

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 10 MARCH 2010

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

—SC Present: Jeremy Mazur, Robin Peebles, Girard Kinney, Rebecca Kohout,, Aaron Choate, Don Pettigrew (UBC alternate), Mark Schiff, Tym Bales, Jack Newman

—Non SC: Chapman Shoop, Kathleen Houlihan (UBC rep)

2. "Welcome to the Cherrywood Neighborhood" Brochure

—Rebecca Kohout is collecting alterations to be included in the new one

—CAN SC approves Rebecca to complete and print 200 new brochures (\$300-400).

3. FROG update (Girard)

—In late April there will be a garage sale at the Cherrywood Green to get out of all debt from the restoration of the Green. They're looking for donations.

—As of yesterday, all ATT stuff has been removed. TWC has removed all poles from the area except for the center pole. Next week TWC should be able to complete their cable switch-over.

—The Green may be included in a design/landscaping grant. We have also applied for grants from Austin Parks Foundation and Keeping Austin Beautiful.

4. UBC (Kathleen and Girard)

—Vivo is in violation of city code because they do not have enough parking spaces. They were applying for a variance that would make them in even further violation (more seating + few parking spaces). The decision of the board of adjustments voted to support Vivo's current violations (current seating to parking ratio). The decision has been postponed by Vivo.

—Neighborhood parking and parking meters were also discussed.

—Considered a matching grant for FROG and other neighborhood project funding

—Issue with a parking garage (Concordia East?)

—the lamps are unshielded and causing a disturbance.

—Neighborhood parking garage was proposed to help solve ongoing and widespread problems with neighborhood businesses.

5. Mail and Announcements

—Planning commission will be considering an amendment on March 9 (yesterday) regarding mixed use guidelines

—There will be some partial lane closures on Sunday, April 18 for a bike race. They have asked for our approval; there were no objections.

6. Planning, Zoning & Transportation Committee update

—Girard and Dolly Ensey have drafted a friendlyish warning to the offending truck company owner informing him that his trucks have created dangerous situations and broken the law. The letter makes an example of Catellus, demonstrating how a company can create neighborhood-friendly development routes and practices.

—Schieffer/Airport property VMU issue is up before City Council tomorrow. At the last general meeting, the neighborhood voted to support a postponement of voting on VMU on this property, if the neighbors of the property so request. They opted not to request that. Girard will speak at the meeting on behalf of the neighborhood and steering committee. The neighborhood's position will be to remain in firm support of VMU on all corridors, and to support postponement on the Schieffer property if those neighbors favor that.

7. Communication Committee update

—David Greene wants to have a meeting in the next few weeks.

8. Railroad crossings in cherrywood (Aaron Choate)

—Where there are double crossing arms, the trains are supposed to be silent. This is not possible currently at the Manor Road crossing because the double crossing arms have been removed. Jeremy will contact Dinita Caldwell at CapMetro. Girard may call a contact as well.

—Jack is concerned about the pedestrian crossing near Maplewood Elementary. Since the trains may be silent (but even if they are not), children may not notice or pay attention. He would like us to make sure all the kids see presentations about safety. He has also volunteered to be a crossing guard for the first week or two of the rails being open. He calls for others to volunteer for guard duty as well. Kathleen will help find out what can be done immediately to work with the city and schools on making crossing safer and more informed.

9. Discussion and consideration of changes to the CNA By-Laws

—Deb Freeman submitted two proposed changes:

1) Meeting notices and agendas should be posted on our website and neighbornet no fewer than 5 and no more than 30 days before the meeting. Reminders should be sent out 24 hours in advance.

2) The FLEA should be ready for printing 2 weeks in advance of each meeting and should be distributed at least 3 days before each general meeting.

—Deb also asks whether we should extend membership to the CNA to people who own property. Girard argues that we should consider developing the idea of a business membership for property owners. He also supports considering holding one SC position open for a business member.

—A committee (ad hoc task force/loosely formed group of individuals) will be created to discuss the issue of creating a business membership or extending membership to property owners. Aaron and Jeremy will organize it?

10. May 2010 General Meeting planning

—Any guest star ideas? Perry is busy.

11. Relocation of CNASC meeting place

—Cherrywood Coffeeshop is almost ready for us.

—Much discussion about the TV watcher and Starseeds policy.

12. A neighborhood in the West Campus area proposes that parking meters be installed. We are being asked to participate in the rest of East Austin's opposition to those parking meters. The fear on the East side is that those meters will drive student parking even more across the highway. We have not reached any consensus on the issue, and would need further information to make a decision. We welcome input and further persuasion.

13. At Manor Road, there will eventually be a rail line crossing a street car line, and it needs a "Kiss and Ride" according to Girard. Girard also thinks there should actually also be a station on Wilshire Blvd or at Hancock Center. General SC consensus in agreement this.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm