

CNA SC Meeting Minutes: August 9, 2006 (recorded by Amy Brotman)

In Attendance:

* Indicates CNA Steering Committee Members. Quorum present
(Absent members: Jennifer Elsner, Pauline Porter, and David Greene)

*Girard Kinney
*Harold Cook
*Mark & Beverly Schiff
*Rebecca Kohout
*Randall Terrell
*Rick Cofer
*Gordon Bennett
*Amy Brotman
*Jack Newman
George Holcombe
Dolly Ensey

1) Call to Order

6:40PM by Jack Newman. A quorum was declared to be present.

2) Minutes

No questions from the last meeting minutes; approved by acclamation.

3) Budget

We have at least \$5000 in the bank after the latest issue of the *Flea* and the church sign have been paid for. The balance is expected to increase after this week's advertising revenue collections have been deposited.

4) 38 ½ Street Power Pole Replacement

Sonny Poole and Michelle McAfee with Austin Energy are our guests. Sonny is responsible for the project, and Michelle is responsible for any needed tree trimming because of the project.

Austin Energy will be replacing the power poles down 38 ½ Street between I-35 and Airport. They have worked with the Mueller Development and Girard, Jack, and Dolly from Cherrywood to coordinate and plan. The poles need to be replaced, because the Mueller hospitals will need dual service from two separate circuits so there is always backup power. In order to get the dual capacity, they need to come out of the Fiesta sub-station, and the size of the lines will need to be upgraded.

In order to minimize tree trimming, the poles will be replaced with taller poles so that the new lines are above the tree line. The work will start in a few weeks and will be completed by the end of the year so that the hospital can begin testing all of their electrical systems in preparation for opening.

There will also be some sidewalk repairs as a result of the project.

Some Mueller development notes of interest:

- Retail is going in at the sites fronting I-35. Dirt work has begun on this.
- Residential development is starting, and Catellus is taking bids on lots from builders. There will be about 6 different builders building homes in section 4.
- There will be a lake at the bottom of the development along Manor Road, and this is being started soon. Pumps for fountains will be installed in this lake.
- Along Airport at the round-a-bout, the community center lake is being developed right now. There will be a music venue as well.
- Section 3 which is close to Delwood 2 has been sold, and there will be 440 apartment units being developed and built by the same company that did the Triangle at 45th and Guadalupe.
- The UT Medical School will reside at Mueller with the first building being a 150,000 sqft lab with a controlled environment. Chilled water, steam, and electric will be provided to the UT medical school as well.
- There are also plans for a train to service the area. The train is the only item that will have above ground electricity serving it. Everything else in the development will be underground.
- Rathgeber Village is a development that borders Mueller but is outside of the original Mueller Development. This development is underway, and will be a complex for children with special needs.

All will be completed in 2007 and 2008.

Questions and Answers:

Q: When the substation at Fiesta was built, there were numerous promises made about improvements that would be made. We made a mistake about not having an agreement signed. One of the promises was that there would be some sort of identifying tower for the neighborhood, landscaping, electric fuel for vehicles, etc... The neighborhood very reluctantly approved the project because of the promises, and is now disappointed that Austin Energy didn't deliver on their end of the agreement.

A: Sonny will escalate to Judy.

Q: How much would it cost to put the lines on 39 ½ underground like the new lines at Mueller?

A: Several million additional dollars would be needed to drop the lines underground. \$300-500/foot.

Q: How tall will the new poles be?

A: 45-50 foot poles will be replaced with 55-60 foot poles. No trees will be removed. Some brush will be removed past the park so that they can get the trucks in. Some Hackberries and Logustrums on private property will be removed from the right of way as well to make room for the trucks. The city will give the option of providing the homeowner with a replacement tree. They can also provide the neighborhood with some trees for a park area.

Q: What is the timing of the project?

A: The project will start sometime in the next month and will be completed by the end of the year. The process will be to drill the poles first, and then come and do the lines. All work will take place during the day.

Q: Austin Energy would like to know how CNA would like to be notified.

Residents that are directly affected will be notified up-front by Austin Energy.

A: The neighborhood association will be notified by email so that it can be posted on the neighbornet.

5) **Announcements and Requests**

George Holcombe with Ashbury: Texas Impact has made an offer to churches to allow them to show the movie Inconvenient Truth for free. Asbury will be our neighborhood's hosting church and will be showing the movie sometime in October. They would like to make it into a neighborhood potluck as well.

Additionally, Sunday, 9/10 will be a homecoming event at Asbury with past preacher Jimmy Stone coming back to preach the sermon. All prior pastors have been invited as well. They will host a homecoming luncheon after the service, and Mueller Bar-b-que will provide the food at \$8 a plate.

The Flea: The *Flea* ad sales volunteers are overwhelmed and need help in managing ad sales and collections. No help is needed in sales, but help is needed in collecting payments for the advertisements that have been sold. Volunteers would need to visit the advertiser and pick up checks.

Change of Venue: Gordon suggests that we convene next month's steering committee to Hornitos. It's quiet, cool, and they have a meeting room. He will look into seeing if they will allow us to use the meeting room and will let the group know.

6) Vacant Posts

Vacant CNA Posts:

The Flea - Jennifer Elsner and her husband have volunteered to take over both *Flea* open positions. We extend a huge thanks to both of them. It has been suggested that we recruit some back-up so that we have constant coverage in case of life emergencies, vacations, etc... Also, a new position of co-editor has been created, and Dolly Ensey will fill that position. Thank you very much, Dolly. We will nominate and vote en masse and present them to the group next week. David Greene has agreed to be the layout artist. He will need to present himself as a candidate on the neighbornet. The nominations committee needs some full-time focus. Some of our members are stretched thin.

Vice-chair – That role is open and ready for nomination. Girard would like to nominate David Greene for this position and feels he would be an excellent vice-chair.

CNA Steering Committee – Rick Cofer has volunteered to assume 1 of the 2 open positions. Harold moves to accept him. Girard moves to second the movement. The vote is unanimous. His term will end in 2007. The group would like to invite George Holcombe to fill the other remaining position. Girard moved to offer George as nominee. Randall seconded the movement to be a special associate member of the Steering Committee with a term ending in 2007. The vote is unanimous in acceptance of George.

Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team (UBCPT): Cherrywood needs to have 4 members on the UBC Planning Committee -- a business member, a rental member, and two regular members. Girard is currently the only member. The meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and they float. Because of all the development in our area, this is a very important time that these members will be asked to weigh in on. Amy has volunteered to be the business member. Rebecca indicates that Rick Cofer is interested as well for the renter position. Gordon volunteers to fill the remaining slot. Harold moves to nominate Gordon, and Girard seconds. Girard moves to nominate Amy. Votes are unanimous.

Transportation committee: This committee is currently inactive. Girard wants someone else to take the planning and zoning committee chair. He's been doing it for 10 years and would like to give the position on. If someone will take it, Girard will take the transportation committee chair.

CNA Reorganization Committee: Randall moves to create this committee. Gordon seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

| 7) **UBCPT Meeting Update (Girard)**

The UBC neighborhood planning area is a planning overlay that includes 5 neighborhoods with Cherrywood being the largest neighborhood involved. The 5 neighborhoods are Wilshire Woods, Delwood 2, Cherrywood, Blackland, and Rogers Washington/Holy Cross. We now have an official neighborhood plan where every piece of property is zoned in the area with their normal zoning and with an NP. The NP means that all property zonings have been blessed by the neighborhoods. And, moving forward, the neighborhoods have a say in zoning changes.

The UBCPT, in coordination with the Rosewood PT is dealing with the Manor Road transportation corridor and with the Redeemer site that goes from Manor to MLK along the Railroad, and is the largest undeveloped parcel in our neighborhood. UBC has worked with the developer of this parcel for a year and is getting ready to endorse the idea to support the increase the height from 40 feet to 60 feet on one building – the sanctuary. The agreement is in exchange for implementing the neighborhood plans for that entire site which include mixed use development with retail and affordable housing. The committee is not confident that the developer will agree to the terms.

8) **Delwood Shopping Center and Fiesta Update**

Harold has met with APD and has come up with a plan to address crime, trash, and better communications. This plan will be distributed to the CNASC via email for review. He, Jack, and Sheldon also met with Tim Walthall, the new manager of Fiesta. The new management wants to have a relationship with the neighborhood and the police and definitely has the right attitude toward change. They are also willing to contribute budget dollars for neighborhood and Maplewood events. They agreed to implement APD's program for reducing crime in the parking lot. As a neighborhood, we need to be supportive of Fiesta and any progress that they make.

9) **Proposal to Request COA Study Peak Oil**

Randall Terrell would like the neighborhood to consider submitting a resolution to the city council asking them to conduct a peak oil study. Peak Oil is where the world's oil production levels peak and eventually begins to decline all while the world's oil consumption is increasing.

This will affect us at a local and neighborhood level, because of our energy consumption, transit choices, etc... Even our food supplies will be affected as prices of transportation costs rise. It is estimated that it will take 20 years for cities and states to plan for this, and Randall would like to CNA to ask the city council to conduct a study on Peak Oil so that we as a neighborhood can be assured that we will continue to have the same levels of service from the city.

| There is a difference in opinion among the CNA-SC about whether this is a neighborhood issue or not and whether or not we should support a resolution without consensus from our neighborhood. Gordon suggests that Randall conduct a survey of our neighborhood so that we can see how the neighborhood feels before we make any decisions to support or not support a resolution.

Girard spoke with Brewster McCracken about the Peak Oil concerns, and McCracken felt that it helps the city support decisions they are making in implementing the high-density development around transportation corridors.

Harold, Jack, and Girard support seeing the resolution come from the ANC instead of the CNA. The CNA-SC recommended that the ANC take the resolution to the City Council, and the motion was passed understanding that it be presented to the CNA general meeting for approval.

10) Meeting Adjournment

It was moved to extend the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

MEMBERSHIP August 16, 2006

Jack Newman (chairing)

(25?) attending (quorum)

(Jennifer Elsner recording)

>> NEXT: Nov15 (Wed), Maplewood

- MOTION (passed) Approve Gordon Bennett, Amy Brotman, Harold Cook, Mark Schiff as replacement members of the Steering Committee.

- MOTION (passed) Amend Bylaws (Art. VI, §D, Meetings of the SC) by changing the quorum requirement from 7 to: "A quorum of the SC shall be a simple majority of current members but never fewer than five."

- MOTION (tabled? – see Item 4) Amend Bylaws (Art. IV, Membership) by adding a new paragraph: "The SC may invite a nonresident individual with substantial involvement with Cherrywood to be an Affiliate Member. No more than two Affiliates may serve the SC at any time. But otherwise Affiliates may vote and serve on committees. The SC may later revoke an individual's Affiliate Membership."

- (• MOTION [passed] on 3206 French Place unrecorded. Sec'y had to leave as meeting continued past 8p. But CNA sent an approval to the City)

call to order 6:38pm

full house, lots to cover, we are employing a stopwatch watcher (amy brotman) to keep us on schedule and allow for full participation.

girard kinney in hospital (emergency) today. his agenda items are to be pushed to the end of the meeting in case he is able to show up.

1. SECURITY (Ofc. Sheldon Salisbury)

- priority 1 calls clocked at 7 minute response by APD.
- officer salisbury has been given the addition of charlie 5 (south of chicon) in addition to charlie 6 (cherrywood). very busy with drug and prostitution calls in charlie 5, but also reports the following charlie 6 news:
 - problems at 4411 Airport Road property (Princeton Apartments). some arrests made (a katrina evacuee), other residents are being watched for activity.
 - crime is however on the downturn, slight reduction in charlie 6, response time is down a little bit. goal remains to reduce time in area.
 - invitation to the monthly Commander's Forum at APDs springdale facility (9/11, 6:30pm at 812 Springdale/7th)
 - officer salisbury's # is 974-4498
 - addresses question about the "1 cop per 1000 residents" ad. reports its a pitch to get more support for APD to satisfy the growing needs of the city.

2. NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. introductions & presentation of new steering committee members: amy brotman george Holcombe* rick cofer mark shiff harold cook (absent) motion to approve as a group, second. one dissenting vote regarding discussion of changing bylaws allowing a non-resident(*) member to be on SC... friendly amendment to remove george Holcombe from this list in order to approve resident nominees approved. non-resident nominee to be discussed later in the meeting (Item 4)

b. explanation of UBC (Upper Boggy Creek) representation by steven kreger. a consortium of surrounding neighborhoods including Cherrywood. address 5 neighborhood's issues (4 reps each), including zoning and land use. example of their work is, redeemer presbyterian. new cherrywood UBC representation include:

gordon bennett
amy brotman
rick cofer
girard kinney

3. FIESTA BUS STOP AREA

Fiesta Bus Stop Area New management at Fiesta. Harold, Jack & Sheldon met with Manager and reports that he is concerned about the problems we are voicing and is in full cooperation with CNA. Fiesta will also reinstall offering a "new neighbor basket". He asked for some breathing room to ramp up, address and try and rectify the problems before we continue to press him too hard. Pauline & Jack met with 2-3 Cap Metro reps to get the bus stop cleaned up or route it though the fiesta parking lot. Response has been Cap Metro cleaned up the stop, added lights, etc...

4. PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS (Gordon Bennett)

Motion and second made to approve the bylaw change as outlined in the Flea. Gordon explains reasons for the change to include non-resident members in the SC. To better insure a voting majority in the SC as well as broaden the potential of the neighborhood association by including those who enrich our neighborhood. Randall explains how just as renters have been granted the right to participate this move also will enrich CNA. Girard asked about the situation about absentee property owners... and poses the difference between the two. Jack comments that this is a "by invitation" only and that we ARE NOT inviting Asbury Methodist Church, we are inviting George Holcombe. We are not representing businesses. This is a rare example, rarer than the renter example. If we can identify some one who gives life force to the neighborhood, hell to the yea they best represent what CNA is about. This is also about practicalities, the need to have active and dedicated members is necessary. 2 questioners ask "why now?". And why is this being coupled with the lowering to 5 to make a quorum?... Kyle Ranne a former SC member speaks to the issue of making the quorum as well as bettering the committee's candidate pool. doesnt see the harm... at this point we need to couch [?] this item to allow for more discussion. jack closes this topic by putting the kaibash on some sort of SC cabal, reminds all that we have been voted by the greater CNA.

move by laura, and second randall, to separate the different bylaw amendments.

one abstention, majority to approve. discussion includes how a 5 person quorum is too few if we keep 13 as the required SC membership. motion to vote, second. one abstention, majority to approve. APPROVED. motion,

second to couch [table?] the non-resident SC bylaw amendment until next meeting.

4 against. motion to couch [?]. APPROVED.

a committee to study the issue and make a recommendation has been initiated and a call to all neighbors via NN (to gather participants as well as set a time/date) is in the works.

5. PEAK OIL (Randall Terrell)

What planned to be the hot issue of the evening, paled in comparison to the ByLaw topic. After much internet hub-bub the Resolution to encourage the Austin Neighborhoods Council to request that the city of Austin establish a Peak Oil Task Force to assess Austin's exposure to diminishing supplies of oil and natural gas make recommendations to address vulnerabilities... PASSED. More info about the Peak Oil issue on cherrywood.org. Motion (girard), second (eric hepburn), call for discussion: George Holcombe comments that there are cities who are in fact studying this and implications include police patrol will be reduced when price for oil rises... 1 dissenting vote, motion carries.etc.

Girard is asking someone else to take on the chair of P&Z Committee. That position is open. Girard is shifting his responsibilities to traffic issues that are coming down the pike with the Mueller. Inconvenient truth to be shown at Asbury Methodist. Asking for date recommendations in the first 2 weeks of October.

Out of time before we get to all agenda items...

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