

CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

5 February 2014

LUT Committee (Members in Attendance):*

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

Chair Announcements

- *ReConnect Austin*; Chronicle has published two recent articles on ReConnect proposal; Downtown Stakeholders Meeting tonight to discuss Woodland through access closure at IH35 (proposed by TXDOT) (“Superstreet” concept); TXDOT appears to be backing off initial proposal after considerable neighborhood backlash (CNA is interested in this example because study efforts on 38 ½ Street at IH35 are comparable to Woodland); TXDOT indicating that they favor a depressed design for IH35 through downtown, but whether it will be capped remains a question;
- *Project Connect*; Councilman Spellman has indicated interest in considering subways as part of Project Connect; Austin bedrock has proven to be cheaper than expected to tunnel through;
- *Pedestrian Advisory Council*; Girard Kinney is a member of this Council; are other members of CNA interested in representing neighborhood on this Council?
- *Crossings at 38 ½/Lafayette, Manor/Walnut*; City is looking at 311 requests regarding these crossings; currently a road must be more than 2 lanes to get a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB); a Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB) is under consideration for 38 ½ Street (similar to the signal on Guadalupe near Wheatsville Co-op);
- *Residential Parking Permit*; RPP for Lafayette between 37th and 38 ½ Streets has been submitted;

Meeting Notes (4 December 2013, 8 January 2014)

- MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING NOTES (December, January) PASSES WITHOUT OBJECTION

Manor Road Workshop

- *Workshop Follow-up*; Jules Kniolek, Girard Kinney will transcribe/photograph written comments from workshop, and will identify work session time and produce report to attendees; Future meetings will focus on specific issues that stemmed from workshop;

- *Businesses*; Businesses were amenable to residents' concerns, indicating greater approval of residential metering over Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program;
- *Future Meetings*; Categorize and prioritize areas of interest; First meeting will be to administer/coalesce initial report (LUT members who were present at workshop will attend this meeting, to be scheduled for February); Issues that were broached at workshop include: parking, curb design, intersection of Dean Keeton/Manor, pedestrians, transit/rail, bus stops, streetlighting, valet/off-site parking, structured parking;

Mueller Transportation Committee Report (Brendan Wittstruck)

- *Private Driveways at Barbara Jordan Blvd*; Construction has begun (today) on measures to restrict left-hand turns and cross access from private driveways on Barbara Jordan Blvd at Home Depot and Wells Fargo; these are considered interim measures while traffic study continues;
- *Scheiffer/Airport*; Traffic signal will be installed;
- *Airport Longhorns & bike access*; Previous discussion of unimpeded bicycle access across Airport Blvd from Wilshire; what is the status of this? LUT to contact Tom Wald to learn more;

4020 Airport Blvd Update

- *Progress*; Zoning change request went before Planning Commission last week; item was on consent agenda but was added to discussion by residents in attendance; developer asking for 65% residential restriction to be removed (current zoning is LO-MU); SWNA has taken position of “not support” without first seeing a detailed site plan; however, Commission does not consider site plans for zoning changes and voted unanimously to approve requested zoning change (as well as making additional clarifying language changes); matter will go to City Council next Thursday;

New Business

- *City Occupancy Restrictions re: “Stealth Dorms”*; Planning Commission heard arguments regarding occupancy restrictions last week; current regulation is no more than 6 unrelated adults per dwelling unit; measure would decrease this number to 4; Parking cited as one issue in favor, affordability cited as a concern by opponents; LUT understanding is that the Commission rules in favor of decreasing number to 4; note that Commission did not seek legal counsel—is there a State law prohibiting limitations on dwelling unit occupancy?; Assume that existing units will be given a “grandfather” clause;
- *Seven-Eleven at 38 1/2/Airport*; CNA residents have voiced concern over lights from development, particularly headlights, although it appears that 7-11 is complying with all lighting regulations for the site;

Adjourn (8:45pm)