

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 10 FEBRUARY 2010

1. Call to order, introductions. (6:35)

—SC Present: Jeremy Mazur, Robin Peeples, Girard Kinney, Jack Newman, Deb Freeman, Rebecca Kohout., Aaron Choate, Don Pettigrew (UBC alternate), Justin Irving
—Non SC: Chapman Shoop, Kathleen Houlihan (UBC rep), Tym Bales, David Greene

2. FRoG (Girard)

3. UBC (Kathleen and Girard)

4. ANC East (Girard)

—Two resolutions passed yesterday to go to ANC:

1. Program in Dallas to deal with prostitution problem
2. BFI is creating landfills/gravel pits where the city doesn't have jurisdiction to prevent it.

—The open container ban will be a topic at the ANC meeting next Wednesday.

5. Announcements/ mailbox

—Community development block grant (doesn't really apply to us)

—Letter from COA: Patterson Pool hours are similar to last year.

—Longhorn Run will go through the neighborhood on Saturday, May 1.

—Girard mentions: There is a problem with the notices we get from the city

—we don't get notices in time to act on issues. Suggests we write a letter on CNA letterhead.

6. ANC (Justin)

—there were 90,000 appraisal appeals in Austin, pointing to the idea that property taxes in the city are unfairly high. people are planning to give classes on how to appeal your property appraisal.

7. Planning, Zoning & Transportation Committee

—Girard and Jeremy went to talk to people in the city about code enforcement on Friday. They expressed the neighborhood's concern that small issues were being punished, but larger and more impactful infractions were being ignored. The city stressed that they are interested in working with neighborhoods. They have a presentation and video about neighborhood codes and enforcement that we will try to make widely available to Cherrywood. 1. Tornado (company that was the source of many complaints) has vacated the premises. They are there, but not as a bus company... but the buses are still stopping there. 2. The truck traffic issue is apparently purely a police matter. The owner will be put officially on notice such that if there is a lawsuit eventually, the owner will be specifically at fault.

—VMU applications pending: 4020 Airport Blvd...Corner of Scheiffer, from Patterson down 41st. Crazy specific restrictive zoning that makes the property basically undevelopable. VMU overlay that was passed a few years ago was at the time uncontested. Until the most recent ANC meeting, where all the neighbors of that property

spoke up with fervor. This goes before the city's planning commission next week. It's possible that the CNA can propose that that issue is postponed until we have time to fully explore it.

—We will write a letter clarifying our philosophy on VMU in the neighborhood to the city.

8. Preparation for February general meeting

—We should be getting an APD community liaison at the meeting

—We do not expect any political candidates, but if any do show up they can appear at the end of the meeting.

—Motions since December:

1. Approval of merger of the Planning & Zoning committee with the Transportation committee.
2. Approval of the neighborhood sidewalk 'philosophy' statement.
3. Approval of Girard's statement (with small amendments) to Tornado bus company.
4. Approval of sidewalk plan.
5. Approval requesting that the city consider using money we're saving them on sidewalks to extend sidewalks to perimeter streets.

—Sidewalk plan discussion and voting

—Meeting is next Wednesday at Maplewood Elementary

9. Discussion and possible approval of Cherrywood Sidewalk Plan

—Walk-through provided the consensus that the sidewalk should be on the East side of La Fayette.

—Rich wants to make sure we explicitly state that the neighborhood is to be consulted at every step of the process.

—The newest sidewalk plan is unanimously approved by the SC.

—Girard calculated how much money our plan saves the city (since they were planning to put sidewalks on both sides of all streets included in the project) and wrote the city asking if we could use some of that money to extend the sidewalks that are being put in out to the perimeter streets and to fix existing sidewalks in need of repair (toward the end of accessibility). The CNASC is in unanimous agreement with this question/request.

10. FLEA, discussion of bylaws

—Deb would like to change the bylaws such that the delivery of the print newsletter between 3 and 14 days before the general meeting (instead of 5 and 30). Girard comments that perhaps this shouldn't even be specified in the bylaws. Deb plans to bring this back to the SC at our next meeting.

11. Google is going to be installing superfast broadband internet in a few communities

—Cherrywood may want to write a letter to the city of Austin/mayor.

12. Tim Bales has submitted an application to fill one of the two open slots on the SC.

—Unanimously approved as an SC member

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.