

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 13 JULY 2011

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

—SC present: Robin Peeples, Aaron Choate, Chris Wilson, Justin Irving, Mark Schiff, Girard Kinney, Deb Freeman

—Non SC present: Chapman Shoop, David Boston (), Michael Jastoch, Irene Mees & Arther (?) (Cold Towne), Terry Dyke (Urban Farm Taskforce)

2. CHULA Update (Mark)

—The Cherrywood Art Fair has a new chair. The art fair will have more vendors in 2012 in the south parking lot (more activities, less parking says Girard).

—Mark is working on getting an EAST tour at the Vortex.

—An idea that's been frequently discussed is doing some sort of intervention on the chainlink fence along Clarkson. Perhaps some sort of linear mosaic mural along that street.

—Proposed Patterson Park Mosaic project (David Boston): An artist is on board, funding has been approved (via NPP and APF). Official recommendation of the LUT committee is to support action on this item. Approval is not contingent upon a current maquette. The artist's process is to evolve the work over time (so a specific design is not available now). Interested neighbors will actually be able to participate by creating the ceramic mosaic pieces themselves.

3. FROG (Girard)

—Girard is working on some steps down to the creek bed.

—Volunteers are still needed for watering.

—The Green is not hurting for money, but rather for volunteers in general.

—The city's Neighborhood Partnership Program has money and not enough qualified applicants; projects should investigate this option if they need funding, so Justin will share more details.

4. UBC Update (Girard)

—There will be changes in the UBC bylaws: Quorum requirements will be reduced from 8 to 5, at least 3 neighborhoods must be represented and there must be agreement between at least those three neighborhoods for a decision to carry.

—UBC needs more reps, and needs them to actually show up. A renter and a business member are still needed.

—Aaron has been nominated and approved to be a rep (resident/homeowner and business owner).

—Deb has asked Aaron to mention the need of a renter rep in his note for the FLEA.

—Leslie Lawler with Wilshirewood Neighborhood Association has submitted a formal resolution complaining about Cherrywood's annexing of the triangle of land which includes Nature's Treasures/Old Academy site (action was approved at the previous general meeting). In UBC, the rule is that whichever neighborhood(s) in which a project occurs get the deciding vote(s) on those issues. UBC is considering a resolution to restrict voting on that area to just Wilshirewood.

5. ANC Update (Justin)

—Single-member districts have not been favorably reviewed by the group.

—Pool closures: ANC has resisted the closures. A revolving schedule and other ideas have been proposed.

—F1: Del Valle has filed suit. Former county judge Bill Elshire (sp?) has been the attorney for that effort. Girard supports F1 but points out that in most proposal issues, the proposer usually has much stronger legal council than the city does, and that is often a problem. A question that remains is regarding the environmental impact of the project. Deb has asked Justin to write a quick summary of all the points around this project to publish in the FLEA.

6. Land Use & Transportation Committee Update (Girard)

—Cold Towne: The theater has outgrown its current space. They've purchased a property on the south side of Manor Rd (2406 Manor). They want to move their offices there and expand into a cafe/bar as well. They will also have an adjoining 68 seat theater with classrooms (improv, workshops, youth, etc) behind. Half of the week, there would be free or cheap (donation) shows. Weekend nights would have shows with a fee. The parking plan has been the largest issue. The city has calculated a required 36 parking spaces. The variance they are requesting is to change their parking setback from 25' to 5' so they can use the back portion of the property as a lot. The Sandstone apartment complex will also be providing at least 11 spaces in their lot. After hearing their presentation, the committee recommends approval of their variance request to have the 25' parking setback changed to 5'. During discussion, it was proposed that a wall on the north side be made a sound wall to prevent noise pollution from starting cars. Cold Towne doesn't feel that a sound wall is in their budget. They have counter proposed (working with the nearest neighbor) to help construct a corrugated metal fence on the property of that neighbor that would probably block a lot of sound and all light. Motion unanimously approved by the SC.

—Proposal for bike lanes on Cherrywood Rd: This proposal would mean the removal of parking on one side of the street. Many people who live on Cherrywood are worried about parking. One compromising proposal includes a bike lane on only one side of the street (as is done on Chicon and Chestnut) for climbing, rather than down hill. Such an arrangement would allow parallel parking on both sides of the street.

7. FLEA Update (Deb)

—Deadline for content is next Wednesday, July 20th.

—Chris is going to do a safety-related insert.

8. Urban Farm Taskforce Update (Terry Dyke)

—Some potential home-owner granted plots have been identified. Still searching for more plots.

—Maplewood Elementary might also be able to participate.

9. Crime Prevention & Safety Committee Update

—Two crime hotspots: around Clarkson and Merrie Lynn, and around La Fayette and 30th

- several car burglaries per week.
- Chris wants to hire an artist or designer to make some unique neighborhood watch signs. Mark suggests that CHULA would definitely pay for a project like that.
- There's a problem with transients. A message to the city on that topic needs to be crafted by the neighborhood.
- Chris wants to find a champion for the La Fayette area.

10. Other updates

- Robin will be out in August, so another volunteer will be needed for note-taking!

11. Meeting prep for August (need to have agenda finalized for FLEA printing)

- Community garden plan
- Bike lanes on Cherrywood
- There could potentially be a change in the sidewalk masterplan
- assigning the sidewalk to the east side rather than the west side of Maplewood Ave.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:33. Not our most concise this time.