

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
December 13, 2006
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Kevin Lewis and Lorraine Atherton, ANC Co-Secretaries

Present: Ambrose Krumpe, Mishell Kneeland, Bill Stoughton, Danette Chimenti, Jeff Jack, Kevin Lewis, Laura Morrison, Daniel Llanes, Lorraine Atherton, Mike Meier (guest), Bo McCarver, Linda Guerrero, Joyce Basciano

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Approval of Minutes

- Nov. 13 Special Meeting Minutes (minutes approved, Danette motion, Bill second)
- Status of Other Minutes (Lorraine will keep up with current minutes while Kevin works on the backlog)

7:05 Officer/Committee/Representative Reports

- Treasurer's Report (Linda Guerrero) Balance of \$2900. See Appendix C at end of minutes for table of expenses and suggestions for use of balance (motion to contribute \$500 to Save Town Lake passed).
- 2007 Memberships
 - Renewals

Sector reps have been encouraged to email NA's in their areas before Christmas regarding renewals. Dues must be paid before the January general meeting or the NA is not eligible to vote. The goal is to have renewals in by January for continuity.

- Recruiting

Welcome Ambrose Krumpe recruited from Rosedale and Mishell Kneeland from Galindo to serve as sector reps.

Sector reps and officers will continue to work with associations who have not been members and encourage them to join.

- Waivers
- Sector Issues
 - Carol Haywood Sector Meetings (Laura will send reminder about grouping sectors so we can set up a manageable number of meetings)

Carol Haywood is the City's new manager of Neighborhood Planning. She is seeking to meet with neighborhood leaders throughout the city, sector by sector.

- ANC Inputs to Minority Press

ANC is working to make information available to the Villager, Nokoa, El Mundo and other smaller press outlets.

- Transportation Committee (Katrina Daniel) – no report
- ANC Representative Reports as Needed
 - Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force (Bo McCarver needs our input before the next task force meeting early in January. See link to task force reports in Bo's e-mail)
 - Restructuring City Government (next meeting in January; point paper being drafted)
 - AISD : Strategic Plan Task Force

Several members will meet with the AISD Strategic Plan Task Force next Monday.

- VMU Change Proposals

An amendment to the Commercial Design Standards ordinance affecting Vertical Mixed Use will be considered at tomorrow's City Council meeting. This would make residential property that is zoned commercial not automatically included in the VMU overlay on CTC's.

- Community Action Network (Laura is a member; any other volunteers?)
- Other

7:30pm Meeting Planning

- January 24 meeting program: Pandemic Flu Preparedness
- January Other Agenda Items

- Andrew Bucknall – American Dream project, which provides services to Katrina evacuees (5 minutes)
- Affordable Housing Task Force
- Vertical Mixed Use updates
- Tree pruning update
- Updates from ANC Representatives as needed
- Other Items
- February meeting topics
 - Upcoming Legislature Session and ANC issues
- Note: Running List of Program Ideas
 - Stroke Awareness (see Kevin's email 7/25/06 re Brack stroke outreach RN),
 - Neighborhood Fundraising;
 - ACC
 - Toll Roads
 - City/County Relationships (Biscoe/Wynn);
 - Downtown Plan;
 - Mueller Redevelopment, Art in Austin (Public/Private);
 - Follow up to July's Office of Police Monitor program;
 - City Audits/Master Planning and Water Treatment Plants (see Mary Arnold email 7/28/06);
 - Working with Commissions and Boards – Effective Lobbying (e.g. w/Sandra Kirk, Bryan King, Linda Guerrero);
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters (contact is Angie Castilleja or Kenny Taylor)

7:45pm New Business

- Oak Springs Resolution

Jeff Jack moved approval of an ANC resolution supporting PODER's position statement (see Appendix A below) requesting that the City place the Oak Springs 5 acre land acquisition into the city's Wildlands Conservation Division, instead of the parks department. Bo seconded. Motion approved.

Mishell Kneeland moved to support Daniel's reporting ANC's support for PODER to City Council and others. Laura seconded, motion approved.

- St. David's PUD Resolution

Danette Chimenti moved approval of an ANC resolution supporting Hancock & Eastwood's position statement (see Appendix B below) opposing St. David's PUD rezoning request. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

8:00pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues (*as time and interest allow*) –

Other Items

Big Box Ordinance
 Northcross/Wal-Mart
 Height Definition Ordinance
 VMU Ordinance Amendments
 Substandard Lot Ordinance
 Amendment (postponed)
 Buck Square Follow-on Ordinance
 Amendments
 McMansion Task Force on
 Occupancy

MAC Planning Commission

Recommendations
 Waller Creek Tunnel Presentation (Friday at 1 pm)
 3D Modeling of Town Lake Corridor
 Noise Ordinance Review (PC Tues Dec 19)
 Park Dedication Fee Ordinance Amendment
 Substandard Lot loopholes changes
 Sid Galindo will present planning and economic analysis at Council tomorrow

Daniel added "NP integrity" to ANC exec agenda, and recommended that we make our own growth projections.

8:30pm Adjourn



People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources

December 14, 2006

Mayor Will Wynn
& City Council Members
P O Box 1088
Austin, TX 78762

Dear Mayor Wynn & Council Members:

PODER needs your assistance. PODER has worked hard to protect the Oak Springs property located at 1170 Airport Boulevard in East Austin (along with other concerned groups and individuals). This 5.9 acre tract of land is home to natural springs - that's why the area is called Oak Springs. It is home to wetlands, old oak trees and willow trees. Twenty-eight (28) trees have roots at Oak Springs and know it as their home. Seventeen (17) trees are larger than 20" in diameter. We worked with Councilman Mike Martinez and Sheryl Cole to save the site from becoming a future Dollar Store.

PODER thanks the City Council for recognizing the environmentally sensitive tract, Oak Springs, in East Austin. PODER is interested in having the site become like the Brodie Wild, a 4.4 acre water quality protection property at the corner of Slaughter Lane and Brodie Lane, a cooperative project between the Austin chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, the Native Prairies Association of Texas, and the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Department Wildlands Conservation Division. PODER feels that the Oak Spring tract meets the goals set by the Brodie Wild Project of protecting water quality, restoring native vegetation and habitat, and educating the public about how to garden with native plants to protect water quality and reduce water usage. PODER would appreciate any assistance you may give to have Oak Springs become our "water quality protection project" in East Austin.

Thank you for sharing a vision which honors the sacredness of human life and the environment.

Respectfully,

Susana Almanza

Susana Almanza,
Co-Director

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APPENDIX B – Eastwoods and Hancock NA's resolution opposing St. David's PUD

JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD RESOLUTION on St. David's PUD

WHEREAS the Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhood Associations are included in a neighborhood plan adopted by the City of Austin in 2004, which provides for a 60 foot height limit along the Red River St. corridor; and

WHEREAS St David's Hospital has applied for a Planned Unit Development requesting heights as high as 90 and 125 feet along Red River; and

WHEREAS city staff recommended denying St. David's PUD application because it failed to meet the criteria required for a PUD pursuant to § 25-2-144: to preserve the natural environment, encourage high quality development and innovative design, ensure adequate public facilities and services for development within a PUD, and demonstrate that the PUD is superior to the development that could occur under conventional zoning and subdivision regulations; and

WHEREAS the proposed PUD now provides for more building area than reviewed by city staff and the Planning Commission; and

WEREAS the Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhoods believe that additional

negotiations can result in an agreement that will allow the neighborhood plan to continue to stabilize SF-3 housing stock west of Red River St. through height setbacks from Red River St. and a compromise on heights east to IH-35, and afford St. David's an opportunity to successfully obtain necessary variances or file a PUD application that conforms to the city ordinance; and

WHEREAS the impact of on traffic and infrastructure of St. David's proposed PUD together with the proposed Concordia PUD has not been addressed by the City of Austin.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhood

Associations that:

1. The Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhood Associations urge the City Council to provide additional time and opportunity for the Eastwoods and Hancock neighborhoods to negotiate a settlement with St. David's Hospital to allow the neighborhoods to support St. David's PUD application with setbacks from Red River and negotiated height limits east to IH-35;
2. The Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhood Association urge the City

Council to deny St. David's PUD application in its present form because it does not comply with the requirements of § 25-2-144 of the city ordinance governing Planned Unit Developments since it is too vague, provides for no environmental preservation and has not demonstrated that the proposed PUD is superior to conventional zoning, and, is now more dense than the proposal presented to the Planning Commission;

3. The Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhood Associations urge the City Council to limit any PUD to the 60 foot height limit along Red River St. to meaningfully support the neighborhood plan, buffer SF-3 zoning to the west of Red River and provide the zoning stability contemplated by the neighborhood plan; and

4. The Eastwoods and Hancock Neighborhood Associations urge the City Council to only approve St. David's proposed PUD after its impact on traffic is addressed by specific traffic flow requirements and improvements stated in the PUD provisions.

DONE this _____ day of December, 2006.

EASTWOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

APPENDIX C
ANC expenses, comparison 2005-2006

2005	\$	2006	\$
Mailouts	862	1st Night Out	100
Postmaster fee	68	P.O. Box	68
AAHSA	150	AAHSA	100
Family Eldercare	125	Parks Foundation	150
Xmas Party	660	Xmas Party*	562
Retreat dinner	58	Bluelight Happy goods	125
		NP workshop	100
		NP snacks	64
Total	1923		1269

* Does not include auction proceeds.

Treasurer's Report

ANC has \$2894 in its main account, less than \$20 in the checking account. The table comparing 2005 expenses with 2006 expenses shows that the monthly mailouts were our main expense, followed by the Xmas Party. We doubled our memberships in 2006 and stopped the monthly mailouts, resulting in the large increase in our balance.

Suggestions for use of the increased balance

Jeff moved that we give the president authority to contribute up to \$500 to get the Save Town Lake campaign started, if necessary before the next general meeting. (Save Town Lake will be holding a major fundraiser early in January.) Danette seconded. Motion passed.

Bill recommended that we consider purchasing sound equipment for recording ANC events for the KOOP radio show and possibly for sale. Some research is required.