

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association - Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 12th, 2007

Place: Hornitos

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Steering Committee Present: Gordon Bennett, Amy Brotman (recording), Rick Cofer, David Greene (presiding), Rebecca Kohout, Wade McElroy, Summer McKee, Mark Schiff

Steering Committee Absent: Girard Kinney, Harold Cook, Jack Newman, 2 Vacancies

Other Attendees: Beverly Schiff, Randall Terrell

Motions

- Motion to approve the minutes as presented by David. Motion seconded by Summer. Carried unanimously.

Agenda

1. Agenda Setting

Planning and Zoning, Events Since Last Meeting, Proposed Cell Phone Tower, Creek Clean-up, Committees, ANC Report, Flea

2. Announcements

Film Night: Bravo to Summer and Jim for movie night. There was a great turn-out and good dialog.

Send documentary recommendations to jim0reed@gmail.com.

University Democrats: They are working to bring Barak Obama to Austin on February 23rd. Tickets will be available and the event will be at Gregory Gym at the University. There is room for 5000 folks. Tickets are free. An announcement will be posted on Neighbornet when the tickets are available.

Equality Texas Lobby Day: Equality Texas is holding a Lobby Day on March 5th. Volunteers will go door to door at the Capital to lobby against public policy discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Interested parties can find out more at www.equalitytexas.org.

3. Action Items from Last Meeting

Dedication of Sign at Asbury: Suggestion is to have the dedication after a service and to combine it with the CHIP deadline. Proposed date is March 11.

Committee Exercise: We are attempting to revive committees. David assigned people to lead the start of specific committee conversations to get things rolling. Amy is communications. Jack is history. Mark is bylaws. Girard is beautification and parks and external liaison. Rebecca is finance. Harold is safety. Wade is planning and zoning. Jennifer is nominations. Rick is transportation. Only a couple of people made progress on their item. Goal for next meeting is for each group to meet and draft initial thoughts.

4. ANC Report

- We owe ANC \$35 for our membership fees.
- January 24th meeting – group of hurricane survivors spoke to thank the ANC for all the support the ANC has provided. FEMA is denying people support without reason. The American Dream program is there to help them get things like birth certificates, etc... so that they can get the benefits that are due to them.
- The other topic was spent talking about the pandemic flu and how we need to prepare. They are recommending that everyone have 2 weeks of food on hand in case of economic shutdown. It is predicted to happen in 1-10 years. The h5n1 virus is freely transmissible from animal to human and at some point it will mutate and become harmless or become easily transmitted from humans to humans. Bird flu has a 50-80% mortality rate among humans. There is a list of provisions on the City of Austin website. The government is using a neighborhood model to disperse information and prepare. If an epidemic happens, they are looking to shut down commerce and

schools for 6-8 weeks to help control the epidemic. The speakers will be coming back to do a follow-up presentation.

- City of Austin has a community registry for contacting neighborhoods. There is no way to control this for accuracy and deliverability. They want to make it to where we can update the data real-time, and they won't send the link out for us to update the information.
- City staff is trying to re-up the park land dedication fee for land that is sub-divided. The city staff perceived inequity in the way it's being done. They are proposing a flat fee. There was pretty much universal rejection of the flat fee,
- There was a council reorganization meeting. The leading contingency is 5 or 6 districts with dual membership.
- Tomorrow is the east Austin sector of the East Austin neighborhood council.

5. Other Agenda Items

Flea: Summer will be a new ad rep for the flea. There will be a meeting to discuss the Flea. Meeting date to be determined.

Creek Clean Up: Who can spearhead the effort in our neighborhood? There are a number of people interested in helping, but many people cannot participate by March 31st – it's a citywide effort.

There is an after-party at Waterloo park with lunch and a band that is sponsored for Keep Austin Beautiful. 9-11 is clean-up. 12-2 is the party.

Drinking Fountain at Cherrywood Green: We need an update on whether there is money left to do a fountain.

Cell Phone Tower: With all the construction that is going on west of our neighborhood, a cell phone tower (100' monopole) in our neighborhood is being proposed and has had 2 readings. The cell phone company is claiming that they are being excluded by the PUD which is not the case, so we are trying to get the city council to intervene. It appears to be calling for the demolition of a structure. It's within the 60' zone that TXDOT has indicated is needed for future development of I35. Girard will provide a further update.

Tornado Bus/Longhorn Glass: We have a new contact for this issue who is the property owner. He has claimed to be unaware of the bus operation. He contacted Girard and would like us to hold off on taking action so that he can address it. More information to come from Girard.

Business Membership in CNA: Tabled until the next meeting.

More frequent general meetings: Tabled until the next meeting.

6. Adjournment (about 8:00pm) – next meeting at Asbury