

CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

6 August 2014

Taqueria Los Altos, 3301 Interstate 35 Frontage Road, Austin, Texas 78722

LUT Committee (Voting Members in Attendance):*

Mike Damal *

Mark Schiff *

Girard Kinney (Chair) *

Heather Telo

Jules Kniolek

Jules Vieau *

Glenn Reed

Tom Wald

Visitors:

Marty Hood

Patrick Redman

John Mitchell

Councilmember Chris Riley

Kristin Morris

Brendan Wittstruck

Call to Order (7:15 PM); Meeting does not have a quorum and no action is taken

Announcements

- *Garage Apartments in DuplexNation*; Inquiry over process to convert garages in Duplexes to accessory dwelling units; City says a zoning change will be needed (3 residences on a lot), historic preservation status and parking cited as issues to be addressed
- *Residential Parking Permits*; RPP has been approved for Cherrywood Road between Manor and 32nd Street and postings will be installed soon

Unfinished Business

- *Sidewalk Master Plan*; LUT has recommended that the Sidewalk Masterplan be revisited;
 - CNA voted on and adopted Sidewalk Master Plan in response to City Group 21 proposal;
 - Priority to address broken sidewalks, but City “fee-in-lieu” program does not allocate funds until project is at least \$100K;
 - Documentation needs of existing Master Plan has been brought to Communications Committee; Efforts will be made to produce digital copies of documents for posting to website
- *Visual Obstructions at Intersections/Curb Painting*; City has been approached regarding visibility obstructions at intersections and is issuing citations to homeowners;
 - Foliage cannot be above 24” in height or below 8’ in clearance, for visibility; **[CONFIRM]**
 - City policy is to heavily cut back foliage; neighborhood interest in self-policing and minimizing City involvement;
 - Discussion of putting together article for the Flea (Mike Damal to initiate)
- *Curb Painting*; Debate over red painted curbs in neighborhood;
 - No rule on distance from curb cuts (City uses “rule of thumb” of 5’);

- City issued painting order at wrong curb at of 30th and Lafayette intersection, which has drawn neighbor complaints;
- SC has voted in favor of LUT recommendation that residents petitioning for curb/street painting be responsible for notifying and obtaining consent of neighbors prior to LUT/SC involvement;
- Suggestion to bring up issue with Hyde Park N.A. for discussion
- *Airport Boulevard “Longhorns”*; CNA has been approached by Mueller N.A. to discuss future of “Longhorns” traffic devices at Schieffer, Wilshire at Airport Blvd.;
 - CNA originally in favor of Longhorns but willing to re-engage issue;
 - Discussion of merits and drawbacks of crossing access for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians;
 - Discussion of 38½ Street status of being downgraded as thoroughfare and revisiting present status;
 - Discussion of involving other affected neighborhoods ([Schieffer-Willowbrook](#), Wilshire Wood, Delwood II) and possible UBC Planning Association involvement;
 - Concern raised over how the argument is framed: “keep or remove” is too binary and sides of issue should be presented on equal footing

New Business

- *Mobility35 Update*; SC will include item on agenda at next meeting for possible action;
 - Discussion of LUT position on Mobility35 direct effects upon neighborhood:
 - LUT to play role in finding ways to get, record neighborhood feedback;
 - Discussion of LUT poll (email or mailed) to neighborhood and/or topic-specific workshops;
 - Concern that currently LUT votes on issue have no way of knowing how to reflect general neighborhood opinion;
 - Discussion toward penning letter to recommend to SC of disappointment to TxDOT for not focusing meeting content on issues specific and relevant to CNA (specifically, ramp scheme proposals)
- *Project Connect Update*; Girard Kinney reports on meeting of Alliance for Public Transportation and Chamber of Commerce 2013 Mobility Report;
 - Discussion that bond highway funding appears to include no new roads, only improvements to existing roads and future rail accommodation;
 - Discussion of LUT being leader in future Project Connect discussion and getting official CNA position for representation
- *Fence Construction in Right-of-Ways*; Neighbor concerns over fences being installed in right-of-ways (within 10' of curb); Discussion of CNA Design Guidelines

Adjourn

Notes submitted by Brendan Wittstruck