

CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

5 March 2014

LUT Committee (Members in Attendance):*

Vicky Boone
David Boston
Amy Brotman
Mike Damal
Lisa Davis
Terry Dyke *
Lisa Fuka
Girard Kinney (Chair) *
Jules Kniolek *
Jeremy Mazur

Margaret Mills
Chris Owan
Jennifer Potter-Miller *
Glenn Reed
Stuart Reilly *
Mark Schiff *
Heather Telo
Jules Vieau
Tom Wald
Brendan Wittstruck (Secretary) *

CNA Members in Attendance:

Marilyn Fenn
Justin Irving
Nathan Lynch

Meeting Notes (5 February 2014)

- Approval of February Notes tabled until April LUT meeting;

Land Use Issues

- *4020 Airport*; Zoning change accepted by Council on 3rd reading; Note that MU zoning doesn't have to be mixed use (could be 100% apartments; CNA has no say in this decision); PSW representative Glen Coleman has indicated desire for continued dialogue with CNA; CNA desires continued contact as well as dialogue with project architect; MOTION to recommend to Steering Committee to draft letter requesting continued dialogue on project PASSED ON CONSENT; Jules Kniolek will draft letter to SC;
- *7-11 @ 38 1/2th/Airport*; Owner has agreed to extend privacy fence to guard against headlight intrusion; Project will have a mural painted on the 38 1/2 wall; Project includes state-of-the-art Hazardous Materials Interceptor (HMI) but CNA concerns regarding runoff during heavy rain events with regard to proximity to creek; Would like additional onsite treatment or fee-in-lieu for water quality maintenance; not mandated by City as project has decreased total impervious cover from previous construction; Suggestion that LCRA Youth Corps or other organization could test water quality before and after storm events for monitoring; CNA member David Green may have contacts for further discussion;
- *CodeNEXT* (Jennifer Potter-Miller); CodeNEXT is a community mapping opportunity as part of City updating Land Development Code (based on Imagine Austin); LUT is interested in leading neighborhood effort on project; Concern that ANC perceives project as a provisional threat, as it

is a major City planning effort representing significant potential change; Important for CNA to be represented—encourage participation and buy-in; Make special agenda for SC:

- Participants may need understanding of land use to understand implications of exercise
- Set for 7:30pm meeting immediately following March SC meeting, 3/12; Push SC meeting time to 6:00pm? Girard Kinney to contact Katie Hollaran;
- Contact Blackland, other neighborhoods to see if interest in working simultaneously with CNA;
- Also consider future dates (verify date of project deadline extension); concerns over SXSW scheduling conflicts;

Transportation Issues

- *Mueller Transportation Committee Report* (Brendan Wittstruck)
 - Bartholomew Pool is under construction;
 - 51st Street planning effort has begun; there will be future opportunities for community input;
 - Project Connect; Mueller supportive of plans; City notes that project may be rail or BRT;
 - Mobility 35; Concern over “Superstreets” and lack of communication from TXDOT; Project is in design phase and construction is not funded; Desire to unify community voices and hope to get better idea of project schedule in the future; TXDOT will present to RMMA Advisory meeting on March 11 (to be confirmed);
- *Project Connect*; Highland Sub-corridor was a compromise between interests of N. Lamar corridor and Mueller corridor; proposed transit may be rail or BRT; Hancock Center is CNA primary interest in initial draft plan:
 - Potential to connect to existing Red Line, future Mueller corridor;
 - Mobility 35 plans may be in conflict with this plan;
 - Highland Mall terminus seems redundant since Red Line already supports location;
- *TXDOT IH35 Mobility Working Group*; Mueller NA rep Mateo Barnstone spoke at most recent UBC meeting; UBC passed two resolutions:
 - Neighborhoods to voice strong concern about plans (specifically Section 4)
 - Develop working group including neighborhoods on both sides of IH35 to look into TXDOT plans regarding east-west connectivity;

There continue to be two specific areas of concern:

- Closing of streets to direct through-traffic (“Superstreets”); one potential unintended consequence would put more traffic on smaller “upstream” streets by traffic avoiding intersections; Pushes mobility concerns *into* neighborhoods;
- Access/Closure of lower section IH35 ramps; how does local traffic arrive at destinations?

TXDOT is acknowledging three scenarios: 1) Elevated, 2) Depressed, 3) “No-Build”;

- *ReConnect Austin*; 320’ Right-of-Way (ROW) cap; TXDOT does not believe ReConnect Austin is technically feasible because of length of access ramps; ANC has voted against ReConnect project, citing impacts on the East side; Other concerns include a lack of consideration of other policy elements involved in IH35 study, including connectivity, speed differential, and the role of SH-130 in alleviating burden of NAFTA highway traffic;

- *Manor Workshop Next Steps*; City has been responding to neighborhood requests (red paint at 30th/Lafayette, parking paint on 38 ½/Cherrywood); City wants UBC representative for all curb/street painting requests—CNA prefer to have its own group, and recommend other neighborhoods similarly organize and prioritize; Several locations have been suggested for Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB) and Residential Parking Permit Programs (RPP); Parking Benefit District (PBD) (residential meters) also proposed, which would provide direct income for neighborhood parking enforcement; businesses tend to favor this idea over RPP because it increases customer turnover; Concerns maintained over RPP and PBD over “shifting” parking deeper into neighborhoods and issues of fair public use of city streets;
- *Pedestrian Advisory Council Report* (Nathan Lynch); Nathan Lynch now representing CNA at PAC; MOTION to recommend Nathan to SC as PAC representative PASSED ON CONSENT; PAC does not yet have by-laws, structure set, but is preparing to do so; PAC meets once a month, approximately 50 were in attendance at this meeting; Meeting presentations:
 - ReConnect Austin (Heyden Walker); concerns over superstreets, diverging diamond intersections, pedestrian access;
 - Mobility 35 (TXDOT); focus on Austin area; project still collecting feedback; will meet with neighborhoods if invited; they have “gotten the message” that neighborhoods do not like superstreets;
 - Austin Police Department; information that pedestrian citations are very rare; clarification of definition of jaywalking

New Business

- *3303/3305 Lafayette*; Duplex has been rented, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) planned across the street; Historical Designation applicable to property? Girard Kinney to contact Steve Sadowsky;
- *AMANDA*; Continued need for programming help to facilitate ease-of-use for City permitting database, to advise of neighborhood demolition and building permit applications; Nathan Lynch offers to look into programming (Jules Kniolek will provide assistance); CNA member Jonathan Braden has previously offered assistance as well; Belief that other neighborhoods would also be interested in developing this tool;
- *Longhorn @ Wilshire/Airport*; Nathan Wilkes has details on design for bike access; What is project status? Concern over bike/pedestrian access at intersection, particularly with regard to CNA children attending future Mueller schools;

Adjourn (9:30pm)