
STEERING COMMITTEE: October 11, 2006

• SC PRESENT (10, Quorum): Gordon Bennett, Amy Brotman, Rick Cofer, Harold Cook, Jennifer Elsner, David Greene, Girard Kinney, Rebecca Kohout, Jack Newman, Mark Schiff

• SC NOT PRESENT: Pauline Porter, (2 vacancies)

• OTHERS: "Deborah," Brian Keenan, Beverly Schiff, Randall Terrell

(Jennifer Elsner recording)

>> Next -- Nov. 8 (Wed) 6:30p, Los Altos

* MOTION (passed 7-2) Recommend to the general membership a new Cherrywood logo. [NB: GB proposed simply that we substitute this more artsy graphic on the *Flea* masthead for the anatomically correct bugger there now, but the motion elevated it to "Cherrywood logo."]



1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Jenn)

nominating committee reports 4 interested parties with Brian's application. comment about not "making". gordon bennett offers himself up if we do not get 6. [NB: Actually 7 since Randall '06 resigned after taking on ANC rep.]

2. FLEA (Jenn)

(a) flea deadline 11/16 [NB: probably she meant 10/16]

(b) flea distribution routes need to be addressed, david greene acknowledges this and will talk and/or work towards making flea delivery more comprehensive and timely.

(c) motion that the flea logo designed by mark lind, become the official logo for the CNA and recommend this to the general recommendation, second.

3. ANC (Randall)

(a) ANC representation discussed. randall terrell reports his attendance at meeting and his willingness to accept being the CNA representative.

(b) discussion at ANC meeting discussed vertical mixed use. girard explains design/development standards of VMU: incorporates optional residential units above commercial structures, its a "density bonus" by allowing a developer to build more densely, in return they will provide housing above and a portion of that will be affordable. also in this bonus is parking being behind the building, making the development more pedestrian friendly.

(c) parkland dedication ordinance also discussed at anc. PARD presented and wanted input regarding dedication fees (cash or land). the way it works now seems fine, but city developers are charged more than suburban ones. PARD suggests going to fixed fee.

(d) resolution adopted by anc. long range planning recommendation audit commissioned by city not being incorporated by city, anc asks that the recommendations be implemented.

(e) girard opens discussion about the anc representative having to be a steering committee member. randall responds that there is a time constraint that he intends on being here as much as possible to report ANC goings on. rebecca adds how currently steering committee members are not required to do anything BUT attend SC meetings. no motion, no decision made.

4. ETCETERA (Gordon)

gordon asks what is next location of meeting. quack's? el chile? los altos. LOS ALTOS is agreed on... for now.

5. P&Z (Girard)

(a) all issues on agenda (airport strip, 3709 vineland, 1600 edgewood, 3500 robinson, tornado bus stop, concordia & redeemer) will be discussed next week at the P&Z meeting. all are encouraged to attend. one new thing though: developer of concordia is deferring to move exclusively through the hancock neighborhood committee. in light of this, girard is fine with continuing on representing cherrywood, but feels that he needs to "recuse" himself.

(b) harold asks about redeemer. tomorrow night meeting [NB: we later learned City Council scheduled a hearing – Oct 19 at 4p – on Redeemer's rezoning petition] to plan strategy for [Board of Adjustment] meeting on 12/9. [NB: Planning Commission handles rezoning. BofA handles variances. Council acting before PC or BofA is strange.]

(c) carport variance/permit brou-ha-ha and contradictions therein. this relates to us as the carports that the city inspector hit also are prevalent in our neighborhood. [NB: Is the message here that the City intends to actively seek out Code violations instead of simply reacting to neighbors' complaints?]

6. TREASURY (Rebecca)

treasurer reports \$5,769.21 but checks are still outstanding from august advertisers.

7. ASBURY (Gordon)

sign update: hope it will be up within the month.

8. TRAFFIC

traffic island debate. in light of the call for help from pascal simon, jennifer elsner asks if would cherrywood be support a UT student design competition to resolve the challenge the traffic islands have posed? girard recommends UT's fred steiner (UTSoArchitecture Dean) also will contact UTSoArt. [NB: UTSoArt?]

9. COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING (David)

(a) new committee organization presented by david green. designed for more efficiency and verticality of current committees. as well as adds the new role of "ombudsman" that wouldnt necessarily field complaints, but be the entry point into CNA committees. who is the kind of person who would best fill the role of ombudsman? would the past president be a good option? also suggested: a non-resident committee to bring community building with our non-resident neighbors. in this embryonic stage, david asks everyone and anyone to contact him with ideas as well as welcomes others to join him in this new development.

10. CONTINUITY

no chairman runs for reelection, wassup with that? how do we work internally/restructure to retain our "talent". we need to establish more stability.

11. UPCOMING CITY ELECTION (Gordon)

the city would love to have some demonstration of support. one of the 3 effects cherrywood. Proposition 2 includes \$145 million for watershed improvements (including \$23 million for Boggy Creek, mostly south of us but affecting our runoff). girard feels the SC shouldn't take a position before we know what the CNA membership feels about this.

12. ETCETERA (Jack)

neighbor complain about mosquitos. effort or task force to do about this. maybe find a program to educate us?

meeting adjourned 8:03