

**Austin Neighborhoods Council**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 22, 2006**  
721 Barton Springs Rd.

**Minutes**

Prepared by Kevin Lewis, Secretary

Members Present:

Quorum met.

[see sign-in sheet for specifics]

President Laura Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Announcements:

--Membership dues. Laura encouraged everyone to pay dues for 2006.

--Austin Parks Foundation-Charlie McCabe

It's My Park Day—April 22 9am-1pm

Clean up and do improvements at parks all around the city.

Neighbors can propose a project or participate in an existing project.

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Program:

Transit Oriented Design

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Smith: In vicinity of stations, the City and Cap Metro will conduct a station area planning (SAP) process. The city will create TOD overlay to existing zoning designations.

Galbraith: TOD principles include density, diversity, design. Cap Metro will initially create only basic station facilities.

(See handouts for more information.)

The City TOD ordinance established six TOD districts:

1. Convention Center TOD (downtown)
2. Plaza Saltillo (neighborhood center)
3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd/Chestnut TOD (neighborhood center)
4. Lamar Blvd./Justin Lane TOD (N. Lamar at Airport Blvd.)/Crestview (neighborhood center)
5. Northwest Park & Ride TOD (town center)
6. N. I-35 near Howard Park & Ride TOD (town center)

The city will have a consultant (Diana McIvor?) on a housing affordability study connected to TOD.

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City bond election process

Jim Walker—city bond election advisory commission.

The city bond election has been postponed to November 2006. It is likely that many projects that had been on the recommendation list will be reconsidered before the final proposal for a November election. Neighborhoods who support a project that was on the final cutlist should stay attentive and lobby for its continued inclusion.

General obligation bonds are not the only bond type possible. Revenue bonds are another possibility. Changes in property valuation estimates may affect the possible bonding capacity.

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Historic Zoning Application for ACC Riverside Golf Course

Wayne Gronquist, applicant representative

Southeast quadrant neighborhoods are requesting historic zoning for golf course owned by Austin Community College.

The neighborhoods in the area need public open space. The southeast quadrant has less public open space per capita than any area except downtown.

The golf course has become floodplain. Country Club Creek is largest watershed in southeast quadrant of Austin.

The golf community wants to preserve the course. Perry Maxwell designed it. Only minor modifications have been made.

Keeping the course open would require relocation of ACC parking. Hope is that City of Austin would buy the golf course, or that funds could be raised to help ACC move their parking lot.

Linda Young, special asst. to the president for ACC.

ACC normally goes through master planning for the future periodically. The ACC board is conducting such a study with a consultant now. ACC purchased the land including the Riverside Campus and the golf course. ACC board has no immediate plan to change use of golf course or selling it. There is a current contract for continued operation as a golf course for upcoming 8 years.

During interim ownership (before ACC bought it) there was a 3-year period in which it was not in use as a golf course. Also, it has been modified by the interim owners. Therefore, ACC's position is that it does not qualify for historic designation. ACC is not currently considering any offers for purchase.

ANC took no action tonight.

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Recommendations for Capital Metro and non-profit case managers regarding transportation of Katrina evacuees in Austin

Andrew Bucknall, Foundation Communities working with Urban Transportation Commission

Capital Metro has a new policy of generally allowing disabled Katrina evacuees to qualify for

#### ANC Process for Endorsement Voting Policy

Current policy is simple majority of votes carries endorsement.

Lori C-Renteria said we should have a policy other than simple majority. She suggests 2/3 of members present and voting requirement for passing motion to endorse a candidate.

Jeff Jack stated support for the status quo, making no changes to voting policy. He noted that ANC has only done one endorsement previously, last year.

ANC took no action.

#### Old Business

ANC Land Development Code Violations Database—Susan Pascoe, WANG

There has been little submission of cases for the database. Neighborhoods should submit problem cases now if they want them included. If there are not more submissions, the project may not continue.

AISD school closures— Becker Elementary, Oak Springs Elementary, Porter Middle  
Kathie Tovo, Bouldin Creek NA president

Repurposing of Porter Middle School will be voted by AISD board next week. Becker repurposing may be voted by March 20. Options now have been expanded to simply closing Becker. See [www.bouldincreek.org](http://www.bouldincreek.org) for more info.

Neighborhood Compatibility Task Force

Task force is 17 people representing residents and neighborhoods and development community (developers, builders, architects, remodelers) approximately equally. Meeting Tuesday mornings at 7:30am and Friday afternoons in City Hall Boards & Commissions Rm.

On March 9 the city's interim regulations will be reaffirmed as a zoning ordinance.

There is an ad hoc stakeholders meeting Thursday Feb. 23 at 1pm, City Hall Boards & Commissions Rm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.