

**Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Meeting – Austin Energy Building
March 23, 2005**

Agenda –

1. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)
2. Roll call of member associations (7:01)
3. City Council Candidates (7:10)
 - a. Candidates opening comments (3 minutes each)
 - b. Questions to candidates by ANC representatives
 - c. Questions from audience
4. Discussion of candidates responses (8:30)
5. Adjourn (9:00)

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Susan Pascoe.
 2. Roll Call of member associations was taken – there were 20 neighborhood association representatives with dues paid in good standing (Roll Call Roster.pdf attachment)
 3. **City Council Candidates**
Present were:

Candidates for Place 1

Steve Adams
Andrew Bucknall
Lee Leffingwell
Scott Williams

Candidates for Place 3

Margot Clarke
Mandy Dealy
Jennifer Kim
Greg Knaupe

Candidates for Place 4

Wes Benedict
Betty Dunkerley
Jennifer Gale

- a. Candidates made opening comments
- b. ANC President Susan Pascoe and 3rd Vice President Joyce Basciano asked questions of the candidates, based on their responses to a previously published questionnaire covering eight areas of concern for Austin's neighborhoods: neighborhood planning, zoning, code and ordinance enforcement, environment, social equity, growth management, transportation and city administration and budget. ANC then compared the written responses and shared the results with the ANC membership.

Candidates were evaluated both on their responses to the questionnaire and their remarks at the forum. ANC sought indications of a candidate's knowledge and understanding of the issues from the perspective of the neighborhoods' concerns. With increasing assaults on our quality of life - zoning infractions, lack of code enforcement, water and air quality concerns, to name a few, ANC seeks to balance neighborhood values against development and density pressures.

- c. There were questions from the audience, delivered by Sector Rep. Dana Lockler. Questions from the audience addressed issues such as: 1) where does the candidate live and are they involved in their local neighborhood association?; and 2) what is their definition of affordable housing?
- d. There was active discussion about the candidate's responses with a place by place evaluation, comparing and contrasting the candidates, in an attempt to determine who best represents ANC ideals.

Resolution No. 1

For candidates running for City Council Place 1, there was a motion by ANC 2nd Vice President Jeff Jack to endorse Lee Leffingwell. There was a second by Zilker Neighborhood Association. The vote was 16 yeas, 0 nays, and 4 abstentions – the motion passes.

Resolution No. 2

For candidates running for City Council Place 4, there was a motion by Galindo Elementary Neighborhood Association to not endorse any candidates. There was a second by Brentwood Neighborhood Association. The vote was 12 yeas, 3 nays, and 5 abstentions – the motion passes.

Resolution No. 3

For candidates running for City Council Place 3, there was a motion by ANC 2nd Vice President Jeff Jack to endorse both Margot Clarke and Mandy Dealy. There was a second by Zilker Neighborhood Association. The vote was 4 yeas, 7 nays, and 9 abstentions – the motion failed.

Resolution No. 4

For candidates running for City Council Place 3, there was a motion by Old West Austin Neighborhood Association to endorse Margot Clarke. There was a second by North Acres Neighborhood Association. The vote was 7 yeas, 3 nays, and 10 abstentions – the motion passes.

5. **Announcements**

- a. Barbara Mink of North Acres Neighborhood Association made an announcement about the proposed Austin Community College/City of Austin Annexation plan for areas in the Eanes School District, Pflugerville School District, and Round Rock School District. She supplied a handout to illustrate the tax implications for residents in those areas.
 - b. Kevin Lewis of South Lamar Neighborhood Association alerted attendees of proposed legislation – SB 1647 by Staples and HB 2833 by Cook which dilute the power of municipal zoning and redefines “taking” of property and compatibility standards. It was recommended to reach out to small cities to alert them to this legislation.
6. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.