

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES 17 NOVEMBER 2010

1. Call to order, introductions. (6:33)

—SC Present: Robin Peebles, Girard Kinney, Eric Boucheron, Jeremy Mazur, Deb Freeman

—Approx. 30 people in attendance

2. Discussion of Willowbrook Reach Project (Lee Clippard and city project representative)

—Recap of the history of the project from the city's original intention in 1997 to the reevaluation in 2008 to the current plan.

—Summary of neighborhood input, suggestions, and desired features.

—Explanation of progress so far: moving the path farther from the critical area of the bank, planting taller trees on the outside of the path, planting trees, shrubs and other plants between the path and the stream, and adding steps in a few spots.

—Phase II: reassessment, revegetation, removal of irrigation (in about a year). The second phase gives the neighborhood time to observe the work so far and the opportunity to guide further work.

—Lee brought a proposed vision for the future of Willowbrook Reach. Neighborhood consensus is to change the wording of 'neighbors' to 'citizens', to add 'public' before 'urban green space', and to add 'of Upper Boggy Creek' after 'public urban green space'.

—Girard moved that we the neighborhood approve the vision with the above amendments. Motion carried with no opposed.

3. Urban Patchworks: urban farm initiative presentation (Terry Dyke and Paige Hill)

—Terry and Paige explained the plans for urban farming in the neighborhood.

—Terry is the chair of the urban farming task force in Cherrywood, so any interested parties should contact him.

4. Upper Boggy Creek neighborhood planning team

—3 properties in Blackland on Chicon are looking for a zoning change/correction. Girard moved that we support the Blackland neighborhood in their position (particularly to oppose turning one of the lots into a parking lot). Motion carried with no objection.

5. Neighborhood discussion of crime and APD activity in Cherrywood (Chris Wilson)

—Recent crime wave on Robinson Ave. has included 10 home robberies in a very short span of time. Chris has gathered a lot of information about crime statistics in the neighborhood over recent years. He is looking for neighborhood support in pressuring APD to increase allocation of investigators to the neighborhood.

—Chris also wants to make more neighbors aware of the Neighbor Net, since many of the people who have been robbed recently had not heard about the crime wave in the area and did not know about the Neighbor Net.

—The SC has voted to allow Chris to write a letter to the city/APD on behalf of the neighborhood that the SC will sign. The letter will outline the issues with crime over the last year, and request action from the city and APD.

—One neighbor suggests to hold a crime prevention workshop.
—Girard suggests that a crime and safety committee be formed (chaired by Chris) to deal in depth with this ongoing issue.

6. Recognition of Cherrywood Neighbors' service to the neighborhood

—Girard has suggested that we recognize Lee Clippard and Mike Sullivan for their efforts for the neighborhood. An additional suggestion is to do something to commemorate Lee's father who recently passed away.

—A neighbor suggested that we also recognize Pastor George Holcombe who recently retired.

7. Call for Steering Committee members and officers

—Interested parties should contact Jeremy.

—Jeremy will be stepping down as chair after tonight.

8. Pet Etiquette task force

—Jeremy, Girard, and Kara worked on some guidelines together. The initial proposal should be published in about a month.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.