

## **Cherrywood Neighborhood Association - Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Call to order: 6:40pm

Attend: Mark, Beverly, Girard, Emma, Jules, Rebecca, Summer, George (late entry- 7:15pm); quorum present

David is back in town, resuming duties as chair-

**Neighborhood Garage sale-** tentative date July 21<sup>st</sup>; would like to make list of items folks will be selling and run ads in Statesmen; Cherrywood Green would be group location with maps available showing other addresses having garage sales that day; can post on Asbury's sign board the week before. Rebecca request CNA contribute \$20 towards ad cost- David approved (no vote required)

**Asbury Capital Improvement update-** Girard- George Holcomb and board member of church (Bob Keer) requested Girard's group assist in designing master plan for the project. Goal is two fold: want to rebuild congregation while/by making the church available to community for its needs. One consideration: open meeting hall up in courtyard area. Somewhat of a time issue as church wants/needs to avoid making improvements interim unless they jive with master plan of final product desired. Point of sanctuary area's formality and how that may intimidate some members/potential members. Possibility of bringing in non-profit groups to possibly rent space/off-set costs.

**Quarterly General Mtg-** David requests that we change date from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Informal vote agreed with shifting one week later. Possible speaker re: Waller Creek project- open to other suggestions of speakers on pertinent topics.

**SC Candidates-** currently 4 openings- 2 potential candidates with a possible 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mention of those new members filling in terms already in progress and thus may need to be re-elected in the near future when those terms expire. Emma Pickering candidate in attendance- Would like to see Austin's non-profit groups which work with children & the arts to come together/coordinate a city-wide sort of talent show to promote their self-esteem. Will fill in for shorter term available- expires in Nov- unanimous vote of yes

**Jules' Web Update** - currently only two moderators; David volunteered to be a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have retrieved all files off UT server and shifted to new server Nelly (Melly?) Price/Frontgate tickets operates; they've made the space avail to us free of charge. Once shift to new server is complete, Jules has plans to start reorganizing the directories/web site. Will want to bring on more volunteers who would be able to manage different areas of interest on the site. Eventual goal of allowing more user interaction with site vs. all posting through moderators. Open to ideas about how to organize site- can be reached at [Jules@vieau.net](mailto:Jules@vieau.net).

**ANC East-** topics being discussed: animal shelter location still being challenged; have requested City council to respect individual neighborhood decisions- will probably cause further delays implementing VMU; Value Skypark site has been sold- new owner does plan to develop; Girard is attempting to contact to discuss their plans. Redeemer site plan has been submitted to city- Girard has requested they attend CAN SC mtg to present details; David will contact as well.

**Mueller Project-** last night's meeting was one of the first where some of those in attendance will be living in the project; talk of possibly converting part of the Mueller Coalition into their neighborhood association. More talk of businesses which are joining Mueller- most national chains. Confirmed that new Home Depot will open up but not sure if St. John's location will close or shift towards more contractor sales- talk of how more national chains vs. local business is not only direction we'd like project to ver but can/may also damage the local businesses already present near/in the neighborhood.

**Gordon Bennett Memorial-** further talks of renaming triangle park area after him. CHULA willing to be non-profit umbrella for neighborhood to work under but will not work towards recruiting funds (outside mission statement). Girard still working on Mueller street naming- Gordon Bennett Way proposed. David proposed pedestrian path vs. street. Further talk of an event to celebrate his life- would want to be family oriented and in location Gordon enjoyed (ex. Family picnic). Not pressing matter- could be in the fall when weather cools; would want lots of time to promote. Asbury Church has presented idea of some sort of memorial on-site (room or area named after him). Rebecca suggested we appoint a committee to focus on memorial project- Girard pointed out that so much energy is already being zapped by other green spaces the community is maintaining.

**NNO- Neighbors Night Out-** Tuesday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>- need to post announcement on NeighborNet- evening designed to encourage you to get to know your neighbor's in the spirit of crime prevention. Need to start recruiting participants- David will work.

#### **OTHER/MISC TOPICS:**

Summer is requesting BOA variance and asked about steps involved to gain CNA SC's support. Girard informed her there's a process to gain this support and a form available on-line which she should complete.

Signs- many neighbors have contacted Girard regarding illegally posted signs. Many of these are friendly neighborhood postings/reminders but some are not (posted by businesses). Main problem is posters leaving up signs once event is over- if individuals exercise reasonable rules doesn't suggest we file official complaints but rather be lenient.

Adjourn @ 8:14pm.

Next meeting August 8th

