

1. Call to order and review of agenda
2. Roll call of member associations and representative
3. Program
 - a. *City of Austin Bond Election Advisory Committee* discussion
Committee Participants
 - Rodney Ahart – representing Citizens
 - Jim Walker – representing ECT
 - b. *City of Austin Reclaimed Water Program and Storage Tanks*
Elaine Jones, EJJ Associates
4. Business Items
 - a. SH-45 Extension – Dick Kallerman, Chair SOS/Transportation
 - b. Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive – Susan Pascoe
 - c. Neighborhood Plan Amendments – Laura Morrison
 - d. Zoning Variances – Laura Morrison
 - e. AISD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee update – Mark Boyden
5. Announcements
6. Adjourn

MINUTES:

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll was called and there were 14 Neighborhood Associations represented, plus all seven officers.
3. Program
 - a. **City of Austin Bond Election Advisory Committee**

First up – Rodney Ahart, representing citizens. Currently head of GR for American Cancer Society. Former Legislative aide to Rep. Dawna Dukes and also currently on the COA Environmental Board.

City of Austin Bond Election is proposed \$761 million value addressing major issues including:
 - Drainage
 - Waste water
 - Transportation
 - New facilities, including main library
 - Land acquisition, parks/green space
 - Affordable housing.
Next up – Jim Walker, representing Envision Central Texas. Jim is an ANC past president and has been heavily involved in the Mueller Redevelopment project.

City of Austin Bond Election Advisory Committee consists of 21 members including 5 ex-officio members from Travis County. The Mayor and City Council members have 2 appointees each on the committee. First Committee meeting was this past Friday so hard to get a read on the slant of the committee, but appears pretty diverse considering the list of wants and needs to be addressed. ECT is one of the primary catalysts behind the bond election.

Looking at secondary impacts; improve infrastructure; look at situations try to determine effects of passing the bond or not passing the bond. To reach ultimate goals it will create a tax package intolerable to tax payers...it will be a struggle to find a balance between needs and tolerance. In addition, Travis County is planning a bond package, primarily addressing County Jail.

There needs to be inter-jurisdictional cooperation.

Land acquisition needs to include Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)

Put policies in place to leverage the public's dollars.

Timeline: Public hearings (evening/off-work hours) in July, August, September, and some in October with Bond Advisory Committee's recommendations due by late November, for bond election May 6, 2006. Public hearings will be opportunity to address list of needs, knowing that by increasing the list, you are putting pressure on funding.

It has been suggested to map out the needs and compare to established neighborhood plans. This would include a comparison of past bond packages ('84, '98 & '04) which were passed and how much was accomplished and how much may have been left undone.

Affordable Housing needs to include RETAINING EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, not just building new affordable housing.

It was suggested we need to challenge ECT's basic assumption of doubling of population in the next twenty years. Factors such as traffic congestion, fuel prices, and other factors can cause a slow down.

It was suggested ANC should work closely with the advisory committee to build trust and not have any surprises at the tail end of the process. Jim and Rodney felt that should not be a problem.

Everyone should get a little of what they want and everyone should be equally disappointed at what they do not receive.

Information about the committee and the list of needs can be found on the City of Austin website under Austin Bond Election Advisory Committee. Suggestions can be e-mailed to Jim Walker = jhwalker@austincc.edu.

b. City of Austin Reclaimed Water Program

Elaine Jones of EJJ Associates led the presentation along with Yvonne Gil and Dan Pederson of the City of Austin Water Department. The use of reclaimed water was first addressed in an Austin City Council meeting in 1990. Currently, treated water from the COA Waste Water Treatment Plants is dumped into the Colorado River and sent downstream for farmers and industrial users. Plan is to retain water for use in Austin to irrigate parks, golf courses, school athletic fields, Capitol grounds, etc.

Currently, there are two reclaimed water lines in use. One is for the South Austin Regional Wastewater Plant, which provides water to Bergstrom Cedars Golf Course, Austin Bergstrom International Airport, McKinney Falls State Park, Jimmy Clay and Roy Kizer Golf Courses. The other is from the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant provides water to First Tee and Morris Williams Golf Course. It is this line which will be expanded west along 51st Street with a tower tank installed adjacent to the Mueller Redevelopment Project. Project is scheduled to be completed by 2007.

For this project the City is working with Windsor Park N.A., Pecan Springs/Springdale N.A. and University Hills N.A. There will be a stakeholder meeting Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Messiah Church on Cameron Road at Ridgehaven.

Water quality of reclaimed water is somewhere between drinking water and river water. The sample Mr. Pederson passed around was very clear, but had a distinct odor to it. The difference to commercial users is a 2/3's savings. Current water rates average at \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. Reclaimed water rates would be \$.95/1,000 gallons.

4. Business Items

- a. SH 45 – Dick Kallerman (Chair of SOS Transportation Committee)
SH 45 SW is planned to connect the south end of Loop 1 (MoPac) with FM 1626 in northern Hays County. This section of road is only 3 miles long, but has over 300 recharge features in the vicinity. Dick was primarily reporting on a meeting held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center between interested parties, including TxDOT, CAMPO, and SOS Alliance. This stretch of road is including the CAMPO 2030 Plan as a two-lane toll road with free access roads. However, if the environmental impact study comes back disallowing four lanes of roadway, the road will be built as a two-lane toll-free road. The section of SH 45 SW connecting FM 1626 with IH – 35 is not in any of the transportation plans.

- b. Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive – Susan Pascoe
Mary Lou McLain, late wife of newly elected Austin City Councilman Lee Leffingwell, was chair of Family Eldercare which raised money and collected fans for their Summer Fan Drive. Kevin Lewis made the motion and Tim Mahoney seconded the motion for ANC to conduct a fan drive at the June General Meeting to honor the memory of Mary Lou. All were in favor and the motion passed.

It was suggested for all ANC representatives contact their neighborhood associations to donate either a pedestal mounted oscillating fan, or \$20 by check (made payable to FAMILY ELDERCARE) towards the purchase of box fans.

- c. Neighborhood Plan Amendments - Laura Morrison
ANC Vice President Laura Morrison, a resident of Old West Austin N.A. shared their experience with the neighborhood plan amendment process. When their planning process had been completed a Future Land Use map was created for the 6th Street area which allowed for office on a particular lot, but only with a conditional overlay (CO) that was specifically identified in the text of the neighborhood plan. Now, the City Staff is saying that a plan amendment is not needed to rezone to office without the CO because the CO was not cited on the FLUM. Moral: if you are writing a neighborhood plan, be sure to reference all COs or other details you are depending on, on the Future Land Use Map.

- d. Zoning Variances – Laura Morrison
In another situation, OWANA has been dealing with a developer for over 2 years who has two code violations on their property - # of stories and setback violations, and a third issue of height which had not been proved compliant. After construction was complete, the developer filed for variances but after being denied by the Board of Adjustment and after requesting reconsideration, he withdrew the application for variance and hired a lawyer who took an argument to the City Law Dept. that variances are not required. The Law Dept gave the OK and a certificate of occupancy was granted.

Laura Huffman, Assistant City Manager says that there is now going to be a new policy that violations will be red-tagged and a project will be stopped and not allowed to move forward until a noncompliance issue is settled. – NEW POLICY. Residents need to hold city to this and call or email staff if they ever see construction activity at a site which is not compliant. In addition, we should be vigilant if we see situations where variance applications are pulled.

- e. AISD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Update – Mark Boyden
Mark sits on the CBOC and as reporting on dubious behavior of the committee regarding public reporting of spending from the contingency budget. Reporting is required for substantive changes, and the committee did not define some of the spending as such, thus, no report was made. Mark is concerned about proper stewardship. It was suggested ANC recruit neighborhood friendly candidates for the AISD School Board, similar to the City Council race.

5. Announcements

- a. Linda MacNeilage of OWANA announced they had successfully been added to the National Historic District Register. In addition, the City of Austin now allows for Local Historic Districts, based on

recommendations made by the Historic Landmark Task Force, but they have no guidelines for establishing them. OWANA has lost 10 historic properties and is working on saving several homes which are historic. They include: 609 Harthan St. and 1815 Waterston St.. In addition, a city-wide effort is underway opposing the removal of H zoning on a portion of a home on Poplar St. Neighbors on Harthan St. in OWA submitted a Local Historic District application to Steve Sadowsky, based on their own reading of the application requirements from the ordinance that was approved in December.

- b. George Adams is the city staffer rewriting the Land Development Code, along with city legal staff. Susan announced he and legal will be part of the June program.
 - c. Kathie Tovo of Bouldin Creek NA is seeking assistance on hiring legal representation. How do other Neighborhood Associations do it? Email suggestions to kbtovo@earthlink.net.
 - d. Early voting for City Council runoff starts today. Get out and support the ANC endorsed candidate – Margot Clarke. Early voting will shut down for Memorial Day, but pick back up on Tuesday. Get out and vote and go the victory party...whoever wins.
6. Adjournment – 9:15 p.m.