

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 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; Natasha Barker, Jamie Brown, Patrick Carroll, Leyla Cohlma, Marilyn Fenn, David Greene, Francie Greene, Janine Gropp, Justin Irving, Girard Kinney, Emily Meador, Ryan Ofsthun, Sonia Ortega, Emily Schwartz, Mike Sullivan, Erin Tassoulas, Ioannis Tassoulas, Jules Vieau, Wiccit

Guests present

James Nortey, Jen Reel, Brendan Wittstruck (NCINC2)

Reading of agenda

Printed copies distributed

Welcoming Remarks From the Chair

Mr. Kniolek asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and mention one thing that they liked to do. He reported that the CNA has vacancies for Flea editor, Flea graphics designer and Cherrywood.org editor, and called on members to spread the word or consider volunteering for one of these positions.

Steering Committee update

Treasurer's report

Acting treasurer Terry Dyke reported a balance of \$10,103 as of November 11. He also went over the program-based budgeting and accounting recently adopted: expenses and income items are posted to standard accounts, which aids financial reporting, and also to programs, which helps track expenditures according to types of activity.

Hazardous Waste pickup

Mr. Dyke announced the next household hazardous waste collection event, Saturday, December 5, 10 AM – 3 PM at Cherrywood Green. Members may bring items for disposal at the City of Austin Household Hazardous Waste Facility and discarded electronics. of all kinds may be brought for recycling. CNA volunteers will haul the collected items to the waste facility during its weekday hours.

Development Services

Mr. Kniolek described the beginning of the new Development Services program, which will make use of the custom “Permit Alert” online software that accesses new permit applications from the City of Austin’s database, enabling several services that should help see to neighborhood-friendly construction. The first use will be to identify any heritage trees on a site

that need to be treated properly during any construction, as it is the simplest to learn for any volunteer who might be interested in helping with the program.

Business

Steering Committee elections

Incumbents Jules Kniolek and Emily Schwartz, as well as new candidate Janine Gropp were nominated from the floor.

Motion from the floor to elect these nominees to the Steering Committee

Resolved: Motion passed on consensus

Budget for 2016

Motion from the floor to conduct a non-binding “straw poll,” in lieu of a posted action, to approve the proposed neighborhood music festival budget item.

Vote: 16 in favor; 0 against; 1 abstention

Resolution: Motion carried

Motion from Mike Sullivan to adopt the proposed budget for 2016 (attached), within which funds may be shifted between programs as needed, up to 20 percent of total.

Resolved: motion carried on consensus

NCINC2 I-35 resolution

Motion from Leyla Cohlma to adopt the resolution presented by the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2, “Resolution Supporting a Long-Range Vision for IH35 without Upper Decks” (attached).

Resolution: Motion carried on consensus.

Program

Cherrywood’s Yes Ma’am Brass Band played several selections and Jen Reel spoke about the band, community brass bands in general, and HONK!TX, the annual festival for Texas-based community brass bands. Ms. Reel told the meeting that the festival is in its sixth year, to be held in 2016 over the first weekend in April. Three to four hundred musicians will be in town taking part in the festival, with volunteers hosting the musicians in their homes. Donations to HONK!TX are tax-deductible.

Announcements

James Nortey introduced himself to the group as a candidate for Travis County Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM

Submitted by Terry Dyke, Secretary

Attachments

1. Budget for 2016
2. NCINC2 Resolution

CNA Budget 2016

| Program | Item | Amount |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Revenue: | | |
| Flea | The Flea Advertising | \$8,405.00 |
| AGN | Agency Donations | \$100.00 |
| Total Revenue | | \$8,505.00 |
| Expenses: | | |
| AGN | Agency Blackland grant (facilities) Supplies & incidental Other/Contingency | \$300.00 \$150.00 \$750.00 |
| MTG | General Meetings Promotion (4) Refreshments & supplies (4) | \$210.00 \$390.00 |
| Flea | The Flea 16-page issues (2) 20-page issues (2) InDesign software rental, 1 yr. | \$2,160.00 \$2,700.00 \$195.00 |
| HZW | Hazardous Waste Collection Promotion (4) Truck rental (4) | \$110.00 \$240.00 |
| GRP | Associated Groups Maplewood grant Plant & Book Swap grant Other | \$150.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 |
| SPC | Special Events Neighborhood music festival Other Neighborhood Partnering | \$500.00 \$200.00 |
| NPP | Program TBD | \$50.00 |
| DVS | Development Services TBD | \$50.00 |
| Total Expenses | | \$8,505.00 |

| CNA Programs | Abbrev. |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Agency (organizational overhead) | AGN |
| General Meetings | MTG |
| The Flea | Flea |
| Hazardous Waste Collection | HZW |
| Associated Groups | GRP |
| Special Events | SPC |
| Neighborhood Partnering Program | NPP |
| Development Services | DVS |

7 October 2015

NCINC2 Resolution Supporting a Long-Range Vision for IH35 without Upper Decks

WHEREAS the Texas Department of Transportation has announced a \$4.3 billion 10-year plan (“Mobility 35”) for Interregional Highway 35 (IH35) that includes adding an auxiliary lane to the Upper Decks through North Central Austin and retrofitting support beams to handle additional weight (the “TxDOT Plan for the Upper Decks”) and which reinforces a cycle of auto-dependency in committing significant tax dollars to expanding the life of the Upper Decks without a long-range vision for IH35 without the Upper Decks; and

WHEREAS the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan calls for a Healthy, Sustainable and Compact & Connected City and the City of Austin should take a leadership role in decision-making regarding proposals for IH35, advocating for principles consistent with the Imagine Austin Plan; and

WHEREAS the Upper Decks are a visual, physical, economic and psychological obstacle that discourages pedestrian and bicycle mobility, disconnects neighborhoods, depresses property values and economic development and subjects nearby residential and commercial areas to elevated noise, air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2 (NCINC2) has been recognized as a stakeholder in the Mobility35 planning process by City Council Resolution 20140626-090, and NCINC2 and the City have repeatedly asked for TxDOT to convene a true stakeholder’s working group to discuss the various solutions that might be explored in this segment of the Mobility 35 Plan; and

WHEREAS other proposals within the Mobility35 planning process have benefitted significantly from iterative revision through public stakeholder input, especially when that input has supported the tenets of the Imagine Austin Plan, while the TxDOT Plan for the Upper Decks has not yet received sufficient input from the citizens of Austin; and

WHEREAS NCINC2 requires a long-term comprehensive independent study before it can support a significant investment into the expanding capacity and life of the Upper Decks; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that in absence of such a long-term comprehensive study, NCINC2 opposes the TxDOT Plan for the Upper Decks and that requests that the City of Austin fund a plan for a comprehensive vision for the Upper Decks that includes an analysis of the social, environmental and economic benefits to the City that might be derived by their eventual removal.

ADOPTED _____ 2015 ATTEST _____