

**Minutes of the Meeting of Austin Neighborhoods Council
October 23, 1002, 7:00 p.m., First English Lutheran Church**

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In Attendance:

Jim Walker (ANC President, Mueller), Clarke Hammond (SRCC), Will Bozeman (Mobility Committee Chair), Bobby Rigney (ZNA), Carla Chiang (TNT Delegate, TOO), Bob Sessa (BCNA), Joyce Basciano (BUNA), Bryan King (South Lamar NA), Jeff Jack (Clean Air Force Delegate, Zilker), Pam Leighton-Burwell (Brenthood), Dana Lockler (Sector 2 Rep., Crestview), Bob Shrader (Westcreek), Doug DuBois (Sector 8 Rep., COVNA), Sherry Pyle (NACA), Nan T. Hairston (GANA), Kevin Lewis (SLNA), Mark Barnett (Pecan Springs/Springdale), Michael DiBrino (Austin Monorail Project), Linda Guerrero (Hancock), Bill Yoder (Northfield NA), Peter Hess (Barton Hills NA), David Cobb (WPNA)

Noise Ordinance Update

City of Austin (COA) staff initiated a change; enforcement measured at property line.
Minimum unamplified decibel level is 75.
Maximum amplified decibel level is unknown.
Enforceable times for the ordinance are unknown.
Mary Gaye is the outgoing issue advocate.
We need someone to oversee this issue, ideally someone urban and adjacent to a venue.

Mobility Report

There was no October committee meeting. The November committee meeting is TBA.
David Newberger is the MOPAC issue contact.
Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) advocated the 2000 State of Texas (State) Constitutional Amendment establishing an entity staffed by appointments made by elected public officials allowing entities to put in roads without federal funds (i.e. toll roads, roads relinquished by State). This Amendment will be "tweaked" next legislative session.

Clean Air Force Report

The Clean Air Force (CAF) has a contract with CAPCO for housekeeping. Mike Hilgenstein spearheaded the firing of its past Director. CAF received monies to contract with UT to monitor if Austin is in compliance with the Clean Air Act. This compliance measurement used to be a one (1) hour average, and is now an eight (8) hour average. COA was out of attainment the past three (3) years using the old standard and will be out of attainment next year using the new standard.
O3 Flex plan was instituted for the 5 county area; a Clean Air Compact.
Part of a State plan is an elected Clean Air Commission and there are questions about the roles of this entity as compared with the CAF. The CAF contract is being revised. Current funding is \$90K from the COA and \$20K from Travis County.
If they put CAF under CAPCO, the ANC delegate to CAF recommends ANC oppose it because that would change CAF from being a forum for public input into another government entity.

Austin Monorail Project Presentation

Las Vegas and Seattle are building monorails. Mr. Dubrino is happy to make presentations about the Austin Monorail Project to neighborhood associations. To provide input, his phone number is 680-0931.
The next Capital Metro election is in 2004.
A strong citizen push would be necessary to put this issue on the ballot.

Envision Central Texas Update

Workshops were held last week with more than 1,000 citizens participating. Over 150 maps with scenarios developed at the workshops will be digitized and a composite formed. These will be available sometime in the spring. There will be a first draft and they will compare/contrast scenarios. There was a discussion questioning the level of detail of what will be made available. The next opportunity for community participation is in January with Test Site Workshops. There is an application process with one test site awarded in each county of the five (5) county area and an additional one in the COA. Discussion groups will be started with regard to implementation and impact.

There was a general discussion of same with the following action items/points:

- The guiding assumption one million more people in the next 20-40 years is flawed:
 - We need baseline data of carrying capacity;
- There should be quality of life indicators, i.e.:
 - Daily vehicle miles should not increase;
 - Equitable distribution of resource utilization, currently borne by taxpayers;
- Ignoring jurisdictional boundaries is not prudent:
 - What are the governmental and tax structure implications?

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Texas Neighborhoods Together Report

The delegate communicated to TNT that Transportation/TXDOT is a priority issue for Austin. TNT agreed that Safe Routes to Schools is just a drop in the bucket. A position paper will be drafted.

There is a Texas Senate Interim Committee Sub-committee Report available with regard to Property Owner Association (POA) Legislation

Distribution of Ballot to vote on Legislative Agenda Priorities

Outgoing ANC President Report

Get Jim Walker's Notes

Election of 2003 Officers

Joyce Basciano made the motion to nominate Dana Lockler as Sector 2 Representative. Pam Leighton-Burwell seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jeff Jack made the motion to accept the slate of proposed officers. Dana Lockler seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

General Discussion Items

2003/ANC 30th Anniversary

ANC was founded in 1973.

Discussion of ANC 2003 Goals

Develop a theme and some special activities to thread through the monthly meetings.

Membership drive

Centralized list of where ANC "exists"

Define task force committees vs. standing committees, i.e.

Day Labor

Clean Air Force

Get more involved in neighborhoods

List all ANC past presidents; and file with the Austin History Center

Invite Officials to meetings:

January – Mayor

February – City Manager

May – City Manager

Other – Police Chief, AISD Superintendent

Have sector meetings

Poll membership

Turnkey annual events:

Spring Cleaning

National Night Out

Develop a library of Bylaws of member neighborhood associations; copy those and their newsletters to the Austin History Museum

Develop Neighborhood Communications 101, how to do a newsletter, etc.

Educate neighborhoods about City Council candidates and get credible turn out at the polls next May.

Define what ANC can do for member organizations

AISD bond election is pending in 2004. The Board of Trustees has asked staff to put together a process for putting together a bond package.

Annual Policy Initiative: finding all unspent park/bond monies available for neighborhoods

Outreach to other organizations with similar values to increase the ability to reach out to the community at large.

Website

ANC President is investigating new website alternatives to be reported at the next general meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carla Chiang, Secretary