

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
July 12, 2006

1. Call to order (7:00 pm)

Attendees, with position:

Laura Morrison, President
Joyce Basciano, Vice President
Jeff Jack, Vice President
Linda Guerrero, Treasurer
Susan Pascoe, Past President
Kevin Lewis, Secretary
Daniel Llanes, Sector 6 Rep – East
Dana Lockler, Sector 7 Rep – South Central
Lorraine Atherton, Sector 7 Rep – South Central
Bill Stoughton, Communications Coordinator
Laine Jastram, Sector 1 Rep – North West
Bo McCarver, Sector 6 Rep – East

2. Approval of Minutes (7:01 pm)

Approved minutes for ANC General Meeting of April 26

3. Officer/Committee Reports (7:05 pm)

a. Treasurer's Report – Linda Guerrero – ANC's balance is \$ 2,301.65.

b. Communications Coordinator – Promoting General Meetings – Bill Stoughton

Bill will seek to get notice of ANC meetings out to more general public information sources, like the Austin Chronicle, and Austin American Statesman.

c. Sector Issues

• Concordia—Linda Guerrero of Hancock NA

Concordia College is planning to move from their current location at I-35 & 32nd St. A developer is proposing new buildings, new zoning and new uses for that site, including a number of towers up to 300 feet tall. Hancock NA, Eastwoods NA and CANPAC are discussing those plans, but have not been able to thoroughly study them and have not taken a position yet. The area has an approved neighborhood plan. A city planner, Jim Robertson, will be working on facilitating discussions around this proposal.

Neighborhoods are concerned that in this case and cases like this, the proper neighborhood plan amendment process is not being followed. They are also concerned that the proposals do not include assessment of traffic impact and capacity, appropriate heights and density.

Jeff Jack moved that President Laura Morrison send a letter to City Council reflecting those concerns, and requesting that the city require the developers to wait for an appropriate planning process to occur. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

4. Program Planning –Joyce Basciano, VP (7:30pm)

a. July: Office of Police Monitor panel discussion

Guests speakers include acting Police Monitor Susan Huston, Ann Del Llano of ACLU, possibly rep from PODER and NAACP, acting police chief? Jeff Jack will moderate.

Other Agenda Items:

- How to File an Open Records Request—Ann Del Llano, ACLU
- North Austin Council of Neighborhoods (Linda Moore)
- Downtown Heights: Outside of Downtown & Appropriate Transitions
- Observations on VMU, MU, TOD Ordinances & Practical Changes of Ordinances (Tomas Pantin/OCEAN- Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods)

- Updates from ANC Representatives
 - AISD and Neighborhoods (Kathie Tovo)
 - New Open Government Ordinance Committee (Jeff Jack)
 - New Environmental Ordinance Committee (Donna Tiemann)
 - Affordable Housing Task Force (Bo McCarver)
 - Single Member Districts Exploratory Discussions (Bo McCarver)
- b. August: City Budget—presentation and discussion.

Other agenda items:

- August or September—Parks Dept.—Parkland Dedication Fee Ordinance—Linda Guerrero, Parks Board and Hancock NA

A large number of projects are getting exemption from parkland dedication fee requirements because the current ordinance requires a subdivision. No subdivision = no parkland fee requirement. Parks advocates and some developers have advocated changing the requirement to apply to all developments. **This will move to August or September meeting.**

- c. September and further:
 - Pending Program Ideas: CoA Health & Human Services (healthy STEPS, Pandemic Flu), Lobbying the Legislature—Bills to Watch For, Neighborhood Fundraising, ACC, Toll Roads, City/County Relationships (Biscoe/Wynn), Downtown Plan, Mueller Redevelopment, Art in Austin (Public/Private), Observations on VMU, MU, TOD Ordinances & Practical Changes of Ordinances (Tomas Pantin/OCEAN-Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods)
- 5. Unfinished/Ongoing Business (8:00pm)
 - a. Single Member District Exploratory Discussion—Bo McCarver
 - b. McMansion Update – Lobbying the Legislature—Bo McCarver
 - c. VMU Update—Laura Morrison
 - d. In Fact Daily
 - e. Other
- 6. New Business: (8:20pm)
 - a. Initiating Downtown Plan Discussion
 - b. CoA HHS Small Group Discussion
 - c. General Meeting Setup—Exec Comm will take turns setting up
 - d. Other
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm