

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

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

Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM

Members present (32)

Lisa Allbright, Dan Carter, Mandy Chenover, Leyla Cohlmea, Rachel G, Janine Gropp, Matt Harriger, Maya Heegel, Jay Jennings, Jules Kniolek, Ben Leffler, Sunshine Mathon, Emily Mathon, Elizabeth McQueen, Abraham Mong, Devan Mulvaney, Lucy Mulvaney, SE Nelson-Brown, Ryan O, Jennifer Potter-Miller, Trudie Redding, Jim Reed, Kathy Richardson, Darren Schorf, Jonathan Schwartz, Lauren Smedley, Mike Sullivan, Sarah Sweeney, Erin Tassoulas, Lauren Yoder, Charles H Zezade

Guest(s) present

Officer Kevin Kelly, Jane O'Brien, Joshua Blaine

Reading of agenda

Printed copies distributed

Welcoming remarks from the Chair

Mr. Reed greeted the assembly. He announced that there was a new format for meetings.

Steering Committee Member Elections

New Steering Committee members Sarah Sweeney, Matt Harriger, Ben Leffler, and Jonathan Schwartz introduced themselves.

Motion from Ms. Cohlmea to elect the new members. Second by Ms. Gropp

Resolved: Motion carried

General announcements

District Rep from Austin Police Department

Officer Kevin Kelly, the District 2 representative, introduced himself. He mentioned that some common issues he hears about are about parking and crosswalks, and asked people for questions. Residents mentioned that cars don't stop or even slow down for pedestrians in the crosswalk near Maplewood Elementary. Another resident asked about noise violations and Officer Kelly suggested calling 911. Residents may contact him at kevin.kelly@austintexas.gov.

A message from the outgoing chair

Mr. Kniolek spoke about the neighborhood association, saying that it belongs to the neighborhood's residents. People of Cherrywood, please make suggestions for Steering Committee or General Assembly meeting agenda items. To do this contact anyone on the steering committee.

FY 2017 Budget

Reported \$3,711.15 after all bills paid, with a previous balance of 5,480.56. No change from January. Note: the Flea is the main source of revenue and is paid for by ads, but ad revenue is going down.

Motion from Mr. Dyke to approve the budget. Second by Mr. Ryan O

Resolved: Motion carried

Steering Committee update

Review of recent steering committee meetings

Mr. Reed explained that the steering committee has been discussing ways to make it easier to attend General Assembly meetings, by providing food and childcare. Feedback about other approaches are welcome at steering@cherrywood.org.

The Flea review

Ms. Gropp, the Editor of The Flea, introduced Lauren Yoder, the leader of the Flea flickers, and Sully Sullivan, photographer and editor of the theater pages. She put out a call for an ad sales manager (mostly needs to use Google Docs and Sheets and send out emails, and some InDesign) and reporters. Anyone is free to submit a story if they would like! Contact flea@cherrywood.org for more information.

Program committee

Ms. Tassoulas, head of programs, asked the audience if they would like the meetings to be before 6pm, but members overwhelmingly said 6 was early enough. She said that the meetings would still be held at the Asbury/Servant Church but that the Steering Committee would like to try holding the May meeting at ingredients, to enable more socializing and provide more food and drink options. In the past, special programs apart from the business part of the meeting have included and will continue to include interesting speakers or local music. New ideas are welcome.

Program

Before the meeting was called to order, neighbors socialized while eating pizza. At the end of the meeting, representatives from community organizations introduced themselves and filled residents in on how to get involved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

Submitted by Sarah Sweeney, Secretary