

CNA Steering Committee Minutes

Date: Wed, March 7, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

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

Present: Jim Reed (Chair), Jonathan Schwartz (Vice Chair), Sarah Sweeney (Secretary), Leyla Cohlmiia (Treasurer), Allen Hah, Jeremy Klitzman, Ben Leffler, Erin Tassoulas, Jim Walker

Guests: Girard Kinney, Spencer Duran, Tom Visco

Public Announcement/Feedback/Agenda Request Signup Sheet Provided

1. Call to Order 6:34
2. Meeting agenda adopted based on motion from Jim and seconded by Leyla
3. Announcements from Signup Sheet (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers) – N/A
4. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes
 - Motion from Leyla and seconded by Ben to approve meeting minutes from 02/07/18
 - Resolution: [minutes from the Steering Committee meeting of 02/07/18](#) are approved
5. Community Presenters
 - A. Evolve Austin – Tom Visco (Consultant representing Evolve Austin)
 - i. *What is Evolve Austin?* Evolve Austin is a 501c3 and 501c4 organization (two sister entities) formed to defend the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan (the main objective of which is to make Austin compact and connected), and supported by member partner organizations representing all different interests in Austin (e.g. Bike Austin, Desegregate Austin, Environment Texas, and Austin Board of Realtors)
 - ii. *What is the state of Austin's current code?* Austin's current code is from the '80s and has been changed many times, making it more complicated. It's very difficult to build new structures (like accessory dwelling units) because of permit issues, which makes it more difficult to respond to Austin's rapid growth with a variety of housing types. The easiest option is to build on undeveloped land right now.
 - iii. *Why does the code need to be updated?* It's impossible to implement Imagine Austin without updating code, which now incentivizes developers building single-family homes. Density should be fostered by tearing down 1 unit and building 4 units.
 - iv. *Why does Evolve Austin argue that CodeNEXT is not fulfilling the promise of Imagine Austin?* For a city to implement a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system, there should be 17 jobs or units of housing per acre along major transit corridors. Austin has identified 35 corridors for growth, and only 7 of them fulfill that density requirement. With CodeNEXT, only one more corridor would meet the requirements. CodeNEXT is also twice as long as current code.
 - v. *What does Cherrywood need to consider about CodeNEXT?*
 1. Do we think more households should be allowed in our neighborhood?
How fast do changes in density need to happen? How do we as a

neighborhood prepare for whatever changes CodeNEXT will bring?
What do we think of the policy (not the politics) of CodeNEXT?

vi. See Appendix I for further reading on development and planning.

6. Reports of Officers and Programs

A. Leyla Cohlmia gave the Treasurer's Report – \$2,658.65 in the bank

B. Jim Reed gave the Flea Managing Editor Report – more than half of the ad subscriptions expired in February. If businesses do not renew, we should be prepared for a lot of work to get new advertisers.

7. Reports of Committees and Neighborhood Projects

A. Girard Kinney gave the LUT Report

i. The plan for formulating a position on CodeNEXT

1. March 28: LUT meeting about the impact of CodeNEXT version 3 on Cherrywood. Evolve Austin and Communities Not Commodities will be present to share the facts (not positions) of the new version.
2. April 2: The LUT will try to come up with a suggestion for what position the SC should take
3. April 11: the SC will hear the LUT's suggestion, at which point they will set an open house date and agenda.
4. April 28: Flea deadline
5. May 9: SC meeting to hone a position on CodeNEXT
6. May 16: General Meeting to further hone position

ii. A water line going through Cherrywood is being reclaimed to water the cemetery lawn. In the long range, houses will be allowed to use it. The LUT will advocate using it to water our public parks.

iii. The Vortex wants to rebuild their deck and cover it.

B. Green Spaces – N/A

8. Unfinished Business

A. CNA representatives to external organizations (including, but not limited to, ANC and UBC)

i. New reps proposed for new leadership. When possible they are on the steering committee, to facilitate communication to the organizations they represent. They will be a direct line between SC and their organizations.

Motion from Erin and seconded by Jeremy to adopt the proposed plan for the new representatives.

Resolution: The people listed in the tables in Appendix II are the new representatives to external neighborhood organizations, and will update the Steering Committee with news.

9. New Business – N/A

10. Recommendations for future SC agenda items

- A. ANC/UBC activity
- B. Vortex City Application
- C. City Council candidate and November ballot items forum
- D. Cherrywoodstock

11. Meeting adjourned (upon a motion from Sarah and seconded by Leyla) at 8:05pm

Meeting recording links

Part 1: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bEPoIpJGPd-ATNdScZKFZRMlcZyFDQJG/view?usp=drivesdk>

Part 2: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JPn4ezfzqzMA_CYvJ3ZAFa920LHqcjt-/view?usp=drivesdk

Next meeting: April 11, 2018

Submitted by Sarah Sweeney, Secretary

Appendix I: More information related to CodeNEXT

Evolve Austin website <https://evolveaustin.org/>

Housing Toolkit released by the White House in September 2016

https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/images/Housing_Development_Toolkit_f.2.pdf

Appendix II: Cherrywood Representatives to External Organizations

Upper Boggy Creek Contact Team				
	UBC Home Owner	UBC Renter	UBC Flex	UBC Business
Current Rep	Emily Schwartz	Tom Wald	Girard Kinney	Jules Kniolek
Current Alt		Spencer Duran		Ryan McElroy
Proposed Rep	Jim Walker	Spencer Duran	Jeremy Klitzman	Ryan Marks
Proposed Alt	Allen Hah	Tom Wald	Tom Wald	Girard Kinney

Austin Neighborhoods Council		
	ANC Rep	ANC Alternate / ANC East "Rep"
Current	Jules Kniolek	<none>
Proposed	Jules Vieau	Girard Kinney