

CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

6 November 2013

In attendance:

Jules Kniolek (acting Chair)
Brendan Wittstruck (scribe)
Mark Schiff
Jonathan Braden

Chair report

- MS put the Manor overflow parking on Cherrywood concerns on the agenda; this was discussed at the end of the meeting;

4020 Airport

- Genesis Meeting Report
 - JK and BW attended the Genesis meeting, which was volatile. PSW appears to be pushing their residential plan over the mixed-use plan;
 - PSW brought waivers for all to sign approving removal of RC for masonry fence (replace with wood) and 30% residential zoning. No one signed these forms;
 - PSW would not/could not state clear date for closing on the property
 - Vineland/40th residents have objected to mtg notice flyers distributed in CNA, SWNA; argue only residents within 200' of proposed development should have say in the matter;
 - PSW wants to get rid of the masonry wall restriction (replace with wooden wall) and to have the percentage residential restriction removed;
 - Concerns over guest parking; there has been no place for alley parking, though new plan now indicates it
- David Boston complaint email acknowledged
 - There is interest in seeing a developed site plan and renderings
 - Critical zone for watershed protection will go from 30' to 50'
- General thought of LUT in attendance is that PSW wants residential option, and won't be able to get it
 - Does LUT take a stand on this? Let SWNA take the lead
 - LUT lacks a quorum for any vote
- JK is interested in townhomes typology on site

Group 21

- Project for street/ROW repair and upgrade
LUT present feels under-informed to comment on specifics
- Proposal to narrow streets as part of the plan
- What is Austin's Great Streets program specific to residential streets?

Maplewood Sidewalks

- Expectation is that the sidewalk would be the west side, from Ashwood to Wilshire;
- Added pedestrian safety (especially school kids);
- Many duplex front yards are in disrepair while owners await action by the City (BW cites his own front yard as an example).
- Advance campaign for education/information outreach effort to owners/tenants; identify property owners/stakeholders, and identify owners/residents in opposition to the plan;
- Suggest that the LUT take the helm of this, if it is implemented.

1706 E. 38th

- The CAN SC voted to support demolition; LUT members in attendance agree with the action that has been taken.
- Only issue is we wish we'd have known about it sooner

Hancock Golf Course

- Emily was not in attendance; group agrees that historic distinction may complicate future redesign of the golf course into a park program; group supports the historical designation of the club house building
- Issue is the specific language of the historic distinction application
- Idea of “Zilker Park North” expressed

Tree planting

- Mike Damal was not in attendance; the LUT applauds his efforts
- Status of Concordia Triangle?

Neighborhood Development Monitor System

- Snout House (garage) at 3305 Lafayette in violation of code limiting over 50% of façade as garage;
- LUT members offered to help amend site plan and were rebuked; fought by owners (plan was approved by the City)
- Neighborhood wants automatic updates about permitting plans
 - Don Pettigrew once was working on this; status?
 - LUT wants Plan Review (PR) numbers from City of Austin AMANDA program concerning building permits
 - JB, who has experience in web design (www.jonathanbraden.com), has offered to look into means by which accessing this information might be made easier, if he is provided the necessary access information;

Cherrywood Parking

- No complaints lately, but this continues to be an unresolved issue; note that Heather Telo is personally affected;

- Curb painting proposal; waiting to hear from Girard Kinney on paint colors and type necessary for community painting; MS volunteers to lead effort
- Problems arise from cars parking too close to curb cuts and fire hydrants
- Threats made against business owners are concerning; APD's email to the NeighborNet had a lot of important information regarding street parking, not the least of which is that placing obstruction objects (including traffic cones) in the street is illegal; APD message should be broadcast as much as possible so that it can reach persons not on NN;
- Residential Parking Permit
 - People from the last LUT meeting may have been discouraged that there was not time to discuss this issue;
 - No progress has been made at this point (City process is not easy);
 - Upcoming new business openings adjacent to Haymaker will exacerbate parking issues but to LUT knowledge Haymaker is in compliance for parking;
 - One suggestion is a park and ride shuttle from the M Station parking. Another suggestion is looking at the potential for on-street parking on Manor itself;

IH35 Cut & Cap

- CWA (Girard Kinney representing) spoke in favor of the project at ANC East mtg
- LUT members JK and BW support a postponing of the Reconnect Plan pending more info, specifically on 1) socioeconomic divide (west/east), 2) multimodal potential in corridor, and 3) actual traffic impact
- Concern that project is a "land grab";
- LUT member MS wants to know more about the project
- Consideration of benefits of project, including connected streets, quieter neighborhoods, and increased developable land
- Some LUT members remain unconvinced by precedent case studies in Dallas and Boston, citing a lack of richness of use in the cap "parkspace" and a lack of precedent in high income disparity on opposing sides of highway.

El Chile

- El Chile has reopened in original location on Manor
- Marketing director wishes to introduce himself to LUT; invitation to host future meetings at El Chile (this is conveyed by JB to LUT group)
- LUT recommends that El Chile marketing director be encouraged to attend our next meeting at Tacqueria Los Altos to discuss further; desire to meet neighbors

Meeting adjourned.