

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 15 SEPTEMBER 2010

1. Welcome, call to order, introductions, meeting minutes. (6:38)

—SC present: Robin Peebles, Girard Kinney, Jack Newman, Aaron Choate, Justin Irving, Jeremy Mazur, Rebecca Kohout

—Non SC present: Chapman Shoop, Terry Dyke, Paige Hill

2. Mailbox (Aaron)

—Nothing to report beyond what Aaron has already emailed to the list.

3. CHULA Update (Mark)

—They are looking for volunteers to work on the art fair, both on fair day and in preparation. Girard has recommended that they send out a list of what jobs they need completed.

—CHULA is partnering with the Vortex during the East Austin Studio Tour (First two weekends in November). They will hopefully also be putting an ad in the EAST catalog to promote the Cherrywood Art Fair.

4. Treasury Update (Rebecca)

—Rebecca needs help collecting yearly ad money from local businesses. This occurs in the week or two before the FLEA goes out (mid-October for this quarter). The helpers will go to the business owners, remind them of the ads that have been running, and collect the checks.

—Rebecca will email out a list of who still needs to renew.

5. Farm on Robinson (Terry Dyke and Paige Hill, Urban Patchwork)

—Urban Patchwork is an organization that helps communities farm in small plots of land scattered across the city.

—In this particular lot, they propose planting on about 4000 square feet (1000 square feet can typically support 4 families) with vegetables and trees.

—The Crestview neighborhood is the working model. It started with 15 families and has grown. They are opening a farm stand soon. More information is available at urbanpatchwork.org and Paige will email info to the SC list.

—Actionable things the SC can do:

- (1) Officially endorse this initiative,
- (2) add it to the agenda for the November general meeting,
- (3) Create an urban farming task force with Terry as the chair, and
- (4) publish a FLEA article by Terry about the project.

—Girard moved that Terry be made chair of a new urban farming task force. Seconded and approved unanimously. Terry can be reached at tdyke@bgb.com.

6. FRoG Update (Girard)

—Community engagement is disappointingly down.

—In a couple of weeks, FRoG will need the help of several people (especially with the repurposing of the utility pole).

—American Youth Corps volunteers will be helping to build the steps down to the creek in November.

7. UBC Update

—There will be a meeting sometime next week. The time and exact date are not yet determined.

8. ANC/ANCEast Update

—There is a vote to condemn the comprehensive planning initiative. After discussion, we agree to oppose that vote, but to separately propose a capacity analysis to accompany the comprehensive plan. Moved, seconded and approved.

9. Planning, Zoning & Transportation Committee Update

—Girard met with Richard Duane (project manager for our street reconstruction project). If the bond election passes in November, our project will start next year after all. Girard is working to get the sidewalk continuations included in the project. The rain garden is definitely going forward at Cherrywood Green. If it's not funded by Watershed Protection, it will be funded by the street reconstruction project.

10. Cherrywood Pet Owners Task Force: Petiquette!

—Is there interest in forming such a task force or developing guidelines similar to the design guidelines? Yes.

—Jeremy will head this task force and is looking for other issues people are concerned about.

11. Mail Carrier issues

—There have been many reports of poor service. Funding has been cut, and it's been mentioned that East Austin might be being used as a training area for new mail carriers.

—This is being added to the next SC meeting when hopefully Deb will be present to consult.

12. I-35 businesses

—Employees of Candies / Chicas Bonitas have been doing some outreach to gather new business. There is concern about property values. Action must be taken in partnership with Delwood.

13. Preparation for November general meeting

—Will try Sen. Watson again.

14. Solicitation of officers and members for 2011

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

—Not so brief tonight, guys.