

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 14 JULY 2010

1. Welcome, call to order, introductions, meeting minutes. (6:40)

—SC present: Robin Peebles, Girard Kinney, Deb Freeman, Eve Richter, Jack Newman, Jeremy Mazur, Mark Schiff, Justin Irving

—Non SC present: Chapman Shoop

—Minutes from June SC meeting to be published and approved at a later date.

2. Email Listservs (Deb)

—steering@cherrywood.org is the listserv for the steering committee, steeringadds@cherrywood.org is the list for additional very active CNA members, such as committee chairs.

—We are beginning to migrate away from yahoo groups.

3. FLEA planning

—All committee members are invited to report and anyone can suggest an article of interest or event to include.

—Girard will contribute a piece about the "Keep Austin Beautiful" proposal.

4. CapMetro

—They will be doing some tree trimming and brush clearing work around the rail line beginning July 19th.

—CapMetro reps will be attending the UBC meeting next week (thanks to Dinita Caldwell). Meeting is next Tuesday at the Vortex at 7pm. This needs to be well attended.

—Jack asks what we can do as a neighborhood to support rail and make it work better (despite the hiccups so far).

5. FRoG Update (Girard)

—Asking for \$8-9000 APF grant to build steps, repair drinking fountain, and add plants.

—The Keep Austin Beautiful grant is a separate grant and proposal that Girard is working on. Proposal includes plans for a concrete object that serves both as a way to tell the history of the green on the outside and to store equipment on the inside.

—Graffiti in the green: still a bit of a mystery. Girard will test a product that is supposed to clear-coat surfaces and make graffiti easy to remove.

—The Green will need volunteers this fall starting in late September. Stairs to build, concrete shed, plants, etc.

6. UBC Update

—Jim Walker is going to speak next time about the UT Masterplan and how it impacts Blackland and Cherrywood. The first update to the plan in many years is happening now, and so right now is our opportunity to help shape it.

—Kathleen is having to step down as UBC rep/chair and that void needs to be filled.

7. ANC / ANCEast update (Girard and Justin)

—The comprehensive plan advisory committee came to the meeting. It seems as though the committee may not have much actual influence and that therefore the voices of the neighborhoods may not be having much effect (for example, the FLUMs may not be honored). A counter to this is that perhaps many neighborhoods need to be overridden in some ways because many are founded on the idea of impeding an increase in density.

—Justin will send out announcements prior to the ANC/ANC East meetings so that more people will be able to attend.

—Formula 1 race track coming to Austin? Will at least be good for the service industry.

—The city recently passed a resolution to look at opening an unused part of the airport for a homeless trailer park(?) through Mobile Loaves and Fishes. It's land that is currently owned by FAA and zoned as uninhabitable (HazMat?). ANC East has drafted a statement in opposition to this plan until a number of issues are resolved or changed (no public transportation to the area, nearest business is a liquor store, etc).

8. Planning, Zoning & Transportation Committee Update (Girard)

—City Council voted to support VMU on properties including the Airport Blvd plot.

9. Preparation for August CNA general meeting

—Senator Watson may be available to attend. If not, we will invite Council Member Riley.

—We hope to have Willowbrook Reach on the agenda (need to check with Lee Clippard and also get him to write a piece for the FLEA).

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

—A+ for brevity tonight!