

CNA Steering Committee Minutes

Date: Wed, June 13, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

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

Present: Jim Reed (Chair), Sarah Sweeney (Secretary), Allen Hah, Ben Leffler, Jules Vieau, Jim Walker

Guests: Daniel Culotta, Girard Kinney, Jules Kniolek, Dave Westenbarger., CapMetro Smart Trips representatives (Tien-Tien Chan, Ashley Greenstein, Derek)

Public Announcement/Feedback/Agenda Request Signup Sheet Provided

1. Call to Order 6:40pm
2. Meeting agenda adopted
3. Announcements from Signup Sheet (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers) – N/A
4. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes
 - Motion from Jules Vieau, seconded by Allen to approve meeting minutes from 05/09/18.
 - Resolution: minutes from the Steering Committee meeting of 05/08/18 are approved.
5. Community Presenters
 - A. Smart Trips: a community program that aims to increase trips taken by foot, bike, bus, carpool, in order to reduce congestion (Representatives: Ashley Greenstein, Tien-Tien Chan, Derek) <http://smartripsaustin.org/>
 - B. Happening in East Austin – Cherrywood and south (8,000 households) – July to Nov.
 - C. 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.
 - D. Partner with neighborhood groups for ideas of what activities to do. Ideas: start of school; E.A.S.T.; local businesses where parking is an issue; pool on a hot day; promote 311 to people who have issues.
 - E. Smart Trips will come to General Meeting
6. Reports of Officers and Programs
 - A. Jim Reed gave the Chair's Report
 - B. Treasurer's report – Leyla will be absent while she gets better, Jim has check signing rights so we don't have to find a sub for her – nothing new to report on finances
 - C. No Flea Report
7. Reports of Committees and Neighborhood Projects
 - A. Girard Kinney gave the LUT Report
 - i. A new edition of the Sidewalk Master Plan is needed because there are new sidewalks (though the philosophy of the plan remains the same), and then a bike route overlay, and then community input
 - ii. 3901 Brookview – no position from CNA

- iii. There are some funds for Cherrywood Green from when Austin Energy built the electricity field at Fiesta, but unsure of how to use the funds
 - iv. See Appendix I for full minutes from LUT meeting
 - B. Grackle Green Agreement with City of Austin (Daniel Culotta)
 - i. CNA needs to accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between us and the City of Austin Neighborhood Partnership Program for the Grackle Green pocket park
 - ii. Questions to resolve before signing: 7h (escrow fund), \$16,067 on page 6
 - C. ANC/UBC updates: Nothing to report for ANC (Jules V.), No May meeting for UBC (Jim), no ANC East meeting
8. Unfinished Business – N/A
9. New Business
- A. November candidate forum
 - i. 5th Weds in August, Jim Walker is contacting participants, he will formulate questions for candidates
 - B. General Meeting Attendance Strategy
 - i. Do a survey to get ideas for brining up attendance
 - ii. Connect other events with the meeting (i.e. a clothing swap), urgent topics get people to come, food & drinks (we can pretty easily acquire food for the meetings), local businesses, give people more info ahead of time, show ppl how coming benefits them, interesting guest speakers, signs
 - iii. Why do people come? They want to contribute.
 - iv. Why don't people come? Meeting times conflict with dinner and family time, music doesn't draw people
 - v. How can we also get more diverse attendance?
 - vi. Continue this discussion at the next meeting
10. Meeting adjourned (upon a motion from Sarah and seconded by Jules V.) at 8:03pm

Meeting recording links: no recording available for this meeting (Secretary's error!)

Future agenda items: General Meeting Attendance Strategy, Grackle Green

Next meeting: July 11, 2018

Note: Cherrywoodstock will be November 11, 2018

Submitted by Sarah Sweeney, Secretary

Appendix I:

LUT Meeting Notes (including items previously recommended by LUT) from Wed 06 June 2018
Present: Dave Westenbarger, Jules Vieau, Jim Walker and I met at 7:15 at Taqueria Los Altos

- CODENEXT
 - Hold on anything other than CNA consistent urging more density on corridors, mini-transition zones adjacent corridors, less increase in density in the interior, incentives to save existing structures and achieve affordable housing, provide adequate off-street parking, etc.
 - Formulate questions for Council & Mayoral candidates to be utilized at upcoming debates. Jim Walker working on short list of proposed questions focusing on our major issues; preliminary biggest issue is the density needing to be increased on our corridors, stepping down quickly to approximate current density between corridors.
- TRANSPORTATION
 - Sidewalks
 - No change in adopted Sidewalk Philosophy
 - Update Sidewalk Master Plan, showing current existing sidewalks and those to be constructed with identified funds (update to include all pedestrian facilities in r.o.w., including ped crossings & bus stops)
 - Circulate updated sidewalk plan to Cherrywooders to obtain input regarding possible updating of sidewalk master plan.
 - Continue to urge residents to control foliage up to 8' which intrudes into sidewalk area.
 - Parking
 - Continue to push for adequate offstreet and on street parking
 - Continue to urge for pervious bulb-outs at intersections
 - Bulb outs prevent parallel parking too close to intersections
 - Natural location for bike racks and scooter stations
 - Provide shorter ped crossing distances.
 - Continue to utilize Pedestrian Parking program to reduce overflow parking into neighborhood.
 - Transit
 - Create current bus route map with bus stops that can be overlaid and printed out with sidewalk master plan, or views separately.
 - Obtain input via survey or other method regarding future requests regarding bus routes, stops, vehicles, etc.
 - Bicycles & electric scooters (note that scooters are treated like bicycles by code)
 - Create Cherrywood version of bicycle master plan, with current and funded bike lanes.
 - Identify existing barriers to bicycle use (pot holes and pavement offsets, conflict with parked cars, etc.
 - Identify conflicts among peds, bikers and drivers.
 - Continue historical effort to achieve Boggy Creek hike & bike path through Cherrywood
 - Address loss of parallel parking spaces as bike lanes are planned.
- 1307 E. 29th Street Porch Roof
 - LUT supported proposed porch; recommended Cherrywood support at Board of Adjustment (as architect for this project, GK turned meeting over to Dave Westenbarger, addressed questions, and recused himself from vote)

- Steering Committee forwarded CNA support to BOA
 - BOA unanimously approved Variance Monday, 11 June 2018.
- 3901 Brookview
 - Priscilla (Boston) Ebersole contacted GK re: have we taken, or do we plan to take, action on this property; I responded that to my knowledge we have not taken action, and I was not aware of any plan to do so”