

**Austin Neighborhoods Council**  
General Meeting  
October 25, 2006  
721 Barton Springs Rd.

Minutes recorded by Kevin Lewis, ANC Secretary

Laura Morrison called the meeting to order.

**Announcements**—Laura Morrison

—ANC will host a special meeting to discuss Vertical Mixed Use and the City's opt-in/opt-out process. Monday, Oct. 30, 7:00pm here at Austin Energy building. Council Member McCracken will participate. The meeting will educate about what VMU is and how it works, and to solicit input from neighborhoods about it's implementation.

—The ANC Holiday Party will be Monday, Dec. 4, at the Light Bar downtown on Congress. ANC member associations and prospective members are welcome.

—The Heritage neighborhood was successful in their lawsuit against a developer who had done a new construction described as a renovation. Both the developer and the City were found at fault and required to pay fines or attorney's fees.

**Review of City Bond Propositions**

- Dave Sullivan: Bond Election Advisory Committee and Chair, Planning Commission
- Linda Moore: North Austin Civic Association
- Tom Terkel: Bond Election Advisory Committee
- Carl Tepper: Urban Transportation Commission

There was extended discussion of the 7 bond proposals.

Lisa Harris of Hyde Park NA moved that ANC request that City Council establish a bond oversight committee to track accountability in implimentation of the bonds after the election. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**Iconic Business Incentive Proposal**—Dave Sullivan, Planning Commissioner

Nov. 14 the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal at their regular meeting at City Hall.

**Updates on Ongoing Issues and Activities**

- Hyatt Town Lake Variance/Rezoning Case Update (Kathie Tovo, Bouldin Creek NA)  
The Oct. 24 Parks Board vote did not support a requested variance to the Waterfront Overlay Ordinance. In light of the variance request failing, the developer requested a posponement at the Planning Commission the same night.

- AISD Committee on Neighborhood Schools (Kathie Tovo, Bouldin Creek NA)
- Homestead Preservation Districts (Bo McCarver, Blackland NA)

Copies were distributed of the resolution passed by the ANC Executive Committee at their October 11 meeting supporting implementation of the Homestead Preservation Act. [See APPENDIX A.] ANC members are encouraged to contact the City and the County to support implementation per this resolution.

- Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force (ANC Rep: Bo McCarver)
- Barton Springs Ordinance Advisory Group (ANC Rep: Donna Tiemann)
- Transportation Issues & ANC (Laura Morrison, Katrina Daniel)  
ANC is forming a Transportation Committee. Those interested should contact Katrina Daniel. Bo McCarver noted that the report from the neighbor-led July 5 streetcar workshop will finally be presented by Cap Metro staff to the Cap Metro board this month.
- Vertical Mixed Use (Laura Morrison)  
It is likely that the implementation of VMU opt-in/opt-out process will be phased, with areas with an adopted Neighborhood Plan.

In addition to the Oct. 30 meeting, ANC may call a special meeting for November to deal with VMU and the Austin Clean Water Program.

**Election of Officers and Sector Representatives for 2007**—Nominating Committee:  
Bryan King, Katrina Daniel, Kathie Tovo

The nomination committee proposed a slate of candidates as follows:

President—Laura Morrison  
Vice President—Jeff Jack  
Vice President—Joyce Basciano  
Vice President—Danette Chimenti  
Co-Secretaries—Lorraine Atherton and Kevin Lewis  
Treasurer—Linda Guerrero  
Communications Coordinator—Bill Stoughton

Sector Reps:  
Northwest—Laine Jastrom  
North Central—Katrina Daniel, Linda Moore  
North East—Mark Boyden, Barbara Mink  
West—Susan Pascoe  
Central—TBA  
East—Daniel Llanes, Bo McCarver  
South Central—Dana Lockler  
South West—Donna Tiemann, Doug DuBois  
South East—Jack Howison

Susan Pascoe moved approval of the slate of officer candidates. Motion seconded.  
Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

## Reminders

**Information on the Bond Election** is available at  
[http://lwvaustin.org/votersguide/VG\\_Nov2006\\_web.pdf](http://lwvaustin.org/votersguide/VG_Nov2006_web.pdf).

(See page 29 of the document.)

**Special ANC VMU Meeting** w/Council Member McCracken  
Monday, October 30 7pm—9pm, Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.

**Join or Renew or your ANC Membership for 2007:** Membership forms available at  
[http://www.ancweb.org/join\\_anc.htm](http://www.ancweb.org/join_anc.htm)

## **Austin Neighborhoods Council**

### **Resolution**

#### **Supporting Implementation of the Homestead Preservation Act**

**Whereas**, economic conditions in East Austin have fostered continual loss of homesteads of people of color; and

**Whereas**, there exists a need to preserve the cultural heritage of East Austin communities; and

**Whereas**, the 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature passed the Homestead Preservation Act that allows the City of Austin to create a Homestead Preservation District in East Austin; and

**Whereas**, the City of Austin has not implemented the existing law since it was passed a year and a half ago; and

**Whereas**, delays in implementation allow for loss of additional homesteads and reduce the potential generation of funds to finance preservation of affordable housing in East Austin; and

**Whereas**, the Blackland Neighborhood Association has unanimously passed a resolution urging the City of Austin to implement the Homestead Preservation Act;

**Be it resolved**, that the Austin Neighborhoods Council urges the City of Austin to immediately implement the Homestead Preservation Act by designating boundaries and establishing the appropriate community-based structure for enactment and administration of the law.

Approved by the ANC Executive Committee October 11, 2006