

**NOTES**  
**LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION (LUT) COMMITTEE**  
**July 3, 2013**  
**Taqueria Los Altos**

**LUT voting members present:**

Girard Kinney\*\* (GK, Chair), Kern Ramble  
Mike Damal\*\* (MD, agreed to serve as scribe), Cherrywood Road, founded "Zoning 101" predecessor to the LU committee, which expanded to include Transportation)  
Mark Schiff\*\* (MS)  
Jules Vieau\*\*, (JV, Cherrywood Road  
Terry Dyke\*\* (TD, Robinson Ave., acting Chair, CNA Steering Committee)

**Guests present:**

Frances (Francie) Greene (FG, CNA resident, Vineland)  
Mario Porras (MP, Guest from COA Residential Parking Permit program),  
[mario.porras@austintexas.gov](mailto:mario.porras@austintexas.gov)  
Ray Donley (RD, CNA resident, E28th St., finalizing RPP program E28th, LaFayette to Dancy))  
Kirby McDaniel (KM, CNA resident, E347th @ LaFayette, wants RPP on LaFayette, E37th to E38th½, eventually to Concordia)  
Gary Meyer (GM, CNA resident, E28th @ Dancy, wants RPP on Dancy, Dean Keation to E28th))  
Marilyn Fenn (MF, CNA resident, Robinson Ave., artist, Cherrywood Website designer)  
Matt Harriger (MH, CNA resident, Willowbrook Dr., Assist. Att. Gen, Transportation Div, State of Texas)

- 7:15: Introductions, scribe appointed & sign-in sheet circulated (see attendees above)
- GK briefly talked about the IH35 Project reconnect, which would put I35 underground from Holly Street to 15th Street and eventually provide a cap that would allow reestablishment of the original East Avenue Blvd. and return enough real estate into private development to finance the costs of the I35 project. CNA has sent a letter of support for this idea, and many, many organizations, including UT, have either written support letters or are considering doing so. This project has the potential of raising revenue through the reuse of land, in that a smaller right of way would be needed for the underground project, allowing valuable land now in the ROW to be sold or leased. This is still a long way from being considered or implemented. GK briefed the current rail alignment through Hancock center, which will have a station at the NE corner of Hancock center and then run under I35 at the Airport Blvd intersection in a creative way to minimize traffic disruptions. Its alignment would then be Airport Blvd to Wilshire/Aldridge, left into Mueller, terminating near the new HEB and eventually continuing out Berkman to US290.. Tom Wald was not available to attend the Mueller transportation TF, however GK attended and reported that the Airport/Scheiffer

intersection has enough traffic now to warrant a stoplight, and the longhorn will remain at Scheiffer when a light is installed there. Many new openings will occur at Mueller this year, the first being the HEB on 23 July.

- 7:40pm: Residential Parking Permit Program. Mario Porras briefed us about the program. A brief description follows:
  1. A resident (referred to as the RPP "Representative" (Rep) on the proposed street(s), gets written acknowledgment the Neighborhood Association has been notified of his/her intent to apply. Then he/she has to submit an application to the city, which is done in block increments.
  2. The Rep is given a petition for the resident on the block to sign (if vacant, owner may sign, if owner and resident are not in agreement, resident's vote counts) Choices include "Yes", "No" and "Will support majority" (60% in favor or "will support majority" is required for the project to go forward, and for the City to then conduct a survey). While either the owner or resident (i.e. renter in the case of a rental unit) can sign the petition, resident would take preference over the owner if they disagree. [NOTE; after the meeting GK verified with Mario that in the case of a duplex, each unit is treated as a separate unit, each eligible for parking permits. In fact, in the case of 3 units, even if built illegally (as is the case with at least three addresses and probably more in our neighborhood), if there are three utilities or three mailing addresses (i.e. units A, B & C), each of the three is eligible for the permits.]
  3. A survey is done by the city. 75% occupancy of the parking area is needed at the days and times of the request. Only 25% of the 75% needs to be from outside the neighborhood (commuter traffic), the rest can be local residents. The city has found that typically 70-80% of the parked cars are commuter traffic. The survey is done every day for one week. If the City survey shows that the proposed zone qualifies, the RPP program becomes active and signs are placed by the city.
  4. All residential (only) addresses in the zone are eligible to buy permits. Each residence pays \$20 per calendar (through the Rep) per year for up to 4 permits, of which a max of 2 can be visitor permits. There are exceptions for construction and special events with day/construction passes if needed.
  5. Program is a reactive program, not for anticipating a traffic problem. The city does not make money on the program, it is offered as a service to interested residents. Police make routine rounds for enforcement or you can call 311 to register a complaint for violators. Ticket fine is \$30.
- 8:15: LUT members who have pledged to report on progress of perimeter projects were encouraged to submit written reports and to attend the meeting to summarize the current facts with respect to these projects. However, no reports had been submitted and so GK reported briefly about the Value Sky Park project; here is an email from the developer recently:

Girard, sorry for the delayed response. The project is named Elan East. We have just a preliminary splash page up at [elaneast.com](http://elaneast.com). Amy, we anticipate having the first units open and leasing in late October and the full project will be complete in April of 2014. We don't currently have a commercial broker leasing out the retail

flex spaces. IT is likely a bit early for that. The Manor fronting units will likely be delivered in December. (from Nic Whittaker) Nic (development director at Greystar) also indicated that all of the trees that were removed both from the site and from the Randolph r.o.w. will be replaced by the caliper-inch formula required by the city. Other projects underway are all proceeding without requests for CNA support of Zoning Changes or Variances at BOA or Residential Design Commission.

- 8:30: There was not time to go into the issues of Mission or Committee Structure; this will be deferred to next meeting. GK did give an update on the Group 21 Street Reconstruction project, rain garden at Cherrywood Green, curb painting (contact me offline) signal at LaFayette/E38th½, sidewalk on Maplewood and other issues.
- 8:45: Adjourned

Meeting ended with general discussion of other development in the neighborhood. There were no reps to answer questions on some of the projects in Cherrywood. GK mentioned there was interest for the IBIZ program for Manor Road, however the city has withdrawn funding for this project so its applicability may be limited.

Meeting ended at 845pm.

*Notes submitted by Mike Damal, tweaked and appended by Girard Kinney)*