

## NOTES

### **Steering Committee Meeting, Cherrywood Neighborhood Association**

May 8, 2013, Taqueria Los Altos, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Mark Schiff, rotating Chair

#### **Members present:**

Emily Schwartz  
Girard Kinney  
Jennifer Potter-Miller  
Mark Schiff  
Rebecca Kohout, Treasurer  
Terry Dyke

#### **Members absent:**

Justin Irving  
Jeremy Mazur  
Lia S. Davis

#### **Visitors present:**

Marilyn Fenn

#### **Business:**

##### **Members and Terms**

- 1) Reviewed current members and when each terms expires (full list attached)
- 2) Considered what the drawbacks are of continuing to rotate the chair:
  - lack of continuity
  - possibility of important communications to CNA falling through cracks.
- 3) Additional vacancies are Vice Chair and Secretary. Role of Secretary includes:
  - receive email and mail communications, distribute as appropriate
  - take notes at meeting and post notes
  - Jennifer Potter-Miller accepted position as secretary.
- 4) Continued current policy of rotating Chair by appointing Rebecca Kohout as Chair for next meeting.

##### **LUT Committee Updates**

- 1) Problematic snout garage duplex at 3407 Banton Rd., SE corner of the neighborhood. LUT is working with developer to achieve a better solution.
- 2) No further info on 3305 Lafayette except that project is going forward & Girard is highly skeptical that the drive, as drawn will work (too steep).
- 3) NAPA store on Manor Rd. is being converted into a bar, and appears to have enough parking in their permit application. Mark Schiff looked into the subdivision records and believes this property has the same restrictions prohibiting liquor sales as we learned is the case for the adjacent project to the east.

- 4) Committee is working on getting more legal parking along 38 1/2 St.
- 5) Girard Kinney got a call from the realtor for the 4020 Airport site, suggesting that there some neighbor(s) who have raised possibility of the "longhorn" at Schieffer being removed and replaced with a full-movement intersection there and at the Wilshire intersection as well. He also indicated that both Catellus and the City favor this change. A survey of neighbors and Catellus does not support this, and LUT remains in favor of keeping it, as does CNA.

### **Launch of CNA Website**

- 1) Reviewed new website
- 2) Discussed whether including list of Cherrywood businesses will impact potential advertising in Flea
- 3) Debated whether home-based businesses should be included in *Points of Interest*. Should note that it is a comprehensive list but does not constitute an endorsement
- 4) Reviewed pages under construction, including *Planning FAQ*
- 5) Reviewed ways in which neighbors can submit info to various pages

### **Plans for General Meeting**

- 1) Hancock resolution was approved in November but was never distributed, resubmitting for approval, will send at end of month
- 2) HEB wants to make presentation on new Mueller store
- 3) HEB donating \$50 gift certificate, decide to raffle at the meeting instead of spend on refreshments (in email communications after SC meeting, decided to raffle at the meeting instead of spend on refreshments).
- 4) Set agenda
  - golf course resolution
  - swear in Terry and Emily to SC
  - vacancies on SC (chair, vice chair, members)
  - [cherrywood.org](http://cherrywood.org) launch, how to contribute

### **Additional Items**

- 1) Asbury Methodist church may be going out of business
- 2) Girard Kinney discussed ReConnect Austin movement to depress and cap IH-35 through part of downtown. TxDot abandoned plans to do so about a decade ago, but about a year ago with a new federal grant city of Austin began looking at things to do with IH 35. Now TxDot has taken the process over for more aggressive solutions, but they are currently exploring a scheme to rebuild the elevated lanes and a very limited scheme to depress the through-lanes.

A new much more far-sighted solution has emerged (ReConnect Austin) supported by many groups, and Girard proposes Cherrywood be one of neighborhoods that supports depressing and capping the highway, as Dallas has done recently through downtown. Action: it was agreed that CNA, which previously supported the idea of depressing the lanes through our portion of IH35, would write a letter of support for

this new concept through downtown, with the hope that eventually the idea would be extended north to our neighborhood.

### **Current Voting Members and Terms**

Jennifer Potter-Miller, term expires 11/13

Rebecca Kohout, Treasurer, term expires 11/13

Terry Dyke, terms expires 11/14

Justin Irving, term expires 11/14

Mark Schiff, term expires, 11/14

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