

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
08 JULY 2009

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

—SC Present: Jeremy Mazur, Robin Peeples, Justin Irving, Don Pettigrew, Eve Richter, Tom Wald, Jack Newman, Girard Kinney, Deb Freeman, Rebecca Kohout, Mark Schiff

—Non SC: Chapman Shoop (neighbor), Ryan & Jennifer (Cherrywood Coffeeshop owners), Dolly Ensey, George Holcombe (UMC), Eric Vogt (UMC), Kathleen Houlihan (UBC), Carlos Garcia & Kevin Sweat (spelling?) & another whose name I did not catch (all City of Austin engineers), Priscilla Boston

Motion to approve minutes: Approved Unanimously.

2. Presentation by City of Austin representatives regarding street/sidewalk plan.

—"Total reconstruction" (going down to base layer of the street, excavating, re-compacting, and adding new asphalt; pending an engineering report, curbs and gutters may also be repaired/replaced/added) of several major neighborhood streets.

—Currently in preliminary engineering phase. Anticipate submitting report in late July/ early August. Planned groundbreaking in Early '11.

—Regulations require sidewalks on both sides of residential streets. Girard voiced neighborhood preference of no sidewalks on either side of non-major roads. One of the engineers suggested that the neighborhood prepare a plan for sidewalk preferences and submit it to the city on behalf of the neighborhood. This document must be submitted before final permitting (but by October 1 would be ideal). This would also be an opportunity to propose to the city other places where we would like sidewalks, etc.

—The city's team would like input on things like drainage concerns, etc.

—All sewer lines will be checked and updated (and new water lines will be added) prior to road reconstruction.

—A rain garden may be included in the plan for a section of Kern Ramble. (See the intersection of Eastside and Annie to see an example of a rain garden)

—Stream bank stabilization is also under this plan, so anyone with a related problem should contact COA for an assessment.

—Please send all questions to Carlos Garcia at carlos.garcia@ci.austin.tx.us or (512) 974-7097.

—The engineers are planning to attend the August 19 general CNA meeting.

3. Update on planning for August CNA meeting.

—Kathleen and Don have contacted John Dromgoole, however it has been proposed that we make this its own meeting on its own occasion in partnership with Asbury UMC.

—Kirk Watson has not responded

—We'll try to have an elected official, an APD rep, the COA engineers to talk about the streets, and our sidewalk proposal.

- Eric Vogt will introduce himself
- Owners of Cherrywood Coffeehouse will introduce themselves

4. FroG update (by Girard Kinney)

- Master plan grant request was submitted about 6 weeks ago. Decision should be in soon.
- Girard is submitting a proposal tomorrow to Keep Austin Beautiful which would fund a more aesthetically cohesive trash can and a recycling bin.
- \$25,000 have been raised for the relocation of the cables (which equates to AT&T's portion of them). This should occur next summer.

5. CHULA update (by Priscilla Boston)

- Landscaping of Cherrywood islands
- Movie night at Asbury

6. Discussion of funds transfer from CNA to CHULA for Cherrywood Green improvements (introduced by Girard)

- It's a good idea to spend money on the Green through CHULA because they have 501C3 tax exemption.
- No decision, no action.

7. ANC update: Justin Irving

- Justin was ill for the last meeting, but knows there was discussion of the single-member district issue. It is on the ANC East agenda for next week.

8. UBC Planning team update; consideration and approval of recommendations for City of Austin's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (Cherrywood UBC delegation)

- Kathleen was elected UBC president at their last meeting.
- Capital Improvement Projects: the UBC selected what they felt were the most valuable projects and will try to get funding for those.
- Girard raised a concern that while Cherrywood comprises about 70% of the area of UBC, it is at risk for receiving only 1/5 of the UBC's project funds since it is just one out of five neighborhoods in the UBC.
- Plans for projects CNA is interested in were prepared 1.5-2 years ago. These plans should be brought out again and discussed soon.
- Pinning down who is chair is an issue. Martin Barrerra has moved to Mueller, so the question is unresolved.
- Don is stepping down to be an alternate so that Kathleen can become a full member (and president)

9. Discussion regarding submission of letter to City of Austin regarding neighborhood planning teams' standing on planning and zoning matters.

- This discussion has been tabled until a time when we have more time to devote to it.

10. Discussion of creation of CNA Crime & Safety Committee (Dolly Ensey)

- Dolly requests that the CNASC reactivate the Crime & Safety committee.
- COPS training is on July 18 and August 15 from 10-12am.

—Deb Freeman proposed that it be called a "Neighborhood Watch Committee".

—The leader of this committee has yet to be selected, but may not be difficult to find within the highly motivated population of victims who have posted to neighbornet, etc. This person will stay constantly in contact with our APD rep, and will make sure that the rep comes to CNA meetings.

—Jeremy will invite interested parties to a special SC/concerned neighbor meeting about crime and safety.

11. Discussion of renter/landlord matters (Dolly Ensey)

—Holding renters accountable through their landlords.

—Eve Richter will write a FLEA article from the perspective of a renter about membership in the neighborhood, involvement, and responsibility.

12. Presentation of strategic planning initiative plan.

—Jeremy raised a question about whether or not we need a third party to run this planning.

Alternative suggestions: doing it ourselves, using a planning grad student, consulting with a UT planning professor who lives in the neighborhood.

13. Communication update from Deb Freeman

—The FLEA deadline for content is July 24th.

14. Motion to adjourn at 8:45, approved unanimously.