

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association - Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 8th, 2007

Place: Asbury Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Steering Committee Present: Amy Brotman (recording), David Greene (presiding), Emma Pickering, Girard Kinney, Michael Bray, Rebecca Kohout, Summer McKee, Tom Wald,

Steering Committee Absent: Mark Schiff, Wade McElroy, 3 Vacancies

Other Attendees: Beverly Schiff, George Holcombe, Glenn Reed, Priscilla Boston, Randall Terrell

Motions

- Motion made to appoint Glen Reed to fill a Steering Committee position until the general membership. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made to extend the meeting until 8:10PM. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made to direct Girard to communicate to the Jim Bennett our policy on rezoning. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Announcements

- Orange Dillo: The grand opening party for the Orange Dillo will be next Wednesday. From 11AM to 2PM, you are able to ride the Dillo from downtown and UT to Manor Road for lunch. If you miss the Dillo back, you can take the 20 city bus route.
- Film Night: Film night will be moving from Fridays to Wednesdays. Will help with the scheduling of speakers. This coming Wednesday, September 19th at 7PM is film night, and we will be showing Sicko.
- Meeting: APD will be hosting a meeting about race and is inviting the neighborhoods to participate. The meeting date is September 27th from 7:30AM - 11:00AM
- Transit Oriented Development & Affordable Housing: September 17th from 6:30 AM – 8:30PM at 808 Niles St.
- Upper Boggy Creek: Property at the corner of Robinson and 38 ½ would like to be rezoned from SF3 to GO or LO for a hair salon or computer-based travel agency. The neighborhood planning and zoning committee took a position to oppose the application. We have not yet heard from the applicant. Mark Walters is representing to the applicant and has come through the UBC to get the zoning change.

2. Old Business

- Meghan Bennett: CNA made a contribution to Meghan Bennett's fundraising for diabetes in Gordon's honor.
- Ms. Firey's Award: Summer will have the award inscribed, and we would like to present it to Ms. Firey at the Cherrywood Art Festival in December.
- Gordon Bennett Tribute Fund: CHULA is the keeper of those funds, because they have the financial status to handle it. They have a little over \$1000 in donations, and are looking for a leader to plan a memorial. We are confident that there will be a street named for Gordon at Mueller. We are looking to hold the tribute at Asbury since Gordon was so involved in Asbury. Also looking to name the Triangle at Concordia Gordon Bennett park.
- CHULA Fundraiser: Cherrywood Art Fair will be the 2nd week of December. Looking for volunteers. There will be a kick-off party this year at Jane Walton's house. September 22nd from 3-5PM. Volunteer opportunities will be identified. Ad was placed in the East Studio Tour. The Chronicle gives us free ad space. Asbury will put it on the sign. Fundraising opportunities include pictures with Santa (new this year), silent auction donations, and booth fees. We are approaching The Casserole Queens and East Side Pies for food opportunities.
- Homelessness Initiative: First meeting was held. Tenor was an interest to address the issue of homelessness that would go beyond or compliment the law enforcement aspects. Looking into

what resources are available for the homeless. Other issues were policies, enforcement, TABC, and the sales of single containers of alcohol. Girard identified a possible speaker.

3. ANC Report

- Meeting is the 4th Wednesday of the month and is from 7PM - 9PM at the Austin Energy Building.
- State representative Rodriguez was there to talk about his actions in trying to get the Homestead Preservation Act passed. It provides tax relief to residents so that they are not pushed out of the neighborhoods due to gentrification. He's urging Austin to adopt this as quickly as possible for a district that is from 35 to Springdale to Manor.
- Council member Jennifer Kim has come up with a family and children initiative. This initiative looks at ways to get families and children to come to downtown.
- Capitol Metro hasn't had a fare increase since the 1980s. They currently recap about 10.5% of their fees from fares. They are looking to increase that to 20%. They are below the national average today. They want to increase the cost of ridership from \$0.50 to \$1.00. There are additional fare increases proposed that would take the fare to \$2.50 a ride by 2015. No mention was made about lightrail.
- ANC Growth Management committee. This is a call-for-action to manage Austin's growth. Widespread dissatisfaction with how city council is being run. There is general feeling that the city council is too pro development.
- Consideration for a new city manager: Open government and open consideration of neighborhood planning documents.
- Constable's Notebook: Austin Dispute Resolution Center exists to help people resolve a variety of issues. Mediation sessions cost \$35 for each party.
- Panhandling ordinance may be coming to ANC for a vote.

4. Other Agenda Items

Steering Committee Membership: Glen Reed is interested in joining the Steering Committee. He is a homeowner and architect that has participated with our traffic calming efforts and is interested in planning and zoning.

5. Action Items

- Rebecca to come up with proposal for neighborhood signage about meetings.
- Mark to draft bylaws language to allow proxy voting and clarify email voting
- David to recruit Attendee for APD Race forum Sept. 27
- David to recruit leader on Gordon Bennett memorial planning
- David to find CNA letterhead
- David to share minutes from homelessness meeting
- Summer to repair glass of Mrs. Firey's award
- David, Girard, & Michael to work with Randall to draft panhandling ordinance policy position

6. Adjournment (about 8:20pm) – Next steering committee meeting is at Asbury on 10/10. Next general meeting in November.