestion: Get interest groups together, and police to devise a strategy.

Bree will talk with commander Johnson.

There is a crime committee. Will they undertake it?

Priscilla Mulston a representative to get involved. Girard will send an email to her to ask.

Mueller Redevelopment, Is there anything we need to do as a group or individually? City is reviewing two groups as to how they will fare. Gordon will write a letter, email for steering committee to review, and then send off to ROMA team. Profess your passion for the ROMA plan; this is what needs to be done. Bree recommends in person visits. Gordon will consult with Gerard to write two letters. Recommendations is to visit with all council members. (Letter ideas: to keep 000

Jack is the self-appointed committee member to strategize how and who we will talk to? March 25th, Monday will be lobby day. Bree will call to make appointments.

Communications:

The Flea. Many articles are already in. They are on schedule at the moment. Five pages of advertising. The Flea has reached capacity with ads carrying. People are complaining they can not get ads.

Jacks suggestion: quick news article with email and contact name/number. This jackjn@grandecom.net

Rebecca, Lyn, and Bree will get together (Budget chairs) to discuss the ads in the Flea.

Parks: Dave not present.

Report from last week's, Saturday event at Paterson Park.

Willowbrook to get on the list, so that we are reporting on three.

Cherrywood Park committee recommended re-naming the park Cherrywood Green. Motion made to vote. All in favor. (Realized though we had no quorum)

Planning and Zoning

Mike Damal found an illegal garage apartment being constructed on Lafayette.

James and Mike to meet and discuss Mike's future as planning chair
ACTION DEADLINE: Saturday, March 16th

ACTION BY: James

Transportation Committee, Stefan Chair

Girard to email everyone the agenda/contacts/meeting location of City's planning department that will describe all ...

No one who is particular leader with NSYNC group. Stefan will call the representatives Jay/Jeff and ask status and to call a group.

ACTION DEADLINE: Next meeting

ACTION BY: Stefan

Security:

No report.

Hospitality Committee. Delivering more baskets.

James to send a letter to Amy at Hangers for thanking for \$5 coupons included in baskets.

Frances to contact James with Amy's last name.

ACTION DEADLINE: Next meeting

ACTION BY: James & Frances

Girard, Electric Substation update

Much debate about how to approach Austin's Electric's switching design firms and reduced budget. The issues is whether the Neighborhood Association allows Austin Electric and their new design firm to present us with a new enclosure design to critique and review, or whether we protest the team and budget changes in hope that we could support a team/procedure that would better guarantee a good design/outcome. The Steering Committee consensus was that neither method could guarantee an exceptional product, but protesting or postponing the construction does not appear in the neighborhood's best interest. This view was not unanimous, but the majority

Suggestion and outcome: to continue to be vigilant and monitor the design/construction process, then react to it when we can review the design.

April General Membership

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.

(Notes in lieu of Minutes -- gb)

July Steering Committee

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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July General Membership

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 longterm 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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Submitted by Gordon Bennett

August Steering Committee

CNA Steering Committee

Aug. 14, 2002. Taqueria Los Altos

GB Notes

SC Attending (8): Bree Buchanan (presiding), Frances Delaune, Jeff Folmar, Rebecca Kohout, Jack Newman, David Menhard, Stefan Schuster, Dave Westenbarger

SC Not Attending (4; 1 vacancy): Kyle Ranne, Jim Sander, Andy Simmons, James Spanelli

Others Attending (4): Gordon Bennett, Girard Kinney, Karol & Sarah Menhard, Lex Dale Owens

1. TREASURER'S REPORT (Rebecca)

Current balance \$4950 (\$2000 from Grande Communications earmarked for the Cherrywood Green area). Some apparent irregularities reported last month were tied to FLEA ads that had not been authorized. Part of the problem is fixed – in the future, continuing ads must be reauthorized. No one will simply assume so.

2. HISTORICAL DESIGNATION (Bree)

Volunteer amateur historians are needed to gather info on subdivisions near IH35. Rebecca Kohout will coordinate with Andy Simmons and perhaps with Peter Ketter and Chase Robertson. Girard will ask for Barbara Stocklin's help or advice. TxDOT is expected to turn its attention to Cherrywood's historicity this fall (TxDOT contact: Mike Walker).

3. FLEA (Bree)

The October issue will be delivered to the printer on Sep 30. Submissions are due to interim Editor Bree on Sep 13. Submissions to Assistant Editors Rebecca Schwarz or Dolly Ensey should be earlier.

4. PLANNING ZONING (Girard)

A reorganization meeting will be Sep 3 (Tue). A "Zoning 101" presentation will be announced in the Oct FLEA to explain changes brought about by the UBC Plan. Planning Team Chair Stephen Kreger will introduce the changes in the FLEA.

5. TRANSPORTATION (Stefan)

TxDOT is resisting important changes that we and others are requesting to its long-term plans. They are trying to deal separately with individual groups of residents. We are trying to counter with a unified North Central IH35 Neighborhoods Coalition (NCINC), supported by the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC). Since federal funds will be required, TxDOT needs to satisfy federal requirements. These include minimizing harm to historical areas, and winning endorsement from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), made up of local elected representatives. We hope to gain some leverage through these organizations.

6. SECURITY (Lex)

- (a) Crime reports are up 50% in the Central East Command, “Charlie Sector” (http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/dr_ce.htm). An artifact of the economic slowdown? Council has approved enough additional officers to bring Austin’s ratio up to 2.2/1000. ANC hopes for 2.5/1000.
- (b) Pato’s Tacos is rebuilding quickly because Capital Metro is paying for it. Apparently the fact that the fire started with burning RR ties set ablaze by homeless campers was enough to fix CapMetro’s responsibility. This is new. No details yet.
- (c) Vineland situation. No news this month. Asst. DA Meg Brooks was unable attend. Chief Knee has not yet responded to the SC’s invitation.
- (d) Manor Road restaurants are being hit hard by burglars. Not only Mueller’s BBQ this week, but also Hoovers’s and the East Side Café (which has hired 2 night guards). Maybe a sign of the times. But the Mueller’s theft of meat, potato salad, cole slaw, and sauces (but not cash in the register) suggests someone wanted to have Mueller’s “cater” their event.

7. STEERING COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT (Bree)

Three new applications have been received. More are welcome. Download from <cherrywood.org> | Library.

8. HOSPITALITY (Rebecca)

Plans are afoot for a fall arts/crafts bazaar. Kathleen McTee has been posting ideas (artcloth@texas.net). Priscilla Boston has volunteered to help (peboston@juno.com). More suggestions and participation are welcome.

9. PARKS

No report, though both Cherrywood Green (Katharine Beisner) and Friends of Patterson Park (Isabel Headrick) are active.

10. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (all welcome)

Sep 11 (Wed), 6p, Taqueria. Yes, on 9-1-1's first anniversary.

Submitted by Gordon Bennett

September Steering Committee

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 finetune 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, facepainting 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@vieuau.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...

Submitted by Gordon Bennett

October Steering Committee

CNA Steering Committee
Taqueria Los Altos
October 9, 2002

Call to order and introductions.

Officer reports:

Bree: Discussed merit of having awards for neighbors that have contributed significantly to the hood, sort of an annual hero's forum. The floor was opened for nominations and Isabelle Headrick, Bethany Andrée, and Katharine Beisner were nominated. Jeff Folmar made a motion to approve and Jack Newman seconded. The nomination motion passed unanimously. In regards to the Grande enclosure, there has been clearance given on the design. Now Mark Lind will work on the final stages of design (thanks to Mark!) and the next step is to coordinate with the City. There was some discussion on how and if this should be done, there is some concern about needing a building permit. Bree has talked to Judy Fowler at Austin Energy and the steel girders for the substation should arrive within a week and the final construction and landscaping should be done by the end of the year.

Bo McCarver with Blacklands gave an update of activities. The UBCP process has managed to bring \$7,250 for Patterson Park and \$2,000 for Cherrywood Green, now COA Parks has to approve. Next Bo discussed roads. The UBCP calls for 38th to be downgraded (the position is supported by Blacklands) and Manor to remain as it is currently striped. The next step in the process is to lobby the City to have the expansion plans for these roads pulled from the CAMPO plan. Bo feels it is important to keep this effort separate from any IH35 activities, however, we need to build strong support from the neighborhood to have a strong showing at the CAMPO public hearing on their plan in the Spring of 2003. Bo is trying to work on Jackie Goodman as a support person for this street effort by emphasizing that we put traffic loads on state highways (MLK and Airport) over city streets (Manor & 38th). Girard expressed that this issue should be visited by the P&Z committee. Bo continued that we should work together to find a winning solution to our neighborhood Triangle at Manor and Chicon. He indicated that it would be wonderful public space and we should pursue getting Capital Metro money to purchase the land. In regards to NCINC, we are getting additional media coverage from the Texas News Network, which is producing a story on IH35, and the story of contractors doing lobbying for transportation projects is also being picked up. Stefan has made several presentations to other neighborhood associations and we are due to get an endorsement from the ANC mobility workgroup. A discussion about the future of 38th ensued.

Other Issues:

Jim Walker added that someone should contact COA to see if there is data on the operational benefit of the current Manor road striping that could be applied to 38th for future design changes. In addition, he added that somehow the Flea production got bumped up to 1,800 and asked if there were specific reasons. Bree indicated that she needed an extra 50 to send to all local elected

officials (kudos to Bree for taking on this massive endeavor). Others added that the extras were for advertisers to pass out in their places of business.

The November elections were discussed and the importance of getting the vote out, particularly since Precinct 131 would be the only one in the city voting electronically. The Democratic Party has been approached about holding an event in Cherrywood Green where information on candidates would be available and rides to Fiesta for early voting would also be given. There was extensive discussion and it was agreed that the neighborhood association should assist in the effort to increase voter turnout (no matter what party) in the neighborhood. The discussion indicated that a flyer to encourage people to get out and vote needed to be generated. No responsible party (except maybe Jim) was selected.

Bree Buchanan inquired about her kid's cuteness in the current issue of the Flea. Although enthusiastic support was given, it was unclear whether there was unanimous support. Congratulations Bree!

The safe routes to school results would be presented at the general membership meeting. Rebecca Kohout indicated that we had not received any additional backlogged checks and had no further expenses than the Flea production. There were some questions about what we were proposing to do with the \$1,000 from Grande for a neighborhood project. Bree was going to double-check the language of the letter to see if there were specific restrictions. Ideas thrown out included giving thanks to Grande in the Flea, seed money for a sidewalk project around the box, signs announcing general membership meeting (with potential opportunity for Grande logo on sign), creating a Cherrywood announcement board, or using the money for Cherrywood Green. Rebecca pointed out that this level of expenditure needed to be brought before the general membership for approval, the earliest this could occur would be the January meeting.

On the communications front, Bree gleefully announced that her temporary stint as Flea editor was over. The suggestion was made to let Dolly and Rebecca co-editor the Flea. No action was taken.

No report from Parks or Planning and Zoning. The update from Security is the email about the Commander's forum.

Girard brought up issues with replying to the Neighbor-net and not replying to everyone or having the option available. No resolution or action was indicated.

Jeff Folmar briefly reported on the Delwood Duplex alley issue. There will be a brief presentation at the general membership meeting concerning maintenance problems with the alleys. Jeff Folmar is requesting a vote to determine whether or not the CNA should issue a letter to all property owners of the Delwood Duplexes reminding them of the importance of the alleys as well as the need to keep them clear and passable. It was reiterated that this is just a small, first step in a process to get the alleys fully functional and regularly maintained. Girard Kinney indicated that he would like the strategies for long term maintenance to be presented to and coordinated with the Planning and Zoning Committee."

Rebecca reported that there is a meeting on the Holiday Arts Festival next week. The festival will take place November 23rd from 11-5. She reported that the artists are ready but we have not heard from additional volunteers. In addition, she has delivered the outstanding welcome baskets and announced that only one of our two award-winning yards made it into the Flea.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

October General Membership Meeting

CNA Quarterly Membership Meeting
October 16, 2002, 6:30 - 8:00p, Maplewood School
Attending: 32 Presiding: Bree Buchanan (CNA Chair)
Recording: G. Bennett

1. A FIDUCIARY NOTE (Gordon Bennett)

In the course of the meeting, several references caught my ear to “high voter turnout,” “robust attendance,” “good response to calls for volunteers,” “strong committee work,” and CNA being “well-received by City officials.”

Adding together \$1250 from the Austin Parks Foundation for a trail in Patterson Park, HEB’s donation to shade the wading pool, \$2000 to Cherrywood Green from the UBC Plan, \$2000 from Grande Communications for landscaping in the Cherrywood Green area, TPSD’s striping bike lanes on Manor Road, \$7500 to Patterson from the UBC Plan, \$100,000 budgeted by the City to improve the Patterson playscape,” Austin Energy’s incipient enclosure and landscaping of its electric substation on the Fiesta corner, and possibly \$100,000+ from a Safe Routes to School grant Maplewood and CNA are preparing, dedicated neighbors backstopped by this Association have sprung for us well over a quarter of a million dollars in improvements and amenities for this area in the last couple years.

These efforts have not been CNA organizational initiatives per se. They have been largely the work of active individuals. But I believe having our Association, the FLEA, etc. behind them has played a big role in stimulating this impressive level of community effort. This is one very strong neighborhood association. It has been blessed with very able leadership and participation.

2. eSLATE (Dana DeBeauvoir)

Our County Clerk presented the new voting machines that Pct 131 (Asbury) will pilot Nov 5. For details (and a video), see our What’s New Pussycat? page:
http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwd/pssyct.htm

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Democratic Party get-out-the-vote rallies
Cherrywood Green and Patterson Park
Oct 20 (Sun) 2-6
Food, neighbors...
Independents, Greens, Libertarians, and Republicans welcome
HIGH NEIGHBORHOOD TURNOUT Nov. 5 is the goal

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3. RECOGNITIONS (Bree Buchanan)

Bree presented plaques to Isabel Headrick and Katharine Beisner for outstanding contributions to Patterson Park and Cherrywood Green respectively, to Flea layout artist Bethany Andréé, and to

me as a “Cherrywood Hero.” As you might guess, I think the world of this Association and the many friends who make it go. This award means me as much as any I’ve received. Thank you Bree, and thank you everyone!

4. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (Dave Westenbarger)

****MOTION**** (approved unanimously) CNA should contribute a letter supporting Maplewood PTA’s grant application. If successful, it will yield \$100,000+ for sidewalks and crossings around the School. Isabel Headrick expressed concerns that people across whose property a sidewalk would run might not be aware of such plans, and might not have an opportunity to negotiate landscaping issues, tree removal, etc.

5. DUPLEX ALLEYS (Jeff Folmar)

****MOTION**** (approved unanimously) CNA should send a letter to residents and propertyowners bordering the alleys among the duplexes, advising the desirability of keeping these easements clear, well maintained, and accessible. Jeanne Claire van Ryzin observed that many duplexes host 3 or 4 cars, far too many for the street to accommodate. Mark Lind offered that we all have an interest in solving this problem since clutter on nearby streets makes them more dangerous for pedestrians. Girard Kinney, Chair of the CNA Planning & Zoning Committee, contributed that P&Z should help affected CNA members find a good, agreeable solution.

6. FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK (Isabel Headrick)

APF’s grant will fund a trail. UBC’s allotment will fund assorted improvements.

7. CHERRYWOOD GREEN (Katharine Beisner)

UBC’s grant will help fund a trail, picnic table, mutt mitts with disposal. Katharine is threading her way through City requirements to get a water fountain, and a permit to become a proper “park.”

8. UPPER BOGGY CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN (Stephen Kreger)

The next steps are (a) come up with an amendment process to keep the Plan current with neighborhood changes; (b) decide how Planning Team and constituent Neighborhood Associations should relate; and (c) lobby for Action Items that are not likely to happen automatically. Of special interest is 38-1/2 St, which the Plan (passed by City Council) calls for downgrading to a neighborhood street, eligible for traffic calming.

9. TRAFFIC ISSUES (Stefan Schuster)

The next encounter with TxDOT over the planned IH35 upgrade design will be CAMPO’s hearing next spring. Between now and then, continued lobbying.

10. SECURITY (Lex Dale Owens)

(a) The property at 3709 Vineland has been boarded up by the City. There are still a few steps left to make sure the scofflaw owners don’t allow it to revive as a drug market. Followup will be critical.

(b) Lex underscored the importance of WRITING DOWN observations of potential police interest. WRITE DOWN descriptions, make and color of car, even parts of license numbers, etc. It yields better details and higher credibility.

11. HOLIDAY ART FESTIVAL (Rebecca Kohout)

Plans proceed for a fun event Nov 23 (Sat) 11-5 at Asbury. Volunteers are needed to help staff food booths, etc.

12. DELWOOD SUBSTATION (Bree Buchanan)

Austin Energy promises to have it completely enclosed and landscaped by the end of 2002. Mark Lind has been working with them on design issues.

13. PLANNING & ZONING (Girard Kinney)

- (a) An information session of some sort will be organized, possibly before year-end, to explain what's allowed and not allowed under the UBC Plan and other City Land Development Code changes.
- (b) Now that Friends of Patterson and Cherrywood Green projects are ably organized, it may be wise to merge CNA's P&Z and Parks Committees.
- (c) Corridors connecting major green spaces remain a design goal.

14. 2002-03 STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTION (Michael McClendon)

****MOTION**** (approved unanimously) Approve the Nominating Committees slate gazetted in the FLEA. Elected are Meg Brooks, Bree Buchanan, Peter Ketter, Girard Kinney, Lex Dale Owens, Stefan Schuster, and Andy Simmons.

- Adjourn -

November Steering Committee

CNA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2002

Present were Dave Westenbarger, Bree Buchanan, Lex Owens, Jeff Folmar, Peter Ketter, Stephan Schuster, David Menhard, Francis DeLaune, Meg Brooks, Michael McClendon, Gordon Bennett, and Girard Kinney.

Officers - Officers were elected. They are Dave Westenbarger - Chair, Stephan Schuster - Vice Chair, Rebecca Kohout - Treasurer, Meg Brooks - Secretary

Flea - The deadline for articles for the next Flea is December 13th. The next issue will come out the second week in January. There will be a Flea meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 at the Sacred Cup. Sue Taylor is the new Flea editor

Duplex Alleys - Jeff presented a draft of a letter to be sent to all the owners of properties in Duplex Nation concerning the upkeep of the alleys. It was suggested that tenants be contacted at some point also so they can be advocates to the owners. We may at some point want to explore the issue of allowing businesses or absentee property owners to be a part of the association.

Grande Box - Grande has sent a contract to CNA. It was decided that Andy and Bree would look at it but we are not sure who should sign it. It seems that it really needs to go to the City because that is who owns the land. It was decided that it would be assigned for work to the Planning and Zoning Committee. It has been clarified that the \$1000 from Grande is for neighborhood beautification.

Award - Girard is getting the Urban Light Award from the Downtown Austin Neighborhoods Association.

Scenic Roadway - There was a motion from Girard that the Steering Committee support Will Wynn's CAMPO proposal to declare I-30 a "scenic roadway", thus prohibiting billboards. Stephan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Girard will send an email of support to Will Wynn.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes by Secretary Meg Brooks