

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Date: Wed, August 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM Meet & Greet, 6:30 PM Meeting

Place: 1605 E. 38 1/2 St. Austin, TX 78722

Members Present (20): Bethany Andrée, Mathew Antony, Catherine Carpenter, Patrick Carroll, Julia Detchon, Justin Irving, Girard Kinney, Jeremy Klitzman and friend, SE Nelson-Brown, Jennifer Potter-Miller, Karen Parp, Trudie Redding, Jim Reed, Sarah Sweeney, Heather Telo, Jules Vieau, Sean Walsh, Jim Walker, Jarell Wilson

Guests: Wideleine Desir, Lonny Stern, Sarah Whitson

Public Announcement/Feedback/Agenda Request Signup Sheet Provided

1. Call to Order 6:47
2. Approval of Previous General Meeting Minutes: no action at the last general meeting (May), thus no approval necessary
3. Steering Committee Report
 - A. Chair's Report – Jim Reed
 - i. The CNA Steering Committee has been busy planning for Cherrywoodstock, discussing the Flea, learning about CodeNEXT, making decisions about the candidate forum, signing a Memorandum Of Understanding for Grackle Green, and learning about SmartTrips
 - B. Treasurer's Report – Jim Reed
 - i. Invoices are still out for Flea ads. Allen Hah will fill in for Leyla as treasurer.
 - C. Flea Report – Jennifer Potter-Miller
 - i. Please pass on any good neighborhood news for the Flea! The August issue has an article about a neighborhood Olympian, and much more.
 - ii. There are 2 new layout editors who will be continuing their roles, and Allen Hah will be the ad manager
4. Community Presenters
 - A. Animal Protection (Austin Animal Center) – Sarah Whitson
 - i. Austin is no kill for healthy wildlife, as well as for dogs and cats. Austin Animal Protection provides many services such as predator identification, assisting sick or injured wildlife, etc.
 - ii. Coyotes are omnivores native to Austin, active from dawn to dusk. They can have up to 16 pups at once and respond to thinning population by producing more babies. Coyotes and other animals are attracted by pet food and open trash, compost, and recycling. They spend a lot of time along dry creek beds. Coyote management policy from 2014 that recommends hazing is based on current research about managing coyotes. Share space but not time with coyotes. Coyotes are not dangerous to people.

1. To haze a coyote: 1) make eye contact, 2) don't turn back or run, 3) be exaggerated, assertive, persistent in making noise, waving arms, throwing things.
2. Keep your pets safe around coyotes: have dogs on a 4-6 foot visible leash, avoid vegetation you can't see through, monitor small pets outside
- iii. Methods for keeping animals of all kinds away: 1) ammonia soaked rags, noise from radio, movement-activated lights, sensors, sprinklers, predator lights (flashing red light). Birds of prey are very protected but if they are attacking, use an umbrella or carry a balloon to draw them away from your head.
- iv. Mythbusting:
 1. An animal that is active during the day does not necessarily have rabies
 2. Coyotes are not nocturnal
 3. Touching a baby animal doesn't leave a human scent that will cause the baby to be rejected by its mother
 4. Birds of prey can't kidnap small dogs or cats, though they can harm them on location.
- v. Animals out of their nests
 1. If it is a fledgling, it is likely learning to fly: leave it alone. If it's a nestling, it may need help getting back to the nest. Create a substitute nest on the tree above the ground to help the mother get it.
- vi. Call 311 for info about abandoned wildlife if you don't know what to do, or to report animal sightings. Even if animals aren't a threat, it is useful to track their activities.

B. SmartTrips Austin – Wideleine Desir, Lonny Stern

- i. Smart Trips: a community program that aims to increase trips taken by foot, bike, bus, carpool, in order to reduce congestion <http://smartripsaustin.org/>
- ii. Happening in East Austin – Cherrywood and south (8,000 households) – July to Nov.
- iii. Process: Smart Trips sends out mailers to neighborhood, people fill out surveys and request tool kits, ambassadors deliver toolkits, Smart Trips organizes trips for neighbors to explore their neighborhood and beyond by foot, bike, and bus, has tables at events to spread the word. At the end, another survey.
- iv. Partner with neighborhood groups for ideas of what activities to do. Get in touch with them at info@smartripsaustin.org with ideas!

5. Reports of Committees and Neighborhood Projects

A. LUT Report – Girard Kinney

- i. LUT is working on making a map (online and on a board) of bus, bike, and pedestrian routes in the neighborhood
- ii. Most accidents occur at intersections. People who live and park near intersections can help. See the August issue of the Flea for details: <http://cherrywood.org/flea/pdf-archives/>.

- iii. Zach Scott improvements proposed and open for public comment:
<https://www.austintexas.gov/page/zach-scott-street-and-schieffer-avenue>.
 - iv. Volunteers needed for 1) LUT chair, 2) rep to Mueller committee, 3) Pedestrian Advisory Council
 - v. Dockless scooters are supposed to follow the same rules as bikes – call 311 if you see out-of-place scooters.
- B. CherryWoodstock – Jeremy Klitzman
- i. Art and music fest started in 2016, happening again on November 11, 2018 (during E.A.S.T.). It is in the planning and fundraising phase now. Needed:
 - 1. Funds for insurance (hopefully given by CNA but there is not a quorum to approve this today)
 - 2. Volunteers to help organize, play music, business partners, set up, marketing (contact Jeremy or steering@cherrywood.org)
 - 3. Donate to GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/cherrywoodstock-2018>
- C. Candidate Forum Update – Jim Walker
- i. Wednesday, September 5, 6:00pm at Maplewood Elementary
 - ii. Read more: <http://cherrywood.org/candidate-forum-at-maplewood-elementary/>
 - iii. Contact steering@cherrywood.org with ideas of topics or questions to discuss
6. General Announcements (Sign Up Sheet Prior to Meeting) (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers) –
- A. Friends of Patterson Park – Jennifer Potter-Miller
- i. \$50,000 grant for playground update at Patterson Park – read more here: <http://cherrywood.org/patterson-park-playground-is-expanding/>
 - ii. Lots of events coming up: Monarch Party, Cherrywoodstock, etc. See the website <https://friendsofpattersonpark.org/> for more details!
7. Business Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Submitted by Sarah Sweeney, Secretary