

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association - Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, December 18th, 2006

Place: Scheduled for Quack's, but moved to Hornitos, because Quack's was closed.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Steering Committee Present: Gordon Bennett (GB), Amy Brotman (AB, recording), Rick Cofer (RC), Harold Cook (HC), David Greene (DG) Girard Kinney (GK), Brian Keenan (BK), Rebecca Kohout (RK), Wade McElroy (WM), Summer McKee (SM), Jack Newman (JN, presiding), Mark Schiff (MS)

Steering Committee Absent: 1 Vacancy

Other Attendees: George Holcombe (GH), Beverly Schiff, Jim Reed

Motions

- Motion (approved unanimously): Motion of appreciation for the organizers of the Cherrywood Art Fair.
- Motion (approved unanimously): Motion to survey the SC for officer assignment interest and to provide a list of officer candidates back to the SC.

Agenda

1. Call to order

Approximately 6:45PM due to venue change

2. Announcements

Concordia News: GK reports the proposed project has not yet gone to Planning Commission or Council. The developer is still trying to get support from the neighborhoods immediately adjacent.

Art Fair Results: GK reported that the Cherrywood Art Fair had their best year ever in part because of the silent auction which did very well. RK questioned whether we should continue to contribute \$250 annually to the art fair since they are now cash flow positive. HC felt that the art fair is the most significant project to which Cherrywood contributes; it is essentially a contribution to Cherrywood's brand awareness in the community and that it has a positive effect on our property values and therefore the \$250 contribution is money well spent. GK suggested that there be a liaison between CHULA and CNA to report on all CHULA activities. SM volunteered to be the liaison and will follow-up with Priscilla Boston.

Asbury Sign: (GH) The sign is up! Thanks to MS, GK, HC, GB, et al who helped to make this happen. If anyone has any short sayings they'd like to see on the sign, they can be emailed to GH at geowanda@earthlink.net.

Redeemer News: (GK) The best outcome that could be expected was achieved. The north and south sides of the property will not and cannot be developed for church purposes. Plat notes and a Conditional Use Permit requirement will accomplish this end. These pieces of the property will be available for vertical mixed use < <http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/n-UBC.htm#Redeemer> >.

Value Sky Park: (GK) Brackenridge had leased the property to use as employee parking space and had sub-leased it out to St. David's. Jack Roth (San Antonio Owner) still maintains ownership of the property, but the lease by Seton/Brack has been given up (they now park at Mueller). This property could now present a development opportunity, and GK announced that he will try to find a developer who will work with the neighborhood to develop in accord with CNA goals.

Mueller News: GK reports that Mueller has been unable to find a grocery store willing to develop a store small enough to be a part of the city center, so there is speculation that the grocery store will be relocated to 51st and Berkman. Construction by UT on the first Medical Research building has begun on the original 15 acres, and the Master Plan has expanded to a total of approximately 32 acres, and will probably wrap around the Dell Children's center rather than extend along 51st to Berkman as originally envisioned.

3. Officer Elections

Girard Kinney moved and Rebecca Kohout seconded that there should be a survey of the steering committee to see who is interested in running for various open officer positions. The vote passed unanimously. A Task Force should publish a list of officer candidates so that we can vote at the January Steering Committee meeting. GB and RC volunteered to head this up.

GK wants to make our ANC rep a part of the steering committee so that we receive regular reports. No motion was made.

4. Treasury Report

RK reports that we have \$7,686.60 in the bank.

5. Planning and Zoning Committee Report

Schieffer/Airport Tract: GK reports that Stephen Kreger has agreed to chair a task force to talk about the development of this piece of land.

Vertical Mixed Use (VMU): GK reported that there have been some changes and updates. Neighborhoods have to engage in the discussion. On all streets that are designated as Core Transit or Future Core Transit Corridors, there will automatically be a VMU overlay, providing the Owner additional development options not currently available, and making the development more pedestrian and transit oriented. On streets that are not currently designated as Core Transit Corridors (preferred bus and streetcar routes), a neighborhood can opt to recommend a street. In our neighborhood, Manor and Airport are currently designated as Future Core Transit Corridors, I35 service road and 38 ½ are not. We could choose to recommend designation of 38½ if we want to, for instance. VMU allows properties to build denser, but not higher than current base zoning allows and will require the inclusion of residential development, including a percentage of affordable housing. VMU buildings require ground floor retail or office, with other uses, including residential on upper floors. GB recommended a VMU Task Force, and GK agreed to form one under the Planning and Zoning Committee. This TF will make recommendations to the SC, to be taken to the Upper Boggy Creek Planning Area Team as to which properties, along Core Transit Corridors, we would like to OPT OUT of the development incentives, and which properties not on these Corridors we would like to OPT IN to VMU and associated development incentives.

6. Parks Committee Report

No updates.

7. Problem Properties Report

No updates.

8. CNA Committee Structure

Discussion about reorganization of the Steering Committee and subordinate committees resulted in general agreement that this topic would be addressed early next year.

9. Adjournment (about 8:20pm)