

**Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Meeting
October 26, 2005**

Agenda:

1. Call to order and review of agenda (7:00 p.m.)
2. Program (7:10 p.m.)

Part 1

*County Bond Election
County Court Judge Samuel T. Biscoe
and
County Commissioner Pct. 2 Karen Sonleitner*

Part 2

City Bond Election Update presented by Jim Walker

Part 3

Parking Benefit District Program presented by Katie Larsen, NPZD

3. Roll Call of member associations (8:10 p.m.)
4. Business and discussion items (8:15 p.m.)
 - a. Election of 2005 – 2006 ANC Executive Committee
 - b. TUUNA
 - c. Rosedale N.A. Resolution
 - d. Blacklands NA Resolution – Redeemer Church steeple height
 - e. Austin Energy Plug-In Hybrids petition request
 - f. November Membership Meeting
5. Adjourn (9:00 p.m.)

**ANC General Meeting
October 26, 2005**

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.
3. **Program:** *(Notes & sound bites taken as best as possible with limited audio)*

**Part 1 – County Bond Election, County Judge Sam Biscoe & County Commissioner Pct. 2
Karen Sonleitner**

Judge Biscoe:

Bonds are issued once every 5 years. County must decide what is affordable and doable with voter confidence to complete projects.

Fourteen people are working on the advisory committee dealing with \$100 million target for bonds. Came back with \$120 million in recommendation, then added more for roads and right of ways = \$150,875 proposed.

(Handout discussion)

Election date is November 8, 2005 with early voting through 11/4/05.

Noted in bond discussion, the need for an additional \$40 million in bonds based on county jail bed authorization. Plan to return 800 beds.

Commissioner Sonleitner:

Referencing inside of handout –

Proposition I – Road Bonds, mobility and drainage projects: virtually all new roads feeding into and off of Highway 130. Ironically, the proposition mirrors results of ECT.

Tier I Projects: private/public partnerships; working with developers at early stage of project to set aside right of way.

Tier II = contingent on funds.

There has been an almost 50/50 split between Prop 1 and Prop 2, with roads in Prop. 1 having a broad base of support.

Proposition 2 – Parks and Open spaces

\$62,150,000 Parks and open space projects flood plain-related parkland

\$25 million parks and open spaces in SW Travis County – Reimers Ranch.

Metro Parks, as big, if not bigger than Zilker Park

NE Metro Park – Soccer Complex

East Metro Park –

SE Metro Park – Colorado River
SW Metro Park – Reimers Ranch

Questions & Answer

Law enforcement/public safety makes up over 50% of county budget (mostly jails)

Road and bridge county work funded by license plate registration & supplemented by county bonds

Most of bond proposal for road projects is in unincorporated county areas; some of collaboration with city of Austin or other jurisdictions on the edge.

County road projects typically within one mile of city limits.

100% of proposed money should be used for Tier I roads.

Deadline of December 2006 to have public/private road project tied to bond covenants & agreements.

Same with park money – stays in project it was dedicated or proposed for.

Prop. 2 – targets approx. 2,400 acres of land acquisition

Balcones Canyon Project – are lands critical lands?
Is Travis County lands working with City of Austin lands?

Projects are not evenly divided between precincts, as they are based on needs; more open space out west, more roads in precincts 1 and 2, some in 4.

Program – Part 2

City of Austin Bond Elections – Jim Walker

City is at mid-stage of bond project vs. county ready to vote.

Jim passed out a diagram of the needs assessment project, likened to a Christmas tree as you decide which ornaments to be placed on the tree, and which are not.

Election is in May of 2006, along with City Council and Mayoral elections.

Currently bond is approx. \$770 million with an additional \$270 million from citizen project requests. Bond is a property tax funded instrument with a cap of \$600 million.

There will be four public meetings in November, each held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with full Bond Committee

11/1/05	Tuesday	One Texas Center
11/7/05	Monday	City Hall
11/14/05	Monday	City Hall
11/26/05	Tuesday	City Hall

There will also be two more public meetings in December at City Hall for final draft bond proposal whittling down to \$600 million. Then the bond package will be forwarded to City Council for public comment. If you have a pet project, get City Council support.

Program – Part 3

City of Austin Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department – Katie Larsen

Parking Benefit District pilot program to deal with spill-over parking in neighborhoods for non-resident parking via meters or pay stations.

The pilot would address revenue generation dedicated to neighborhood, hence parking benefit district. The district would fund sidewalks, drainage, etc.

Option – Neighborhood Residential Parking Permit – residents only.

3. **Roll Call** 11 member associations in attendance

4. **Business and Discussion Items**

a. Election of Officers

Slate: President	Laura Morrison
First Vice President	Jeff Jack
Second V.P.	Joyce Basciano
Third V.P.	Katrina Daniels
Treasurer	Linda Guerrero
Secretary	Kevin Lewis
Sector Reps	
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	2 Linda Moore
	3. Mark Boyden
	3 Barbara Mink
	4 Susan Pascoe
	5 Bob Swaffar
	6 Lori Renteria
	6 Daniel Llanes
	6 Bo McCarver
	7 Lorraine Atherton
	7 Dana Lockler
	8 Donna Tiemann
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	10 Jack Howison

Jeff Jack made a motion to close the nominations; There was a second by Lorraine Atherton. The motion carried by members present.

Tim Mahoney made a motion to approve the slate by acclamation. There was a second by Mary Ingle and the motion carried by members present.

b. TUUNA Texas Uniform Unincorporated Non-Profit Association; Language supplied by Hal Katz.

c. **Rosedale Resolution (No. 1; 10/26/05)** – Opposition to CTVS re-zoning requests. This case is to be heard 11/30/05 at City Council. The re-zoning requests was not recommended by a vote of 4 – 3 by the planning commission.

ANC Vice President Jeff Jack made a motion in support of the resolution. Tim Mahoney made a second to the motion. There was discussion to add “on a city bicycle route” to the resolution. The motion passed with no opposition.

d. **Blacklands Resolution (No. 2; 10/26/05)** – Presented by Bo McCarver, in opposition to the Redeemer Church requesting a variance for their steeple height. There was discussion of the resolution with a change addressing the Board of Adjustments and clarifies denies request. The friendly amendment was accepted and a motion was made by Tim Mahoney and the motion was seconded by Danette Chimenti. There was no opposition to the motion.

e. **Austin Energy Plug-In Hybrids Petition Request (No. 3; 10/26/05)** Jeff Jack offered a motion in support of the resolution to solicit signatures to a petition which would encourage automakers to expedite production of plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. There was a second to the motion by Kevin Lewis and the motion passed with no opposition.

f. November membership meeting – possibly move the meeting to 11/16/05 to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving.

g. Discussion of endorsement of County Bond Elections in support of Propositions 2 & 3. A motion in support of this position was made by Kevin Lewis and a second from Danette Chimenti. When the vote was taken, Bob Swaffar of Judges Hill N.A. voted Nay, there was one abstention, and the motion passed. **(Resolution No. 4; 10/26/05)**

5. Adjourn 9:15 p.m.

Austin Neighborhoods Council
RESOLUTIONS
October 26, 2005

Resolution No. 1

Opposition to CTVS Re-zoning Request

Was presented to ANC by Rosedale Neighborhood representative Ambrose Krumpe:

Whereas, the application, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons (CTVS) is interested in obtaining SC zoning on Medical Parkway (a residential collector) so that they can build a 56' tall five story building with 23,000 SF of office and three stories of parking on a 2.5 residential lots 0 each about 44' X 152' in size; and

Whereas, current zoning (LR) allows for sufficient commercial development in line with the existing Alta Vista Plan and the long-established vision for Medical Parkway; and

Whereas, the Alta Vista Plan, adopted by the Planning Commission and City Council in 1985, states that all redevelopment along Medical Parkway regardless of zoning category should be limited to 40 ft. in height; and

Whereas, this proposed development would create a negative traffic impact on Medical Parkway due to the proximity of the garage entrance to an unusual intersection with a traffic island, difficult sight lines, a Capital Metro Bus Stop, and [is on a City of Austin bicycle route](#); and

Whereas, Rosedale is in line for Neighborhood Planning in late 2006; giving CS to this site will preempt their ability to effectively transition from 60' CS development on Lamar to 40' development on Medical Parkway and Marathon and set a precedent that will make difficult the enforcement of the aforementioned standards; and

Whereas, the proposed up-zoning is an example of the city-wide tendency to violate the transition zonings in place between neighborhoods and commercial uses; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Austin Neighborhoods Council:

ANC is opposed to CTVS' zoning change request and supports Rosedale Neighborhood Association's plea the City Council deny the zoning change.

The motion was made by ANC second Vice President, Jeff Jack in support of the CTVS resolution as proposed with a friendly amendment to add the language regarding the bicycle route. There was a second to the motion by ANC Communications Coordinator Tim Mahoney. All in attendance voted in favor of the resolution and the motion carried, 17 – 0.

Resolution No. 2

Opposition to Redeemer Presbyterian Church for height variances:

After the resolution was proposed by Bo McCarver of the Blackland Neighborhood Association, a small discussion ensued and the following resolution was submitted to the ANC membership:

Whereas, the applicant Redeemer Presbyterian Church is interested in obtaining a variance to construct a bell tower 80feet in height and a building with a rood of 65 feet in height; and

Whereas, these structures are not allowed in surrounding Neighborhood Plans and are out-of-scale with adjacent architecture; and

Whereas, this proposed development would create a significant increase in traffic and spill parking onto the adjacent neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the structure contributes to further gentrification in the area; and

Whereas, the Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team; Blackland Neighborhood; Rogers-Washington/Holy Cross Neighborhood and executive committees from adjacent neighborhood associations oppose the variances; and

Whereas, the applicant has not proven a valid hardship nor satisfied the finding of facts required by statute to justify a variance; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Austin Neighborhoods Council:

The ANC is opposed to Redeemer's variance request and supports the neighborhoods' plea that the Board of Adjustment deny the two variances.

A motion in support of the resolution was made by ANC Communications Director Tim Mahoney. A second to the motion was made by Danette Chimenti of the South River City Citizens Association. All in attendance and in good standing voted in favor of the resolution, 17 to 0.

Resolution No. 3

Austin Energy Plug-In Electric Hybrids

A motion was made by ANC Second Vice President Jeff Jack in support of a resolution to support Austin Energy's Plug-In Electric Hybrids petition drive. Kevin Lewis of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association seconded the motion. The motion carried 17 – 0.

Resolution No. 4

Support for Travis County Bond Proposals

Following a presentation by Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe and Precinct 2 County Commissioner Karen Sonleitner, there was discussion by ANC to endorsed bond proposals 2 and 3.

On this date of October 26, 2005, the Austin Neighborhoods Council endorses Travis County Bond Proposition No. 2 for Parks and Open Space Parkland and Proposition No. 3 for Jail Facility Improvements.

Motion made by Kevin Lewis of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association with a second to the motion by Danette Chementi of the South River City Citizens Association. The motion carried with a vote of 15 – 1 with one abstention.
