

CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

8 January 2014

LUT Committee (Members in Attendance):*

Vicky Boone	Margaret Mills
David Boston	Chris Owan
Amy Brotman	Jennifer Potter-Miller
Mike Damal	Glenn Reed
Lia Davis	Stuart Reilly
Terry Dyke	Mark Schiff *
Lisa Fuka	Heather Telo
Girard Kinney (Chair) *	Jules Vieau
Jules Kniolek *	Tom Wald
Jeremy Mazur	Brendan Wittstruck (Scribe) *

CNA Members in Attendance:

Ray Donley

Meeting Notes (4 December 2013)

- LUT members will approve December 2013 and January 2014 meeting minutes at the start of the February 2014 meeting; Brendan Wittstruck to share draft notes with LUT members via email for comments before submitting for posting on CNA website

Group 21 Update

- *Schedule*; City reports that Group 21 design process will be to 60% by early this year; Richard Duane is the City contact for the project;
- *Sidewalk Masterplan*; About 50% of Sidewalk Masterplan will be built by the Group 21 Street Reconstruction Project, a COA Bond-funded project. In a related issue, a Pedestrian Advisory Council has been formed following the model of the City Bicycle Advisory Council; meetings are at Austin Energy building and are chaired by Robert Anderson; this may represent a new outlet for pedestrian issues advocacy;
- *Raingarden at Cherrywood Green*; “Wilderness area” at Kern Ramble; plan is to close storm drains and direct stormwater to raingarden; City calculations suggest manhole elevation may be too high for system to work; will continue to investigate; Proposal to investigate adding raingardens/swales to Group 21 scope when initial designs are presented this year;
- *Maplewood Sidewalk*; Maplewood sidewalk is outside scope of Group 21; per City, funding for this project is secure, development restrictions have been removed, and construction will begin this summer when school is out; Sidewalk will be on West side of Maplewood between Ashwood and Wilshire Blvd.; City will provide drawings for retaining walls but not sidewalk plans; LUT will make announcement at the CNA General Meeting in May and in the April issue of the Flea

Permit Parking/Discussion of Current Status of Neighborhood Projects

- *Lafayette*; Kirby McDaniel is pursuing RPP for Lafayette between 37th and 38 ½ Streets; at least one neighbor on that block opposes RPP plan (60% approval of Block required); limiting RPP to business hours (8-5?) has been suggested, although there is not consensus on efficacy;
- *Dancy*; Gary Meyer is pursuing RPP for Dancy between Dean Keeton and 32nd Street; Question of small block at Dancy/Dean Keeton, which has two households (one for RPP and one in opposition); what is the protocol for RPP regarding small blocks such as this?
- *28th Street*; An RPP has been in place for about a decade on Dancy between 29th & 28th and on 28th west of Dancy. Now, Ray Donley (in attendance) has successfully applied for RPP on 28th Street between Dancy and Lafayette; Sign positions have been marked and enforcement will begin after two weeks of sign installation. Ray reports another neighbor is considering sponsoring an RPP on 28th from LaFayette & French place—all four of these existing and possible future RPPs are seen by their sponsors as necessary because of UT staff and students parking in this quadrant during weekdays;
- *UT Parking*; Primary parking concern around Dancy is UT students/staff; nearby UT parking permit lot is often empty or underused; Concerns that UT is not responsible for same parking standards that govern small businesses;
- *Next Steps*; Have other options been properly exhausted? 38 ½ Street is underused for parking; concerns over confusing street painting (“hockey sticks”) and underused parking on south side of street; LUT opinions are largely in favor of RPP, but support is not unanimous;

Manor Road Workshop

- Workshop to promote transportation/parking ideas for Manor Business District; Neighbors will look at all options available to improve future transportation/parking development of corridor;
- *Change to RPP*; Residential Parking Permit Program is now being combined with Residential Metering program; possibility of installing meters in residential parking areas with homeowner meter cards available for use; many other ideas will be considered to deal with the parking overflow issue, including future garages, valet parking, shuttles, shared parking and other solutions.
- *Attendance*; workshop will be attended by representatives from Cherrywood, Blackland, Rogers Washington/Holy Cross, Austin Heights; Jim Walker will represent UT, and representatives of the COA Transportation and Public Works Department will provide technical assistance.
- *Outreach*; LUT to make sure information is available on Cherrywood website as well as NeighborNet and Duplex Listserv; outreach to Manor businesses will be determined;

Mueller Transportation Committee Report (Brendan Wittstruck)

- *TxDOT Mobility 35 Study*; Intersections of study include IH35/Airport and IH35/51st Street; Some northbound off-ramps will be removed; Mueller traffic to exit IH35 2 miles away; Dialogue regarding access concerns to/from Mueller will continue;
- *Superstreets*; Superstreets are no longer being considered for downtown but are still under consideration for this study area; concern they will reinforce “barrier” of IH35 and general lack of community support;
- *Traffic*; NPR piece on Austin traffic; suggestion to toll future lanes on IH35 and remove tolls on SH130, although most IH35 traffic is accessing uses in downtown [note that more recent

comments by TxDot are that probably about 40% (not the 80% previously claimed) of TxDot Traffic is destined for or originates in downtown];

- Project Connect; Mueller disappointed they were not selected as Phase 1 sub-corridor, but they support the ERC and Highland decisions; Sub-connectors (including bus, pedestrian/bike access) will connect to Sub-corridors; Rolling planning process will ensure continued study of other sub-corridors during Phase 1 design; In May, Council will call for City Bond election in November and a specific route will be on the ballot;
- *Other Issues*; Intersection of 38 ½ at Airport will be reconfigured to add dedicated left turn signal; CNA wants two left turn lanes but there is concern over the space required; PSW (4020 Airport) will pay for construction of dedicated U-turn lane and legal U-turn at Airport Blvd between Schieffer & 38th½;

Open Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- *4020 Airport*; Glen Coleman needs our letter of “not opposing”; construction of project (in some form) appears likely

Adjourn