

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association - Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 10th, 2007

Place: Hornitos

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Steering Committee Present: Gordon Bennett, Amy Brotman (recording), Rick Cofer, Harold Cook, David Greene (presiding), Girard Kinney, Rebecca Kahout, Wade McElroy, Summer McKee, Jack Newman, Mark Schiff, Brian Keenan

Steering Committee Absent: 1 Vacancy

Other Attendees: George Holcombe, Beverly Schiff, Randall Terrell, Stephen Stepka

Motions

- Motion to hold a dedication ceremony for the new Asbury sign. Carried unanimously.
- Motion to elect David Greene as Chairman, Summer McKee as Vice Chairman, Rebecca Kahout as Treasurer, and Amy Brotman as Secretary. Carried unanimously.

Agenda

1. Officer Elections

New officers were elected to fill vacant positions

Chair, David Greene 1804 E 39th 828-7450 davidg@alumni.rice.edu

Vice-Chair, Summer McKee 426-3934 SummerMcKee@gmail.com

Secretary, Amy Brotman 1404 Concordia Ave 589-8545 amy.brotman@yahoo.com

Treasurer, Rebecca Kohout 1304 E. 29th 477-9560 rebecca@austinexpertrealtor.com

2. Announcements

Resignation: Brian Keenan is very sorry that he will have to resign from his position on the board, and he is relocating to another city. We thank him and wish him luck in his new endeavors.

Concordia Redevelopment: No update.

Asbury Sign: George Holcombe: Statements you want to see on the sign can be submitted to George Holcombe, and they will be considered for display. Gordon moves that we should have a dedication ceremony for the sign. Motion carries unanimously.

CHIP: George Holcombe: Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the US. GH would like us to tell our legislators that this is unacceptable, and that the state should maximize federal matching dollars by investing in CHIP and Medicaid. GH provided postcards that we can send to our legislators and will get information on how to submit the requests online. If you would like a postcard to send, please contact George Holcombe at Asbury. Randall Terrell will introduce this movement to the ANC to see if they will support it city-wide.

Redeemer News: No update

Value Sky Park News: No update.

Mueller News: No update.

Quack's: Steven Stepka, Manager: At this point in time, they are unable to maintain enough business to stay open at night and apologize for being closed last month on the evening of our meeting. They would love to opportunity to host the meeting again in the future.

3. ANC Report

- East side neighborhoods have formed a union called ANC East. They hold their own meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30AM. All are welcome to attend.
- Some neighborhoods on the East would like to see the McMansion ordinance tightened and more limiting.
- Public housing advocates want to see the 1:1 ratio for affordable housing changed, because the definition of affordable isn't affordable to those that are being displaced due to redevelopment.
- Oak Springs park is almost a reality. It has been purchased by the city. The state is getting involved so that it will be preserved as a wilderness preserve.
- Next ANC meeting is 1/24. Subject matter is addressing pandemic flu.

4. Planning and Zoning Committee Report

Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team: Meeting is Tuesday, 1/16 at 6:30 at St. George's. Everyone is welcome to attend. UPDATE – meeting date is being moved due to the weather.

Schieffer/Airport Tract: No update.

Vertical Mixed Use (VMU): We now have a VMU task force consisting of 11 interested neighborhood members. Blackland neighbors are interested as well. The goal will be to determine what we would like to see in terms of vertical mixed use in our neighborhoods.

Corner of Manor & Alexander: 3 cottages will be moved so that this property can be used for vertical mixed-use as it is a prime property to develop should the Streetcar proposal pass. A proposal for redevelopment was presented to Rosewood who voted unanimously to support it.

Streetcar/Commuter Rail Intersection: Girard Kinney proposes that the neighborhood partner with the development community so that we can influence development at this transportation epicenter. He will move forward with this item.

Affordable Housing 1:1 Replacement: Girard would like the neighborhood to take a position on 1:1 housing replacement. He proposes that the position be: CNA supports residential redevelopment of areas when an affordable housing component is included at a 1:1 rate, and that the city should provide incentives for developers who go over and beyond that rate. CNA's definition of 1:1 is that the renter's current rate is preserved at the new development, and that the new affordable housing needs to remain in the same neighborhood as the development, but doesn't have to be on-premise at the development.

5. CNA Committee Structure

Group was surveyed for committee interested. More to come at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment (about 8:00pm)