

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 13 APRIL 2011

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

—SC present: Robin Peeples, Girard Kinney, Aaron Choate, Eric Boucheron, Deb Freeman, Mark Schiff, Jack Newman, Chris Wilson, Justin Irving, Rebecca Kohout

—Non SC present: Chapman Shoop, Lisa Fuka, Eric Vogt (UMC)

2. CHULA Update (Mark)

—Working on getting ready for the neighborhood art fair. Have some good sponsors so far.

3. FROG (Girard)

—Plans for steps leading down to creek bed are complete and approved.

4. UBC Update (Girard)

—Hasn't had a quorum in a while.

—Working on altering bylaws to allow a smaller group to make decisions.

5. ANC Update (Justin)

—We haven't paid some dues and didn't get to vote recently.

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

—Overflow parking for Cherrywood Coffeeshop & neighborhood impact is being worked on. Girard is pursuing getting signage and such for parallel parking on 38 1/2. It's possible that parallel spaces on 38 1/2 could be metered. In that case, the neighborhood/neighborhood association could retain proceeds from those meters. Thus far the vacant lot next door seems not to be an option due to lack of owner cooperation.

—Rail Plan: We overlap with the Wilshire Woods neighborhood at Patterson Park. Girard proposes that Cherrywood extend its neighborhood boundaries across Academy to overlap again with WW there. The city is planning a kind of circulator rail system connecting UT, downtown, Riverside, the airport, Mueller, and Manor Road destinations. If there is to be a stop under I-35 at Hancock Center, Girard suggests we want to be a big part of that conversation, which could more easily happen if we include that little section mentioned earlier in our neighborhood boundaries. SC agrees unanimously.

7. Crime Prevention & Safety Committee

—Jack raises the point that it's more important to emphasize the human physical safety aspect of this issue than the property loss aspect.

—Chris reports that the burglary rate is much lower than it was 6 months ago (seasonal?). Chris has also discovered that it's mainly one specific convenience store (Party Stop) that's selling booze to people who are already intoxicated. Still, it seems that the problem is lack of participation in this neighborhood by APD.

—Girard suggests that one big problem in Austin is that the police force is made up in large part by officers who do not choose to live in Austin, do not share many of the commonly held urban values, and do not often have a very high level of education.

8. Other committee updates as needed

—SC nomination/election committee: There used to be such a committee that kept track of candidates and helped choose the best options. This committee needs someone to chair it.

9. May issue of the Flea

—Article deadline is this Friday, April 15.

—Ad deadline is April 20.

—Pro/con articles on Patterson Park community garden plan (Lisa): the Flea will include the proposal for the community garden and the opposing points. Girard suggests that the Flea include as an intro the mission the neighborhood created for parks and public green spaces.

—Settle on agenda for May General meeting so it can be published. Will include boundary extension possible action and discussion of the Patterson Park garden project.

Crime and Safety Update.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:26.