

CNA Steering Committee Regular Meeting

14 October 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM

Members present

Terry Dyke, Jules Kniolek, Mark Schiff, Emily Schwartz, Erin Tassoulas, Wiccit

Members absent

Meaghan Bludau, Justin Irving, Ryan Ofsthun

Guests present

Mike Sullivan, Girard Kinney, Jill Eargle

Reading of Agenda

Motion: To adopt agenda for 14 October 2015

Resolved: Agenda adopted as read.

Approval of minutes

Motion: To approve minutes from 9 September 2015

Resolved: Minutes approved as read.

Reports

Chair

Mr. Kniolek suggested that the Steering Committee consider at the next meeting making a donation to Blackland CDC in appreciation of their letting the CNA use the Stewart Conservatory for regular meetings. He also reported that Blackland will be doing an accessory dwelling unit remodel on Salina St. soon and suggested that the CNA provide volunteers to organize a "Habitat" style building event.

Treasurer

Mr. Dyke reported that the current balance is \$10,666.79, noting major income and expense items for the period (report attached).

Flea Committee

Mike Sullivan, designer for the Flea, reported on space requirements for the November issue: eight pages for advertising, approximately two pages for regularly-recurring informational items, leaving two pages for feature articles if the issue stays at twelve pages.

Motion from Mr. Schiff to authorize another four-page leaf, for a total of sixteen pages for the November issue, if the extra space proves necessary to accommodate submitted material.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Motion from the floor to aim for a 50-50 balance between advertising and content for the Flea.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus.

Programs Committee

Ms. Tassoulas reported that she is approaching a local community brass band for the November general meeting program. Representatives of the band are expected to speak on their activities, including participation in the *Honk* festival, and possibly play live; the program may also include recordings of this or other community brass bands. Mr. Sullivan volunteered to provide pictures of the Honk festival. Ms. Tassoulas reported plans to provide pizza for refreshments.

Motion from Ms. Tassoulas to authorize \$150 to cover November general meeting expenses, including pizza and yard-sign production.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus.

UBC Committee

Mr. Kniolek will contact Councilmember Tovo's office to see if they want any input from the neighborhoods.

Tovo's Mobility meeting

Ms. Bludau and Girard Kinney attended the October 2 "District 9 Mobility Conversation" that looked for input from the neighborhoods on mobility needs, as well as ideas for how best to spend the "leftover" \$21 million from Cap Metro's "quarter cent funds." Ms. Bludau and Mr. Kinney suggested at the meeting that the District 9 Mobility program consider Cherrywood's input to be the same projects listed in the CNA Upper Boggy Creek planning priorities.

Motion from Ms. Tassoulas to include a brief report on the matter at the November general meeting, to be given by a representative of Councilmember Tovo's office, and to be introduced by Ms. Bludau.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus.

Business

Neighborhood Partnering Program (COA)

This program is a potential means for building sidewalks for Cherrywood using "sweat equity."

Motion from the floor to include an update on this from one of Councilmember Tovo's people at the November general meeting.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus.

November elections

Terms are up for Steering Committee members Kniolek and Schwartz, who both expressed a desire to stand for re-election.

Motion from the floor to nominate Mr. Kniolek and Ms. Schwartz for Steering Committee

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus.

NCINC2 resolution

The resolution calls for no more lanes on the upper decks of I-35.

Motion from Mr. Dyke to present the resolution at the November general meeting, with a Steering Committee recommendation for approval. (Resolution attached.)

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus.

CherryWoodstock

Mr. Wiccit proposed an all-day neighborhood music festival, to be known as “CherryWoodstock,” and held the last Saturday in February, 2016. He reported having organized such events in the past, and explained some of the proposed features.

Motion from Mr. Dyke to form a committee to organize CherryWoodstock, with Mr. Wiccit as chair and members of his choosing, and to give an interim report at the November Steering Committee meeting.

Resolved: Motion carried on consensus

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Minutes submitted by Terry Dyke, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Treasurer’s report
2. NCINC2 Resolution on I-35 upper decks

Treasurer's report
14 October 2015

	Beginning	Ending
Period	09/09/15	10/14/15
Cash Balance	\$8,716.79	\$10,666.79

Income		
Flea Ads		\$2,050.00
Other		\$0.00
Total		\$2,050.00

Expenses		
Maplewood donation		\$100.00
Other		\$0.00
Total		\$100.00

Submitted by Terry Dyke

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 _____