

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association
General Membership Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2013, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.
Asbury Servant Church Fellowship Hall, 1605 38 ½ Street

Draft Meeting Notes

1. 6:30 P.M. called to order by Jeremy Mazur. Welcome, introductions, sign-in. Quorum present.
2. Approval of the Agenda. The topic of a metro stop was added to New Business.
3. Announcements/Updates
4. Hancock Golf Course update: Emily Schwartz reported on the current status of Hancock Golf Center, where sale of the property to a developer was rejected by the Parks Board, and the course is benefiting from the use of grey water for watering the grass.
5. Treasurer's Report Rebecca Kohout reported a balance of \$7.064.
6. Election of new members of the CNA Steering Committee (ACTION ITEM) Mark Schiff moved and Girard Kinney seconded that Francie Greene be elected to the Steering committee. Motion passed.
7. Presentation by Dave Neider, Mueller Local Business Working Group. Information about IBIZ requirements and information with links to a survey on businesses to recruit to Mueller were passed out, and discussion followed.
8. Presentation by Simone Benz, SFC Farmer's Market East. The Sustainable Food Center's new location at 2035 MLK will be the site of a weekly Farmer's Market, 3 – 7 PM on Tuesdays, with live music three times a month.
9. Update on Patterson Park Community Garden (ACTION ITEM): Mark Smolen presented information on new design for the proposed community gardens and discussed the changes in the plan that had been negotiated with PARD.

In discussion it was noted by Lisa Fuka that the requirement for adequate notice to the community for the meeting agenda and proposed Action Items had not been met. She objected to holding a vote. In the extensive discussion that followed it was determined that the Bylaws requirement of 5 days written notice had not been met, and that it was not a rule subject to 'Suspension of the Rules', and that the vote should be deferred to a meeting with adequate notice given.

Emily Schwartz moved that the SC prepare a formal resolution regarding the changes and bring the resolution to the November General Meeting. The motion did not get a second. Then Girard Kinney moved and Mark Schiff seconded a motion that in order to get a sense of the reaction of the gathering to the proposed changes there be a 'straw poll' by show of hands. The motion passed, and a show of hands was requested: there were a large number of hand raised in support, and one in opposition.

10. Resolution supporting ban on aerial billboards (approved by Steering Committee) (ACTION ITEM) Girard Kinney described the issue, and noted that the topic was to be taken up by the Austin City Council in the near future, he further stated that notice of this Action Item had been posted in Neighbor Net for one month. In the vote, the resolution passed, with three in opposition.

11. Discussion of bike safety concerns at Lafayette Avenue and 32nd Street
Simone Benz described a potentially hazardous situation with limited visibility due to poor lighting at the intersection of Lafayette and 32nd. She was advised to develop a resolution for action and bring it to LUT.

12. Committee and Task Force reports

a. Organizational Review Task Force: Terry Dyke put out a call for information from residents about committees or task forces that they have served on in the past 5 years, so that the list of recent groups can be as complete as possible. Response from the floor: The Task Force for Cherrywood Coffeehouse Overflow Parking.

b. Website Task Force: Jennifer Potter Miller reported that the website has been up since May. She is looking for more content material and will be contacting folks for more blog ideas.

c. Urban Farm Task Force terry Dyke announced that new member sign ups for the Fall Season were being accepted.

13. Austin Neighborhood council update: no report

The chair noted that 8 P.M. had arrived, with agenda items still to be covered. The meeting time was extended without objection.

14. Land Use and Transportation Committee Girard Kinney reposted

a. Interest in developing the 4020 airport location has been expressed by Kirby Lane restaurants.

b. LaFayette bike path and sidewalks planning – working in getting a traffic light at 38 ½.

c. Lafayette and 32nd will have sidewalks in all 4 directions.

15. Other Business

The question was raised as to whether there was th possibility of having another Metro stop added between MLK and Highland Mall. In discussion it was described as being unlikely at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Meeting notes submitted by Francie Greene