

**Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Road
September 13, 2006

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes. Approval was postponed pending publication of the August Exec Comm and General meeting minutes.
3. Officer/Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report –Balance is \$ 2,389.63

- b. Sector Issues

Bo McCarver reported that the Redeemer zoning case has been postponed.

- c. Planning Issues

- Nominating Committee for 2007

Bryan King and Katrina Daniel will serve and will solicit for more nominating committee members at next general meeting.

- Membership Renewals for 2007

Sector reps will send a message to non-current associations that they should come to the October meeting and renew ANC membership. Sector reps will follow up with those that do not renew, inviting them to the holiday party. Sector reps will follow up with NA's to invite them to the January meeting. We will also discuss at October meeting.

- Holiday Party

Susan Pascoe and Laine Jastram will work on party planning, location & time TBA.

Kevin Lewis will help with invitations.

- September General Meeting Chair will be VP Katrina Daniel.
- September General Meeting Setup

4. Program Planning (7:30pm)

- a. Sept: ANC business, including Nominating Committee, membership renewals. Commercial Designs Standards/Vertical Mixed Use

- b. Decision on Other Sept Agenda Items:

- PARD: Parkland Dedication Fee Ordinance (Linda Guerrero/Ricardo Soliz) is on agenda.
- Resolution on Long Range Planning on agenda.
- Resolution on Affordable Housing on agenda.
- Updates from ANC Representatives as needed
 - Affordable Housing Task Force (Bo McCarver)
 - Day Labor Advisory Board (Lori Renteria)
 - Restructuring City Government
 - New Open Government Ordinance Committee (Jeff Jack)
 - New Environmental Ordinance Committee (Donna Tiemann)

- c. October – Election of officers, Legislative session, City of Austin bond issues.

Jeff Jack recommended that the ANC Executive Committee recommend to the general membership that ANC not take a position in favor of or opposing the City of Austin bond issues for November 2006. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

- d. Program Ideas:

CoA HHS (STEPS, Pandemic Flu); Stroke Awareness; Upcoming Lege Session, Neighborhood Fundraising; ACC; Toll Roads; City/County Relationships (Biscoe/Wynn); Downtown Plan; Mueller Redevelopment; Art in Austin (Public/Private); Follow up to July's OPM program; Water treatment plants / City Auditor and Master Planning and Water Treatment Plants etc; Working w/commissions and boards – effective presentations & communications (Saundra Kirk, Bryan King, Linda Guerrero?)

5. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

6. New Business:

a. ANC Transportation Committee

Laura Morrison created the Transportation Committee. Katrina Daniel and Dana Lockler will serve and will solicit for committee members.

b. Proposal to Join Alliance for Public Transportation

The Alliance for Public Transportation is a new non-profit group. Katrina Daniel will serve on the board of the APT. ANC and neighborhoods are being solicited to become members of this group. ANC Exec agreed to consider membership but asked Katrina to ask the board members to be responsive to neighborhood issues, using Cap Metro's streetcar planning process as an example where no response has been received.

c. Proposed Resolution on Long-Range Planning in Austin

ANC Exec agreed to recommend this resolution (see appendix A) to the membership at our next general meeting. Send our comments to Lorraine for refinement.

d. Proposed Resolution on Affordable Housing

Bo McCarver proposed a resolution (see appendix B) that the City of Austin correct and revise its policies to increase affordable housing in the city. There was general support but request for more editing of the resolution. Bo will refine and present to the membership at the next meeting.

e. Housing Works Conference: Planning for Affordability and Neighborhood Health

ANC Exec agreed to invite member associations to the October 7 Housing Summit.

f. Cherrywood Peak Oil Resolution

Cherrywood NA propped a resolution that the City study peak oil. We agreed to support Cherrywood's resolution but Bo McCarver will request that Cherrywood carry their request to the City.

g. Town Center Briefing to ANC Leadership

Planning Commissioner Cid Galindo has proposed to discuss Town Centers for new development areas. We agreed to have the presentation at the October Executive meeting.

h. ANC ECT Membership Status

i. The Next Landfill in Austin

7. Adjournment (8:30 pm)

Austin Neighborhoods' Council Resolution to Improve Long-Range Planning in Austin

Whereas, the Austin Neighborhoods' Council was established in 1973 to act as a coordinating body for the efforts of Austin area neighborhood groups, to serve as a clearinghouse for information, to give guidance in all matters of concern to individual neighborhoods and/or the City of Austin, and to strive to make a positive contribution to Austin through the betterment of our neighborhoods and the promotion of civic awareness, and

Whereas, the Austin Neighborhoods' Council has embraced and supported each and every effort of the City's planning department over the last 30 years to empower neighborhoods through long-range planning such as the Austin Tomorrow Plan, the AustinPlan, the Citizens' Planning Committee, and the Neighborhood Planning Process, and

Whereas, Austin Neighborhoods' Council member associations and planning teams over the past ten years have regularly reported frustration, disappointment, and total confusion regarding the current Neighborhood Planning Process culminating and documented in a workshop we held in January 2006, and

Whereas, Austin Neighborhoods' Council had a formal presentation on the current status of "Long-Term Planning" and received copies of the Audit Report conducted by the City Auditors Office at our general membership meeting on August 23, 2006 which was fully discussed and overwhelmingly supported by the members of our organization, and

Whereas, the four specific recommendations by the Auditor if fully implemented would greatly improve the relationships and communications between and among neighborhood associations, planning teams, city planning staff and policy makers, and

Whereas, Austin Neighborhoods' Council is concerned that the City Manager's Response to the Auditor's Report did not concur with and strongly disagreed with three of the four recommendations which generally call for clear connections between vision, strategic priorities, and investments with ongoing oversight by a central group of both short-term and long-term comprehensive planning, and

Whereas, the City Manager postponed in-depth discussion of the reasons behind the disagreement with three of the four recommendations with the City Council

when the Auditor made its Report to Council instead offering a Council Retreat to be held in November, 2006 to discuss it further, and

Whereas, by nature of the time and format for public input is restricted during Council Retreats, NOW THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by Austin Neighborhoods' Council that we urge the City Council to:

- 1) support and direct the City Manager to implement all four of the Auditor's recommendations on long-range planning,
- 2) the Planning Commission members be included as full participants in your November Retreat, and
- 3) that once the Manager develops a plan to implement all four recommendations that the Council hold a public hearing so that all stakeholders in the planning process have an opportunity to provide Council feedback on the Manager's implementation plan before Council directs her to act on implementation.

APPENDIX B

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Resolution for Providing Affordable Housing for Austin

Whereas, there exists a dire need to increase the quantity and quality of housing for low and middle-income households in Austin; and

Whereas, the City's housing policies have fostered gentrification of East Austin neighborhoods, and

Whereas, the City of Austin should provide such housing throughout its municipal boundaries to include new subdivisions; and

Whereas, the City of Austin could more vigorously pursue programs, policies and laws to resolve this deficiency at all levels to include the state, city and neighborhoods;

Be it resolved by the Austin Neighborhoods Council:

Urges the City to sponsor corrective legislation, revise and create ordinances and policies that will increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing for low and middle income households throughout the municipality.

Signed

Laura Morrison, President

September 27, 2006