

**Austin Neighborhoods Council**  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
January 24, 2007  
721 Barton Springs Rd.

7:04pm Called to Order by President Laura Morrison

7:05pm Hurricane Survivors Living in Austin

Shawn Lemieux, Long-term Recovery Co-ordinator and Katrina Survivor, Community Recovery Committee, and Andrew Bucknall, American Dream Self-sufficiency Program, thanked the citizens of Austin for their hospitality toward hurricane survivors. The attached resolution [See APPENDIX A below] was read and passed.

7:15pm Pandemic Flu Preparedness

Presentation by City of Austin/Travis County Health & Human Service Department Representatives David Lurie, Director, Dr. Adolfo Valadez, Medical Director

Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director, Human Services Division, Carol Barasch, Linda Cox, and Bob Corona. Outline and other distributed materials are attached.

**Next steps:** ANC executive committee will gather a list of questions and invite them back for another meeting to discuss ways that neighborhood associations can participate in planning.

8:15pm City's Community Registry: Updating Your Information (Carol Gibbs). The City system for updating the CR for more than a month. The CR should be a source of up-to-date contact info for the Pandemic Flu planners, and Carol Gibbs agreed to work with the reps at tonight's meeting to that end.

8:20pm Update on Parkland Dedication Fee Ordinance Revisions

Presentation by Butch Smith, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, on staff recommendations for new ordinance. Outline of presentation is attached.

**Next steps:** Smith asked for ANC comments on and endorsement of the staff recommendations, in about a month.

8:30pm Carol Haywood, Planning Manager, Comprehensive Division, City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, could not attend as scheduled.

Updates on Ongoing Issues, Activities & Announcements

VMU Amendment in Process. The Planning Commission and City Council are expected to approve in the next two weeks amendments excluding existing residential uses from VMU, allowing neighborhoods to recommend exclusion of individual properties from VMU, and (I think a missed a third one). 90-day notice of the incentives option period has not gone out.

Neighborhood Planning – Mired in frustration. Action Needed?

Building height measurements. A proposal to measure building height from natural grade was posted for single-family cases only. Jeff Jack, Danette Chimenti, and (?) are serving on a committee trying craft a similar agreement with commercial interests.

9:00pm Adjourn

January 21, 2007

Whereas, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf coast; and

Whereas, on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita made landfall on the Gulf Coast; and

Whereas, homes were destroyed, jobs lost, and basic services were not available to hundreds of thousands of survivors; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of people were displaced from their homes and bused to cities hundreds or thousands of miles away; and

Whereas, cities, including Austin, opened their doors, and citizens opened their hearts, to the survivors of these hurricanes; and

Whereas, thousands of survivors still live in the Austin area, one and one half years after the Hurricanes; and

Whereas, survivors have shown great courage and resiliency as they have rebuilt their lives; and

Whereas, the community of Austin recognizes that this is a stronger and better city as we welcome our new friends and our new neighbors; and

Whereas, the contributions of survivors of the hurricanes to the City Austin have impacted, strengthened, and truly enriched our community;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved, that the Austin Neighborhoods Council welcomes the survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to Austin, Texas, recognizing their struggles, honoring the lives of loved ones lost, and heeding the call to come together as one community facing our mutual daily struggles.

Laura Morrison  
President, Austin Neighborhoods Council