

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting - DRAFT

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Asbury/Servant Church, 1605 East 38th 1/2 Street

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

Members present

Jules Kniolek, Chair; Terry Dyke, Secretary; Justin Irving, Girard Kinney, Jennifer Potter-Miller, Mark Schiff, Steering Committee members; Meaghan Bludau, Mandy Chenevert, Michael Cheslock, Katie Commiskey, Jaime Diaz, DonJon, Amanda Elliott, Tony Floriani, Francie Greene, Kristy Gregg, Maya Heegel, Jessica Koenig, Felicia Kongable, Kevin Lane, Emily Mathon, Stephanie Modlin, Missy Nichols, Dave Oberman, Ryan Ofsthun, Dan Procter, Matt Rutledge, Bianca Tafares, Erin Tassoulas, Ioannis Tassoulas, A.J. Unger, Eric Vogt, John Walthour, Wiccit, CNA members

Guests present

Mary Ingle, President, Austin Neighborhoods Council

Reading of agenda

Agenda displayed on projection screen

Introductions

CNA Chair Jules Kniolek asked everyone attending to introduce themselves to the rest of the group. First-time attendees included members of two different cooperative houses in the neighborhood who expressed a desire to get involved and contribute to the neighborhood.

Welcoming remarks from the Chair

In his talk "A New Way Forward," Mr. Kniolek described the challenges faced by new participants in the CNA, especially potential Steering Committee members, and how the organization means to help people get involved more easily and with less confusion.

Program

Address and presentation: "CNA Support for Permitting and Development"

Mr. Kniolek spoke about the organization's ongoing program to assist builders and homeowners with building permit issues and neighborhood guidelines, now made more efficient and effective with custom online software that makes best use of the City of Austin's building permit database.

Address: Austin Neighborhoods Council

ANC President Mary Ingle spoke on the functions of the Austin Neighborhoods Council, some of its history and challenges, and what it means to neighborhood associations like the CNA. Cherrywood ANC representative Justin Irving supplemented Ms. Ingle's remarks with particulars about CNA's involvement with the ANC.

Business

Steering Committee elections

Motion to elect incumbents Terry Dyke, Justin Irving and Mark Schiff to the Steering Committee

Vote: 27 in favor, 0 opposed

Resolved: Motion carried

Nominations from the floor for remaining 5 open seats:

- A.J. Unger, nominated by Mr. Diaz, seconded by Mr. Don Jon
- Erin Tassoulas, nominated by Ms. Potter-Miller, seconded by Ms. Greene
- Wiccit, nominated by Mr. Floriani, seconded by Ms. Heegel
- Meaghan Bludau, nominated by Mr. Walthour, seconded *pro forma* by ex-CNA member Brendan Wittstruck
- Ryan Ofsthun, self-nominated, seconded by Mr. Unger

Parliamentary note: it is not necessary to second a nomination, but seconds are allowed as a form of endorsement (RONR p. 432, ll. 5-6).

Motion to elect above-named nominees to the Steering Committee

Vote: 30 in favor, 0 opposed

Resolved: Motion carried

Closing remarks from the Communications Committee Chair

Ms. Potter-Miller spoke about the CNA's plans to organize neighborhood events in order to strengthen community connections. These could include happy hours, family-centered events, and more swaps and neighborhood-wide garage sales. She also spoke about the existing ways to connect with neighbors, including the cherrywood.org website, the listserv NeighborNet, Next Door social network, Facebook page, and quarterly newsletter, *The Flea*. Ms. Potter-Miller invited members to contact her if they would like to help organize any of these kinds of events, or writing for the cherrywood.org blog or *The Flea*.

Announcements

Ms. Potter-Miller announced that the new hyperlocal business association CherryBiz will be hosting a happy hour on March 3, 2015 "So You Want To Build a Studio?" Details are available on the calendar at cherrywood.org. The Land Use and Transportation Committee is accepting new members. They meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Taqueria los Altos and address everything from new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, changes to I-35, residential parking permits, demolitions, and more. Contact Girard Kinney at girard@kinneyarchitects.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Submitted by Terry Dyke, Secretary