

CNA Steering Committee Regular Meeting

10 June 2015

Fannie Mae Stewart Community Conservatory, 1902 E. 22nd St.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

Members present

Meaghan Bludau, Terry Dyke, Jules Kniolek, Ryan Ofsthun, Jennifer Potter-Miller, Emily Schwartz, Erin Tassoulas, Wiccit

Members absent

Justin Irving, Mark Schiff

Guests present

Girard Kinney

Reading of Agenda

Motion: To adopt agenda for 10 June 2015

Resolved: Agenda adopted as modified

Approval of minutes

Motion: To approve minutes from 13 May 2015

Resolved: Minutes approved as read

Reports

Treasurer

Acting treasurer Mr. Dyke reported a balance of \$8,550.04; also reported accepting the transfer of CNA financial records from outgoing treasurer Rebecca Kohout; also reported completing acquisition of a projector and three-year extended warranty for \$427.64.

Upper Boggy Creek Plan Contact Team (UBC) Delegation

Ms. Bludau reported progress on re-ranking Cherrywood's top ten Improvement Project priorities for UBC, and submitted an interim report (attached) that includes the proposed ranking and methodology. Ms. Bludau also reported that she and Mr. Ofsthun plan to continue being involved with the committee work on this task, though not themselves members of the delegation.

Business

Nominating Committee staffing

Motion from Mr. Dyke to accept Girard Kinney, Erin Tassoulas, and Wiccit for the Nominating Committee

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Vice Chair election

Motion from Ms. Schwartz to elect Ms. Bludau as Vice Chair

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Flea ad sales

Motion from Mr. Dyke to instruct the Communications Committee to organize Flea ad sales such that the August issue will be fully subscribed with ads, and to report at the July meeting.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Motion from Mr. Dyke to accept the June 13 Neighborhood Yard Sale as a CNA event, including necessary funding, to receive a report on it at the July meeting, and to consider having the event on a regular basis.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

I-35 ramp letter to TxDOT

Motion from Mr. Ofsthun to send the letter stating CNA's position regarding proposed I-35 exit ramp (attached).

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Bylaws Committee: study for possible incorporation

Motion from Mr. Dyke to instruct the Bylaws Committee to study impacts of incorporation requirements on present bylaws, propose language for relevant amendments, and report at the July meeting

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Public meeting on incorporation

Motion from Ms. Bludau resolving that, once the Incorporation Committee is ready to present its analysis, the Steering Committee shall facilitate a program of public outreach on the issue.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2 (NCINC2) delegation

Motion from Mr. Ofsthun to instruct the NCINC2 delegation to distribute NCINC2 meeting minutes to (at a minimum) the Steering Committee and Neighbornet.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Lopping; Pedestrian Advisory Council representation

Motion from Mr. Dyke to postpone these two items until July.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Terry Dyke, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Cherrywood UBC Priorities Interim Report, 9 June 2015
2. Letter to TxDOT et. al., as specified by General Membership 20 May 2015, approved final draft, 9 June 2015

Cherrywood Priorities from the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Plan

Members of the CNA Steering Committee met on May 31 and June 8 to prioritize the list of projects for Upper Boggy Creek (UBC). Cherrywood has an opportunity to reorder and inform the City of Austin (COA) of our top five priorities in two categories: capital improvement projects (CIPs) and non-capital improvement (non-CIPs) projects. This document is a draft of the current priorities, and the team will continue to meet and review these to reflect feedback from the CNA Steering Committee and other stakeholders.

COA advised that each line item (38a, 38b, and so on) on the spreadsheet are separate items and must be ranked individually. The team took into account the feedback from the Imagine Cherrywood meeting, which underscored the importance of safe, walkable streets and emphasized sidewalks, bike lanes, and crosswalks as key to achieving that objective.

Proposed Top Five Capital Investment Projects in Rank Order

There were 51 CIP items on the spreadsheet that were not complete. Of those, 22 were identified as specific to Cherrywood.

Item	Page	Description	Status	COA Notes
38g	52	Build a sidewalk on the east side of Cherrywood Road from Manor Road to Patterson Park. Ensure that the sidewalk is wide enough for safe and easy travel.	Not Yet Initiated	[Unknown Date]: The neighborhood and staff need to prioritize this list using the sidewalk matrix and then the department will program one sidewalk at a cost of \$20,000 to \$40,000.
47a	54	Improve the sidewalk system along East 38th 1/2 Street through measures the following: Widen existing sidewalks on East 38th 1/2 Street between IH-35 and Silver Ridge apartments to make it easier for pedestrians to walk around the utility poles in the sidewalk. In the short-term, this could be accomplished by paved skirting in a semi-circle around the poles so pedestrians can pass each other without walking in the street. In the long-term, utilities should be placed underground.	Not Yet Initiated	Public Works recommends that the missing sidewalks along the south side of 38th 1/2 Street be built. Funding could come from the ADA program, Cap Metro 1/4 cent funds, or 1998 Bond monies.
38c	52	Build new sidewalks along 32nd Street from the IH-35 frontage Road to Cherrywood Road.	Not Yet Initiated	The neighborhood and staff need to prioritize this list using the sidewalk matrix and then the department will program one sidewalk at a cost of \$20,000 to \$40,000.
38a	52	Build new sidewalks along Lafayette Street from Manor Road to East 38th Street.	Not Yet Initiated	The neighborhood and staff need to prioritize this list using the sidewalk matrix and then the department will program one sidewalk at a cost of \$20,000 to \$40,000.
47f	54	Improve the sidewalk system along East 38th 1/2 Street through measures such as the following: Complete the sidewalk network on the south side of East 38th 1/2 Street from Clarkson to the Asbury Methodist Church.	Partially Complete	1/2015 (PDRD): A sidewalk has been installed from the church to the crosswalk at Maplewood Ave. 12/2014 (PDRD): 12/2014 (PDRD): This project is planned for construction soon. Unknown date: Public Works recommends that the missing sidewalks along the south side of 38th 1/2 Street be built. Funding could come from the ADA program, Cap Metro 1/4 cent funds, or 1998 Bond monies.

Notes regarding why certain Cherrywood items were not included in the top five:

39a – Partially complete; striping bike lanes on the east side of Cherrywood would require residents to cede parking

41 – Eliminate; speed limit already reduced and signage in place

42 – Eliminate; this is a broader project, not unique to Cherrywood; in addition, work is already underway

45 – Eliminated; per COA, a crosswalk cannot be 300 feet from a signaled intersection; team proposes amending this item in the future to reflect this requirement and then consider it in the prioritization process

48 – Given the requirement of two additional feet of pavement between Cherrywood and Airport on 38th 1/2 St., that section would likely have less neighborhood support. The section between Cherrywood and IH-35 might be considered, but this item needs to be amended in a separate process to eliminate the section between 38th 1/2 St. and Airport.

51 – Deprioritized; speed humps in place and reduced speed during school hours; would require a change in category which could be challenging

55 – Deprioritized; seems more related to Blackland priorities and feedback from team member who uses the crosswalk at 32nd St. noted that it is working properly and enables crossing

104c – Eliminate; regular maintenance

Non-Capital Improvement Projects

Of the 88 non-CIP items on the list, 7 were identified as specific to Cherrywood. As a first step, the team reviewed them and categorized them according to goals prior to ranking the items.

Item	Description
Goal: Encourage the city to adhere to and enforce the codes and laws in place	
32	Repair the sidewalk or clear the foliage along the sidewalk on the north side of Manor Road between French Place and Lafayette. Team Note: The team may clarify this language to reflect the current status of the foliage.
44	To ensure that East 38th ½ Street becomes a viable pedestrian route, vegetation encroaching on sidewalks should be trimmed. Locations to be monitored include: the bus stop on the south side of East 38 1/2 Street at the intersection with Clarkson Avenue; northwest corner of East 38 1/2 Street and Cherrywood Road; and the south side of East 38th ½ Street at Grayson Lane.
53	Replace the missing "No Left Turn" sign at the exit from the Delwood Shopping Center at [East 38th 1/2 Street and] Robinson Avenue.
52	Reduce the amount of cut-through traffic of heavy trucks along East 38th ½ Street by enforcing the "No Trucks" sign at Airport Boulevard.
Goal: Encourage the city to continually assess the efficiency and access of public transportation for users	
49	Study bus stop locations for routes running along Cherrywood Road and 38th ½ Street to identify improvements such as co-location of several route stops at one location, additional stops, removal of stops. Other improvements could also include improving the spacing and siting of stops that will enhance transit performance (headways, on-time performance, and speed of circulation through the neighborhood) in the UBC Neighborhood Planning Area and system wide. This study should incorporate input from current transit users and neighbors. Team Note: The team would like to clarify that the support measures by the city to continually reevaluate the location of bus stops over time as transportation patterns evolve. The team does not intend to imply that the neighborhood does not support the current bus stops.

Notes regarding why certain Cherrywood items were not included above:

50 – Remove; seems outdated; process to change from arterial to neighborhood collector may be complex

54 – Item proposes to remove parking restrictions on the [East 38th 1/2 Street] corridor from Cherrywood Road to Airport Boulevard to encourage on-street parking. At odds with presence of bike lanes. Amend to delete.

Proposed Amendments to Items

The team plans to review all items, including those that are outdated and determine if they are candidates to be amended as part of a separate process. At this time, the team is considering amending items number 45 (CIP) and 54 (non-CIP).

Draft Timeline

- June 2015
 - Interim report to Steering Committee
 - Top priorities for CIPs center on sidewalks
 - Non-CIPs currently organized by goals
- July 2015
 - UBC's presentation on the process on 7/27
- August 2015
 - Post recommendation for public comment
 - Collect feedback at August General Assembly
- September 2015
 - Recommendation to CNA Steering Committee

Methodology

Using the spreadsheet maintained by COA, the team:

- Filtered out all completed projects
- Assigned subdistrict ownership and filtered to show all in the Cherrywood subdistrict
- Filtered by CIP and Non-CIP
- Filter out items that were outdated or on which work has already been completed



The Cherrywood Neighborhood is bounded by IH-35, Airport Blvd and Manor Road and is a flourishing neighborhood of homes, businesses, and green spaces in Central Austin.

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June 15, 2015

To: Mr. Terry McCoy
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To: Mr. Steve Miller
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Re: TxDOT proposed exit ramp

Gentlemen;

This is to inform you that the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Assembly considered its Steering Committee's position stated in its letter of January 15, 2015 concerning the proposed northbound exit ramp immediately north of 32nd St.

At its May 19 meeting, the CNA general membership reaffirmed the position that the CNA has insufficient information to support or oppose the proposed TxDOT plan for the ramp, having repeatedly requested and not received information on it as of the date of the meeting.

Since then we have gotten word that there was new data presented at the "Ramps" meeting held on May 28. We would appreciate receipt of hard copies of this data for review, to be sent to Cherrywood Neighborhood Association President, P.O. Box 4631 Austin TX, 78765.

Respectfully,

Jules Kniolek
Chair, Cherrywood Neighborhood Association

cc: Mayor Steve Adler
cc: District 9 Councilmember Kathie Tovo
cc: Director City of Austin Transportation Department Rob Spillar
cc: Engineer City of Austin Transportation Department Alan Hughes
cc: North Central I-35 Neighborhoods Coalition 2