

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 14 JANUARY 2009

1. Call to order, introductions. (6:40)

- SC Present: Jeremy Mazur, Girard Kinney, Tom Wald, Robin Peeples, Jack Newman, Deb Freeman (left at 6:55), Mark Schiff, Martin Barrera & David Greene (6:55)
- Non SC: Chapman Shoop, Jeff Musgrove (?), George Holcombe

No minutes from last time to approve at this time.

2. Blue Ribbon Yards (6:45)

- This project needs a committee member to sponsor/lead it. Deb will put a call out on Neighbor Net, but it was suggested that Dolly might do it for this quarter.
- It was also proposed that Blue Ribbon Yards might be a good opportunity to forge an active partnership with Chula.
- A local nursery might be persuaded to donate a gift certificate.

3. Next FLEA issue:

- Need a volunteer to write an article honoring Sheldon Salisbury and his involvement with Cherrywood.
- Girard proposed an article about Lex (?)
- Arthur Amonson (?) who lives on Werner recently celebrated a 100th birthday.
- Deadline for submissions is Jan 24.
- Someone is checking on how many extra copies of the FLEA are made each quarter to possibly cut down on paper waste & expenses.
- Deb is collecting emails and web postings of recommendations to the CNA to post on the new website

4. Soup-er Bowl Sunday:

- Seeks to address the expanding homeless population. 3000 pounds of food and \$600 were raised during the food drive in September.
- The website may be up in time to promote this event.
- People should be encouraged to purchase food for the homeless while shopping for Superbowl snacks.

5. Film Night (6:55)

- 1st Friday of every month.
- Next: "I O USA", in Feb.
- Open to recommendations

6. Discussion of Planning and Zoning matters (Martin Barrera):

A. 3401 Robinson carport

- The Robinson variance was approved by the board of adjustments. No members of CNA SC or P&Z were able to speak at the hearing.
- In the future, we will always draft and send a letter to the board, in addition to being physically present at the meetings.

B. Duplex/McMansion case

—[I apologize
—I never fully grasped what we were talking about here, nor did I catch a street address
—Robin]
—P&Z is unsure of result at board of adjustments. The hardship was probably approved.
C. 2900 Manor Road.
—Owner of property (Jeff Musgrove ?) was present. City council meets about it on Jan 15.
—This is an ongoing issue before the CNA SC and the P&Z.
—The CNA & Upper boggy creek have requested a 200' compatibility setback and that only medium density residential be developed on Randolph. However, Jeff Musgrove has been able to get that request denied. The 100' transition zone currently required starts at the property line of the residences on Randolph, such that 50-60' of it is street and only 40' extends into Musgrove's property. Anything within the 100' zone that needed to be taller than 40' must either be affordable housing or the builder must pay a fee, and 66% of the neighbors within a certain distance need to approve. Randolph residence are concerned about neighborhood continuity (hence the proposed 200ft setback). The site plan has to be mixed use on the main corridors, but not necessarily on Randolph. A compromise seems possible, but nebulous and thus difficult to find. Points of view:

—The owner would like to leave his property as open to possibilities as he can (no site plan as yet), and claims he has existing entitlements for mixed use, and that he is allowed by code to build 40' high.

—The CNA & UBC would like to protect their ability to influence the eventual site plan in order to maintain the neighborhood's residential character

—The city council would like for all TODs to be treated the same. It would like to eliminate special cases like this one. Martin will present a letter to council clarifying our position:

Thursday, January 15, 2009 Regarding the following Zoning Ordinances particular to 2900 Manor Road: C14-2008-0031 - MLK Jr. Blvd. Station Area Plan NPA-2008-0012.01 - Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Plan Amendment Dear City Council, The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association (CNA) Steering Committee, acting on a recommendation of its Planning and Zoning Committee, has voted to support the above referenced Zoning Ordinances. CNA supports the goal and the vision of the MLK Jr. Blvd. Station Area Plan and the rezoning of the properties to form a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoning district. Regarding 2900 Manor Road, a property within the MLK Jr. Blvd. Station Area Plan, CNA supports and encourages mixed-use development including commercial, residential, and affordable housing development on all portions of the property excluding the portions of the property adjacent to Randolph Road. CNA's goal for the future development of the portion of the subject property adjacent to Randolph Road is to encourage pedestrian friendly development that is residential in scale and character. CNA offers consent and support to change the previously approved 200' compatibility setback to 100' in order to achieve consistent compatibility setbacks in all TOD zoning districts. CNA's support for the 100' compatibility setback is contingent upon the modification of the compatibility standards to ensure property owners on Randolph have input in any possible development bonuses. The compatibility standards

may be modified either by excluding rights of way from the calculation of triggering properties, or by increasing the distance from the subject property to triggering properties from 25' to 75'.

Motion to approve the language proposed by martin (8:15): Jeremy
Second: Jack Unanimously approved, Girard abstained

6. Task Force to coordinate with CHULA:

—We would like to form a relationship of cooperation between the CNA and CHULA, and CHULA seems receptive. Neither organization feels very supported by the other, but this can change.

—Mark and Girard will work on forming this task force coordinating with CHULA.

—Motion to approve Girard and Mark's formation of this task force: Jeremy (7:45)

7. Planning for the February CNA general meeting

—Denita Caldwell will come again to speak about Cap Metro issues.

—Jeremy has secured Chief Acevedo for May, not Feb. Suggestions:

—New transportation people

—Spiller and Lazarus? Suggested by Tom.

—Mueller people? Dee? Jim Walker? Suggested by Jack. [names were being thrown out that I do not know

—Robin]

—Chair of Hancock neighborhood association to steering, or general meeting, for strategic planning purposes. Suggested by Jack. 8. Transportation update, Mueller, by Tom

—Tom gave a presentation at Mueller/to ROMA with mixed results. They agreed to solve some problems, did not acknowledge others, put some responsibility onto the city.

—Girard reported that the CNA, UBC, and Mueller Coalition all recommended that the city have a major transportation study for the Mueller area including all modes of transit, but it hasn't yet happened.

—COA, Catellus, and Roma met on this subject today

—CNA SC formally approves this statement/ Girard's being on top of the issue.

9. Strategic planning for 2009

—Jeremy proposes crafting an overall vision for the neighborhood, and collecting issues that are important to people with the intention of building a strategic planning document to give to new city council, etc. so that these outside entities will better understand Cherrywood and its goals.

—We would like to appear organized, sensible, and eloquent

—More senior members of the SC discussed a similar round of strategic planning that occurred in 1999, with the donated assistance of a professional brainstorming consultant from the neighborhood. We should attempt to find similar talent to help this time around, and we should see if Rebecca can find documents from that project in the collection she has.

—We will reserve the last 20 minutes of each SC meeting to talk about strategic planning ideas, and Jeremy will get the ball rolling by announcing it in the FLEA. Specific suggestions:

—Girard mentioned P&Z 101 talks

—Jack suggested a mental health presentation

—Girard will get someone (named Bo? Beau?) to speak to the SC about affordable housing incentives.

10. Other items noted:

—Tom is helping develop a bike plan at UT this semester.

—Art Acevedo is speaking to the bike community at ACA on March 2

—Swimming pool schedule will be the same as last year. David is still the contact they are emailing.

Motion to adjourn: Tom Seconded: Jeremy (8:25)