

Austin Neighborhoods Council Minutes of the March 26, 2003 Monthly Meeting

Location

First English Lutheran Church, 30th & Whitis Avenues.

Official meeting called to order

President Bryan King called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

ANC Executive Committee In Attendance:

Bryan King, President (South Lamar, NA); Will Bozeman 1st Vice President (NUNA); Joyce Basciano 3rd Vice President (BWNA); Toye Goodson, Treasurer (Battle Bend Springs); Elizabeth Yevich, Secretary (Zilker); Dana Lockler, Sector 2 Rep; Clarke Hammond, Sector 7 Rep.; Doug DuBois, Sector 8 Rep.; Jeff Jack, Clean Air Force Delegate (Zilker). Others in Attendance totaled 14 members and guests.

Treasurer's Report

Toye Goodson presented the February 2003 report.

Updates

Will Bozeman, Mobility Committee Chair stated the Mobility Report was in progress and that an update should be available after April 16th.

A brief discussion was held on the Safe Routes to School Project regarding the failure for Austin's 9 projects involving 11 schools to be funded by this state/federal program. The situation needs to be studied for answers as to why this happened and to ensure it won't happen during the next funding cycle.

Action Items

Presentation by ACC Trustee Rafael Quintanilla on the Proposed Austin Community College Tax District Election, May 3, 2003.

The speaker delivered an overview of Propositions No. 1 & No. 2 and discussed ACC's service to the community and financial needs for the future. Following the presentation, he answered questions from ANC members.

The Propositions are as follows: Proposition No. 1 Increasing the Austin Community College maintenance tax rate by 4 cents, phased in over three years. This increase would help hire teachers and purchase educational materials. Proposition No. 2 The issuance of \$99 million of general obligation bonds of the Austin Community College District for the construction, renovation and equipment of a new health sciences building at the Eastview campus, construction of the South Austin campus, expansion of the Cypress Creek campus, improvements of the Rio Grande campus, and improve parking and renovations district wide.

Following the discussion, Bobby Rigney made a motion to support the passage of ballot Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2 of the ACC District for the May 3, 2003 election. Jeff Jack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Super Duplexes: A general discussion and Q&A was held regarding the Super Duplex issue. Following the discussion, a motion was made by ANC member Jeff Jack and seconded by member Bobby Rigney to support a proposal to place a cap on "super duplexes" limiting the number of unrelated residents to no more than 6 living in an SF-3 zoned lot.

ANC caveated the recommendation with a reminder which emphasized this issue needed to be observed for how the City plans to implement this action; to see if both the letter and the spirit of the law will be met.

Other Announcements or Upcoming Events

A reminder was made regarding ANC's upcoming Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, April 9th at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs. Following the Forum, Austin Neighborhoods Together Political Action Committee (ANT-PAC) will meet to discuss candidate endorsements.

Scott Johnson announced the Centrex Electric Mower Program a yearly program to promote clean air. The Clean Air Force, Home Depot and Black/Decker combine to offer major discounts on a Black/Decker Cordless Electric Mulching Lawn Mower and a Black/Decker Corded Electric Mulching Lawn Mower. Discounts are offered for replacing gas mowers on the upcoming dates: April 5th 8:30-5:00 at the Home Depot in NW Austin; April 12th & 13th in San Marcos and on May 3rd 8:30 - 1 1:30 at the Home Depot in Round Rock. For more information: www.cleanairforce.org

Presentation

Topic: BOA 101 Workshop – Class; *The Do's and Don't of BOA*. Presented by Herman Thun, Chair, COA Board of Adjustments and Susan Walker, COA Planner. A thorough discussion regarding the submittal of a variance request to the Board, the order of procedure, voting guidelines, etc. was presented with Q&A following.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.