

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 09 DECEMBER 2009

1. Call to order, introductions. (6:37)

—SC Present: Jeremy Mazur, Robin Peeples, Girard Kinney, Mark Schiff, Deb Freeman, David Greene, Rebecca Kohout, Don Pettigrew (UBC alternate), Aaron Choate, Eric Boucheron (7:15)

—Non SC: Chapman Shoop, Cara Choate (FLEA distribution coordinator), Tim (?), Kathleen Houlilan (UBC representative), Priscilla Boston (CHULA),

2. Minutes from last meeting approved.

3. FRoG update (Girard)

—Herb garden was planted! (and is now frozen)

—Pole placement will happen soon. Everything is supposed to be done by March 1st.

4. UBC Update

5. ANC East update (Girard)

—Passed a resolution supporting COA's position: Billboards in Austin may be relocated, so no billboards are going away. However, would not be able to relocate them within 500' of any single-family residence in a single-family zoned property. Can be 5' from condos. May be located adjacent to residentially zoned property if the resident is not yet there.

—Voted to support a motion that if there is an open container ban extension east of I-35, it must be extended city-wide.

—ANC is encouraging all neighborhoods to participate in a 'meeting in a box' to voice opinions about city policies and plans for the future. The votes need to be in by mid January. We will get a facilitator to help us with this exercise right before our next SC meeting on January 13.

6. Announcements (city notices)

—Something about fowl and land use.

—Eastside Environmental Newsletter, contact Oscar Garza

—Mail?

7. Proposed recommended sidewalk plan

—Discussion of impressions from the meeting and online discussions

—Jeremy and Girard talked with the city's reconstruction people:

—The city will not cut down trees larger than 8" in diameter.

—It is the city's responsibility to pay for and complete the moving of meters, etc. if the reconstruction should interfere with them. This may also apply to fences (though they should probably be moved by the owner anyway. Plants as well.)

—If there is a mailbox that interferes, the homeowner is responsible for its relocation.

—Some entities are pushing for streets to be narrowed in appropriate places.

—Some neighbors are supportive only if they are kept continuously informed of plans as they unfold. This will be one of the conditions of the neighborhood's official sidewalk plan.

—Engineering sidewalk design has NOT yet begun. We will provide them our plan by March 15th. They DO need the plan by then in order to respect it.

—Curbs and driveway approaches will be redone (or added) wherever the street is reconstructed.

—The UBC plan (which was adopted by the city) dictates that there must be a sidewalk on LaFayette between Manor Road and 38th 1/2 Street.

—They will narrow the street by as much as 36" to go around a pole or a tree.

—We will set up a series of meetings and a process to finish developing and ratifying a sidewalk plan, and we will advertise as heavily as we can.

—Have a discussion and web survey in early January, followed by an informal sidewalk philosophy discussion meeting at a coffee shop.

—Intro and background meeting led by Girard on January 20th.

—Walk through streets to be reconstructed with City representatives on the following Saturday morning.

—Meeting with a vote on February 15.

—Plan to be submitted before March 15 (et tu?).

7. We will discuss bylaws at our next SC to see if there are issues to be address (ie, the frequently brought up question of business participation in the CNA)

8. SC membership, leadership matters

—Tom Wald's seat is now open so we have room for another member.

—Officers for the coming year

—Jeremy: Chair, Girard: Interim Vice-Chair, Rebecca: Treasurer, Robin: Typist.

13. Motion to adjourn at 8:12. Unanimously approved.