

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Assembly Minutes – DRAFT

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM Meet & Greet, 6:30 PM Meeting, 7:30 PM Special Program

Place: In.redients, 2610 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78722

Program: Prepared foods by In.redients and music by Ocotillo

Documents: Agenda, Pocket Park Handout

Members present (46): Ben Leffler, Bob Moore, Christina, Corinne Wong, Daniel, Daniel Culotta, Emily Schwartz, Erin Tassoulas, Girard Kinney, Gretchen Murphy, Jackie Strong, Janine Gropp, Jennifer Potter Miller, Jim Reed, John Poynar, John Walthour, John Christian, Jonathan Smith, Jonathan Schwartz, Joseph Kugler, Jules Kniolek, Julia Detchon, Justin Wolf, Kacie Culotta, Karen Paup, Leyla Cohlma, Lindsay Reckson, Lindsay Olinde, Liza Colucci, Llyod Wyse, Matt Harriger, Maura , Meaghan Bludau, Mike Sullivan, Mira Bardola, Ryan Stegland, Sara Janes, Sarah Parker, Sarah Sweeney, SE Nelson-Brown, Sean Walsh, Spencer Duran, Susan Dias Karnovsky, Terry Dyke, Trudie Redding, Wes Salem

Guests present: Brendan Wittstruck

1. Call to order at 6:41
2. Welcoming Remarks from the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Chair, Jim Reed
3. Steering Committee Update
 - A. Chair Report, Including Recent Steering Committee Activity by Jim Reed
 - i. The Flea takes a lot of work to publish. The CNA has been working on a new system for managing advertisements and trying to get the Flea out earlier, at least 5 days before general meeting.
 - B. Treasurer Report by Leyla Cohlma
 - i. We have \$1,757.00 in the bank account – we need to make more money
 - C. The Flea Review by Janine Gropp
 - i. Contact flea@cherrywood.org to volunteer for one of many roles: writing stories, interviewing people, writing regular columns or occasional articles, advertising management, distribution.
 - ii. Thanks to Travis Powers who is managing the Flea Flickers.
 - D. Program Committee by Erin Tassoulas
 - i. Advertising in the Flea is important because it pays for food at general meetings.
 - ii. Contact steering@cherrywood.org with ideas for speakers or musicians, or to help with signs and other aspects of event management
4. Neighborhood and Program Updates
 - A. Friends of Patterson Park by Jennifer Potter-Miller
 - i. Patterson Park has received two small grants from the Austin Parks foundation. These have paid for rebuilt pavilions, waste dispensers, new wood stakes, repainted parking spots, power-washed bathrooms, installation of two panels on the playscape. Upcoming work: new pool furnishings, new fence, small

playground expansion. FPP will soon be developing a vision for the future of the park based on last year's survey.

B. Maplewood Elementary Update by Jennifer Potter-Miller

- i. In the fall it will be the 65th anniversary of the school, there will be a back to school celebration & fundraising campaign.
- ii. Chris Levack, Delwood II resident, sculptor of many local pieces is sculpting a metal peace sign for the school entrance; this reflects the school's existing Peacemaker program.

C. LUT Update by Girard Kinney

- i. The LUT (Land Use and Transportation) Committee is coming back and will be meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month, beginning in June.
- ii. Girard proposes that Cherrywood join other ANC (Austin Neighborhood Council) East neighborhoods in requesting more time to submit feedback on Code Next: the final maps keep changing and the Code is dense and hard to understand.

Motion from Leyla to request more time, 2nd by Mark, amendment requested by Schuyler to also ask for better tracking of changes to the code.

Resolution (unanimous): We respectfully request that the deadlines for comments on the draft code and maps be extended until at least the end of October and no sooner than 60 days after the maps are finalized. The current deadlines are unrealistic for June 6 and July 7, particularly since some of the code chapters are missing and the maps have changed since their release on April 18, 2017. In order to make good judgments and comments, it is important to have all of the information to evaluate and digest, for comprehension of the impact. With all updated wording and updated maps, please specifically show the changes from the previous language and maps and provide a summary of the changes.

5. NCINC2 Update by Brendan Wittstruck from Delwood II neighborhood

A. NCINC2 is the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2. The coalition is currently waiting for a response to the following requests it submitted to TXDOT for the redesign of I35 between Georgetown and San Marcos:

- i. oppose option 1 (modified) for I35 redesign, support option 2 (lowered)
- ii. a long term vision for the highway corridor
- iii. an environmental impact study
- iv. North central neighborhoods inclusion in public redesign process

B. Brendan is stepping down as chair because of bylaws and is looking for a replacement – this is a great way to serve the neighborhood.

6. Pocket Park Proposal by Lindsay Olinde

A. Six families are interested in turning the small parcel of land off of Dean Keeton where Drury Lane ends into a small pocket playground. CNA approval is needed before the preliminary conceptual proposal of a park with playscape, fenced in area, and ecologically friendly landscaping is submitted to Public Works on June 1. Details of the

park design and execution will be worked out after submitting the proposal. A park like this runs between \$80,000 and 90,000 - city funds cover 70% and neighborhood funds 30% (includes not only money but also donations or time). See attached handout "Application for new Cherrywood pocket park" for more info and write to gracklegreenatx@gmail.com if you want to help.

Motion from Girard, 2nd by Mark, for the CNA to support the park application.

Resolution (unanimous): The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association supports the Neighborhood Partnering Program application for the pocket park at Drury Lane and Dean Keeton

7. General Announcements (Sign In Sheet Prior to Meeting – 3 min per speaker)
 - A. Josh from in.gredients & Manor Road Merchants Association
 - i. The Manor Road Merchants association is improving the pedestrian and bike experience and searching for artists to do art on utility boxes.
 - ii. Thanks for supporting in.gredients. Crowdfunding has paid for outdoor misting system, and in the future a playground, espresso machine, and winterized pergola.
 - B. Mark is selling his home on French place and leaving Cherrywood after a couple decades here. He's moving to Odessa TX.
 - C. Terry Dyke is looking for volunteers to take over the hazardous waste recycling program. This program has saved 250+ residents from having to go to the city recycling center on Ben White during weekday working hours to dispose of things that can't go in the landfill (BOPA: batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze). Quarterly, volunteers man a van that collects stuff at Cherrywood Green and then drive it to the center. Contact steering@cherrywood.org if you're interested in volunteering.
8. Business Meeting adjourned at 7:35 upon motion from Leyla Cohlma and 2nd from Erin Tassoulas.
9. Special Program - Music by Ocotillo, Cash Bar by In.gredients

Submitted by Sarah Sweeney, Secretary

Application for new Cherrywood pocket park

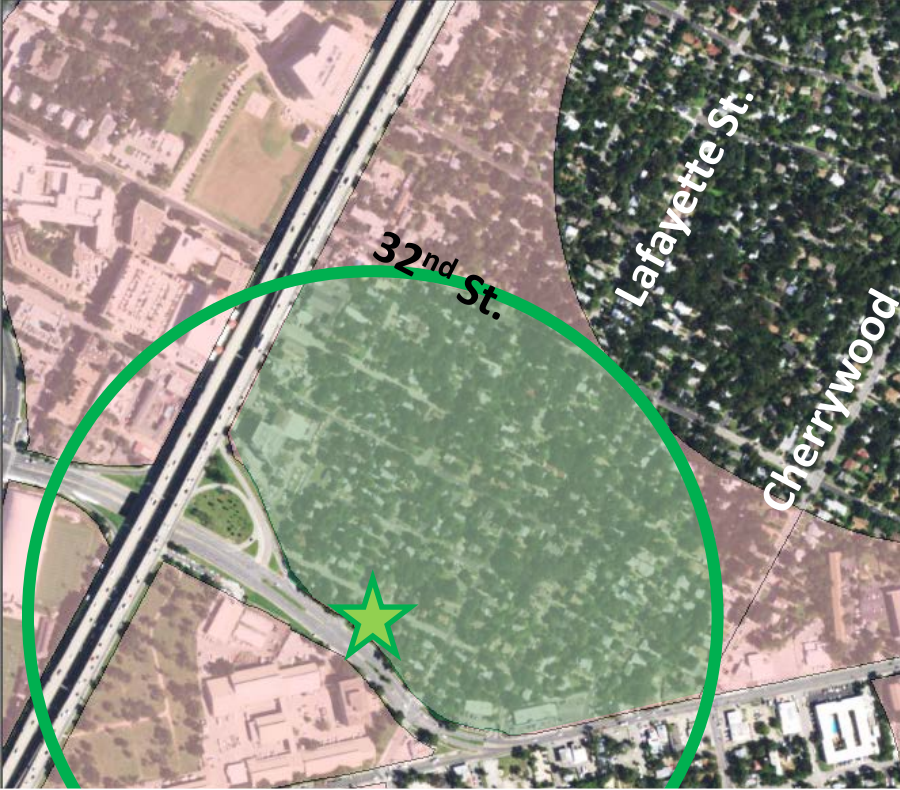
What	Request for CNA to support application for pocket park. Basic concepts include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small playscape • Fenced area • Ecologically friendly landscaping
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Austin right of way, near Dancy & Dean Keaton (see map below, and on back)
Why	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More families are moving to area, but this area is still designated as “deficient parkland” per 2009 City Council— i.e., does not have a park within a 1/4-mile without major roads (child safety issue). See back map for ¼ mi radius accessible to park. • Enhance our sense of community and place. • Enhance ecological function.
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six CNA households living near this parcel are organizing the application. • Application is through the CoA Public Works, Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) http://www.austintexas.gov/neighborhoodpartnering. • Support status for nearby households: 22 support, 3 likely support, 1 not supportive, and 4 have not responded.
How	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flow chart on back summarizes NPP process. • Neighbors would meet 30% of project costs by volunteering, in-kind donations (materials and professional services), and possibly fundraising. • Volunteers would also maintain space for life of project (i.e., no longer City maintained). • Project requires support of neighborhood association and 60% of nearby households (zone designated by City) before construction.
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual proposal due June 1, 2017. • Public Works reviews and refines scopes with neighborhood to decide whether to grant or reject project. • If granted, CNA would hold another vote for final approval prior to construction.
Unique Constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small size of space. • Protection of two heritage pecan trees. • Lack of parking adjacent park. However, parking is not expected to be problem. Surveys so far suggest walking and biking are most likely, and use on weekends and early evenings on weekdays (i.e., when permitted parking is not required). • CoA requires commercial playscapes (must meet CoA and ADA codes). All playground structures require fall zone buffers. The parcel does not have room for a playstructure and swings. • Residents live close to parcel, and several work from home.



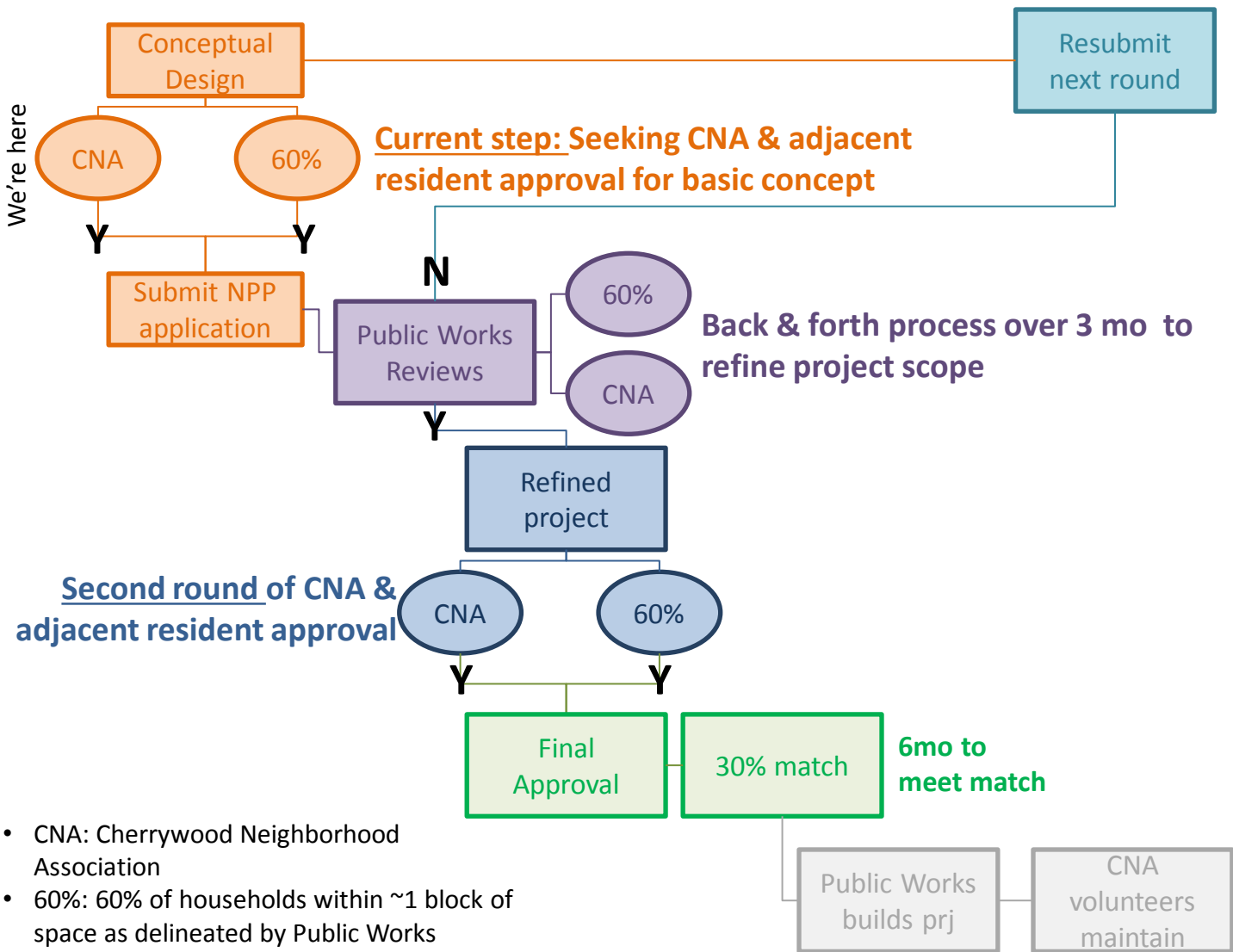
Back page has another map of surrounding area.



Want to be more involved? Great! Please email us at gracklegreenatx@gmail.com



- CoA designated deficient parkland area (i.e., does not have a park within a 1/4-mile without major roads)
- CNA area that would no longer qualify as deficient parkland area



- CNA: Cherrywood Neighborhood Association
- 60%: 60% of households within ~1 block of space as delineated by Public Works