

## Cherrywood Neighborhood Association

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 General Meeting Minutes

Maplewood Elementary Cafeteria

Summer called to order 6:40pm

Review of agenda

- Deb Freeman introduced herself and Wade Holloway as co-chairs of the web committee. They have taken on the overhaul of the website and will be modifying it to be more navigable, content-rich, and even allow more user-generated content. Summer thanked the volunteers on the web committee
- Rebecca announced that the Welcome Brochures are ready at the printers – 100 copies for now.
- Frances asked – will there be another large brush pickup? Yes, just call 311 or Solid Waste: “You missed a spot.” No news on the spoiled food pickup.

Officer Salisbury:

- 16% of AISD students walk or ride bike to school. Push to increase that in the Fall, APD & other agencies involved to make it safe.
- Crime report: Bicycle-car incident at 38-1/2 & Cherrywood. Purse snatching on 38-1/2 as reported on NNet. APD gets 1500-2000 calls per day
- Cwood is popular for people from other parts of East Austin. No spike in house burglaries, but there has been a spike in vehicle break-ins.
- Salisbury not aware of the bike incident, not aware if the driver was cited. Driver can be found at fault, but officer’s discretion to issue a ticket.
- Purse snatching – good Samaritan intervention to recover purse.
- Call for participants in citizens on patrol – COPS training: Eve and others went through training and are not sure what’s next. Eve will get the four names to Salisbury so they can have background checks.
- June 2 Commanders Forum at East Command
- Matt Mueller is officer assigned to abandoned vehicle unit.
- 4116 E 12<sup>th</sup> street property will be destroyed because of deterioration. Resident will be forcibly removed and arrested for failure to maintain.
- Edgewood and Dancy – 10’ tagging on fence and on van. Graffiti removal program through Ofc. Bartels but APD may not have quick response if landowner doesn’t clean it. (Girard: Businesses are required to clean graffiti). Paint for painting tags comes from HazWaste pickup.
- Re Abandoned cars: Girard recalls a few years back that officers were empowered for code enforcement. Many cars parked on grass in neighborhood, but we (CNA) aren’t calling on these cars. APD is now enforcing abandoned junk vehicles 1 day/month – people get courtesy notice first – yard parking is illegal. 48 hours later is ticketed.

- Follow up: number for Matt Mueller and code enforcement
- Follow up: COPS training recruitment
- Neighborhood watch

#### Steering Committee vacancies:

- Eve Richter – lived here through school, works for city's emerging technologies
- Jack Newman – Jack returning after a couple years. Will revive safety & safe streets program. Wants people to step up. (Girard: one problem is that people are interested, but no one leads.)
- Julie is leaving, we thank her and wish her well.
- Girard **moves to approve appointment of Eve and Jack, (second) – approved (unanimous)**
- [with this, current SC membership is ('06-'08): Summer, Jeremy, Michael, Glenn, Mark, Eve, (Julie) (7 seats) ('07-'09): Rebecca, David, Girard, Tom, Jack, (vacant) (6 seats)]

#### Karen Stewart, Water Conservation

- Maplewood mom, ties to cherrywood. Flyers for water conservation and wildlife habitat – she got Maplewood certified as habitat, other yards can get certified as part of competition.
- Green garden – training upcoming – website has award-winning yards & addresses you can drive by to get ideas
- Toilets – all toilets after 1991 were low-flow, but didn't all work. Now a free toilet program. Urban League can help with changeouts. Toilets use half the water in your home. Glenn – dual flush toilet – works great \$150 back. 974-2199 to check if toilets have been changed out. No permit necessary to change a toilet.
- Front-loading washing machine - \$100 back
- Free showerheads & aerators 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 625 E 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Average 2000 gallons/person/month
- Greywater? It's difficult to comply with state/county. What's concern,
- Hotline – 972-1000 for city leak. Trying to report leak
- Outdoors: Plant guide, rainwater harvesting (\$500 rebate or \$60 for 75 gal barrels) \$30 rebate for recycled barrel (Eco-wise). Innovative Water Solutions.
- Watering schedule – 5-day schedule got complaints, now complaints about 2-day
- How to tell how much? ½" twice a week is enough. Set a tuna fish can out and measure. Night watering won't create mold unless it stays wet >12hrs.
- ET rate calculator is on website. Considers sun, wind, water &
- No restrictions on car washing – that's Stage II.
- Stage III eliminates all outdoor watering.

#### Logo contest:

- article in Flea, taking submissions through end of month

#### Block party

- Block of Breeze Terr. @ Manor (from alley to 32<sup>nd</sup>) – August 23. Jen Spencer leading. Getting city permits to close streets. Bands, restaurants & business donating to help. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gordon Bennett party. Expenses: get Cole to help waive permit. Port-a-Potty sponsor (Rebecca).

#### Gordon Bennett memorial

- Street at Mueller? We have been offered two other opportunities: (a) Gordon Bennett sunflower or (b) SW Greenway path named Gordon Bennett Way. SC has approved (b), **Moved & seconded, approved unanimously.**
- Cherrywood Green fountain near completion, will add plaque in honor of Gordon. **Moved (terry), Seconded , Approved unanimously.**
- Money from Bennett fund: help & possibly used as matching funds? Concordia triangle? Tree destroyed in recent hailstorm. June 7 meeting?

#### Planning & Zoning report:

- Code enforcement meeting last Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Permitting side not present, so will have a follow-up meeting for that.
- UBC Planning Team considering plan update starting July – will address Core Transit Corridor, 38-1/2 street, etc.
- 3717 Robinson – Owner is trying to proceed without zoning change. Code enforcement people have noticed – impervious cover, egress issues, signage possible violations.
- Next meeting – at Hornitos, June 4 6:30.

#### Communications:

- Thanks to Julie for getting yard signs done – some hands for people who came because of signs (one person?)
- Thanks to Deb (again) and Jennifer (again) for respective roles with Flea

#### Signage/Billboard:

- Girard as president of Scenic Austin reporting: two things not defeated: 1) wanted to remove replacement provision.
- Planning commission wants to change to 10years (rather than 25 years).
- Should this be straw poll vs. action? Short notice prevented earlier notice.
- **Motion to support Planning Commission recommendation (passes, one abstention)**

#### Film night Friday June 6

Food bank – drive – standberry.com link to food drive 0 capital area food bank \$10 = 25-30 meals.

Adjourned ~8pm