

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
10 DECEMBER 2008

1. Call to order, introductions.
 - a. SC Present: Jeremy, Girard, Tom, Eve, David, Robin, Rebecca, (Martin arrives 6:40), Deb (6:50)
 - b. non SC - Jameson.

2. Approval of minutes. Approved by unanimous consent.

3. Discussion of Planning and Zoning matters (Martin Barrerra).
 - a. Value Sky Park – agree to P&Z meeting with owner next Tuesday. Issue coming to Council Dec. 18th. CNA must delegate authority to P&Z designees. Need to include Blackland & any other relevant NAs.
 - b. 3401 Robinson – existing carport, entirely within and 20’ into front setback and 5’ into side. Also goes against CNA Design guidelines. P&Z had been given authority to represent CNA and voted 4-2 to not support variance request at BOA. BOA meeting postponed, so it has time to come back to SC. Debate at P&Z centered on precedent vs. apparent ignorance of code (absence of intent). Built 7 years ago in area of more lax code enforcement. Also in violation of land development code with carport position rel to main structure. Adjacent property owners have written their support of variance. Is ease/difficulty of remedy a considerable factor. Temporary structures are not covered by setback. There are other similar carports in the neighborhood. Motion to uphold recommendation passed 7-2.

4. Consideration of request for appropriation for Cherrywood Art Fair.
 - a. Discussion – CNA supported CHULA in its early years, its budget is now much larger and CNA’s money would be nominal.
 - b. CNA presence at Art Fair? Table, handouts? People? Nametags for volunteers?
 - c. David motion to approve \$100 as nominal *annual* donation in exchange for negotiated ongoing presence of CNA at Art Fair (this year may be too last minute to allow full realization of this). Girard second, Approved 9-0.

5. Mueller bicycle and transportation issues (Tom Wald).
 - a. Gave presentation to Mueller Transpo. Cmte. In August. ROMA has responded point-by-point, but Tom has not fully reviewed. Example issues: claim P&B access to/from Mueller still considered city issue, not ROMA. Paths are recreation, not transportation – but perimeter path also considered alternate routes for P&B. Bike lanes & door zones.

6. Discussion of City of Austin streetcar proposal.
7. Approval of SC Officers for 2009.
 - a. Girard for interim Vice-Chair, with a renewed commitment to find a replacement.
 - b. Robin for Secretary
8. Discussion of program ideas for February 2009 Neighborhood Association meeting.
 - a. Mayor's election in May
 - b. Art Acevedo or new neighborhood rep
 - c. Art/dramatic reading? Theater Action Project (kids would draw parents)
 - d. Cap Metro (train opening in March)
9. Strategic planning for 2009 (this may be discussed in January if we're short on time).
 - a. Reinforce our relation with Planning Commission, BOA; thematic awareness-raising of neighborhood. 38-1/2 st vision.
 - b. Flea ideas? Web ideas?
 - c. Review of historic docs, past visioning work
 - d. Cherrywood Day April 6 (or Saturday closest?) per photo of Ladybird @ Cherry blossoms in DC

ACTION ITEMS:

CNA Presence at Art Fair – table, people?

10. Other business. _____
11. Other business. _____
12. Other business. _____
13. Adjourn.