

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
March 14, 2007
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Kevin Lewis and Lorraine Atherton.

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Approval of Minutes

7:05 Officer/Committee/Representative Reports

- Treasurer's Report—Linda Guerrero
Current balance is \$3439.50. 2007 Memberships—This year we have 64 members so far, including renewals and new members.
- Sector Issues

East Sector—Bo McCarver has advanced a proposal on freezing taxes for long-time resident-owners.

Northeast Sector—Mark Boyden—Copperfield neighborhood is moving forward and getting better organized.

Central Sector—Eastwoods and Hancock continue discussions with developers on Concordia. No details available.

South Sector—South Lamar Combined NP process forges ahead. A meeting with facilitators will occur within a few weeks. The facilitators have produced a draft final report.

- ANC Representative Announcements/Discussion
 - Neighborhood Planning Conference Convening Committee—Lorraine Atherton

At last meeting of Convening Committee they established committees for Fundraising, Program, Outreach, Technology. About 40 workshop proposals have been put forward. These will be arranged in 3 tracks of workshops.

7:30pm Meeting Planning

- March Program Topic

Planning Commission, Zoning and Platting, Board of Adjustment—How to Work with them, Rules, Regulations and Responsibilities

- March Other Agenda Items
 - Legislative update—Laura M. & Danette C.
 - Electric Lawn Mower Program (Scott Johnson)
 - Wildlife Community Habitat Program
 - Liveable City
 - WANG Exterior Lighting Resolution
 - Updates from ANC Representatives as Needed
 1. EMS Advisory Board (Susan Pascoe)
 2. Parkland Dedication fee
 3. Others as needed
- April Program Topic: Law Enforcement: Sheriff, APD, Constable (other???)
- Potential Program Topics (Law Enforcement; Cid Galindo's Proposal; Climate Protection Plan)

7:50pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

- Legislative Session Work (Meeting w/Sen Watson; Meeting w/Others in the Travis County Delegation)

8:05pm New Business

- Andrews Urban Zoning Cases

Andrews Urban is developing Blocks 51 & 52, current site of the downtown post office, and block east of that. ANC is considering support, conditioned on sufficient remedy of affordable housing, parkland dedication. Dannette Chimenti moved that ANC support the Andrews Urban project on

Blocks 51 & 52, recognizing the appropriate use of CBD zoning, pending appropriate provision of affordable housing per the Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force, and including \$250,000 in parkland dedication fees. Included in the motion is the statement that the City's requirements in final affordable housing policy should exceed what is currently proposed. Lorraine Atherton seconded. Motion passed.

- Financial Support of Allandale NA Legal Fund

Jeff Jack moved that we donate \$100 to Allandale's legal fund. Danette seconded. Motion passed, with abstentions. VP Joyce Basciano voted against.

- TOSNA Letter of Support—issue tabled

- Financial Support of Environmental Directory

Paul Robbins is seeking support for this year's Environmental Directory. Bill Stoughton moved that ANC donate \$50 in matching funds to Jeff Jack's \$50 donation. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

- Support of Letter on Use of City Hall

Paul Robbins is seeking support for position allowing use of City Hall by civic groups. ANC supports this.

- Exterior Lighting Standards—Susan Pascoe; Item deferred as the draft resolution did not make it through the Yahoo Executive Committee list.

- Parkland Dedication Fees

The current parkland dedication fee requirement exempts many new developments and redevelopments. It is triggered only by subdivision process. PARD has brought forward to some boards and commissions a new proposal for a fee of \$650 per unit. PARD proposal is going to Planning Commission this month.

Danette Chimenti moved that ANC support a new parkland dedication fee structure. If it is a flat fee, this would be minimum \$750 per unit, exempt only specific affordable housing units, per PARD recommendation (i.e. not all units in a project including some affordable housing). However there are concerns that this is regressive, and consideration should be made for a fee based upon unit value or square footage. The VMU ordinance should be updated to be consistent with the new ordinance. Motion passed.

- Waller Creek Flood Control Tunnel

The city is forwarding a plan for \$125 million in funding for a tunnel to relieve flooding on Waller Creek downtown. Upfront funding would be paid by the City and Travis County, to be repaid by a Tax Increment Financing district (TIF). Concerns have been raised on the subsidy being given to property owners who are expected to see an increase in their property values of some \$3 Billion, and on the environmental usefulness of pumping water uphill to maintain a constant flow in Waller Creek.

- Clean Air Force—Jeff Jack, ANC's rep to CAF, stated that they need funding. Susan Pascoe volunteered to donate. Mark Boyden moved that ANC donate an additional \$50 to the CAF.

8:30pm Adjourn