

Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Membership Meeting
721 Barton Springs Rd.
April 25, 2007
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Minutes prepared by Kevin Lewis, ANC Secretary

Call to Order—Jeff Jack, ANC VP

Law Enforcement Programs and Issues in the Austin Community

- ___ Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton and Rev. Mike Manor Chairman, Building Bridges: Brick by Brick; **Sheriff's Office**
- APD Acting Assistant Chief Leo Enriquez;
- Cmdr Sam Holt, APD District Rep program;
- Austin Police Monitor's office, Louis Gonzales;
- NAACP Austin Chapter President and Member of the Public Safety Task Force, Nelson Linder

Sheriff Greg Hamilton and Mike Manor—Travis County's Building Bridges, Brick By Brick program is an effort to prevent crime by connecting the community with the resources we need to build and maintain healthy communities (See appendix B).

Some of the Bricks are:

Law enforcement and the media working together.

Law enforcement and the faith-based community.

Working with Incarcerated individuals, including working on re-entry issues, education (e.g. courses inside jail for GED).

Each Brick constitutes a working group that continues to meet on an ongoing basis. ANC and member associations are invited to participate in monthly forums and to complete the assessment form. (See attached questionnaire.)

The Sheriff invited all to the May 11 dedication of a house built entirely by volunteers for an elderly resident at 2508 East Ninth St.

APD Assistant Chief Leo Enriquez

APD is approaching full staffing with new cadet class, which may reduce overtime.

APD Commander Sam Holt—District Representative program

APD's preference is that people who have a question or concern contact their local DR directly. They are the first line of contact in community policing. DR's talk with community leaders to learn problems, then work on finding solutions, using both police and non-police resources. Some examples would be seeking to repair streetlights, cleaning up encampments. They work to build relationships with managers of apartment complexes.

Nelson Linder, NAACP—Police Chief selection process and City's Public Safety Task Force

Selection process for the new police chief is controlled by city staff, a process that does not respect the checks and balances necessary in monitoring law enforcement. As noted by Sheriff Hamilton, policies to reinforce social fabric and employment for formerly incarcerated people are more effective at preventing crime than enforcement alone.

Louis Gonzalez, Police Monitor's office
New monitor is expected in about two weeks.

Consideration of Resolution in Support of Neighbors' Vision for Northcross

Dale Henry, Brentwood Neighborhood Association, read the resolution that had been circulated via email. See text in Appendix A following.

Lorraine Atherton moved approval of the resolution. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Hands On Central Texas, A United Way Capitol Area Program

- Rebecca Saltsman, Community and Project Coordinator

Hands on Central Texas (formerly called the Volunteer Center) helps people build programs and volunteer efforts.

They are offering volunteer training programs for free and can provide small grants for community projects and advice on project organization and management.

Vertical Mixed Use – A Discussion of Approaches & Progress in the Neighborhood Recommendation Process

Oscar Lipchak, South Lamar NA

SLNA is considering a proposed development under the interim VMU ordinance. This is a collection of several properties at the corner of a Core Transit Corridor and a non-CTC arterial road. Based on the frontage on the CTC of some properties, the developer believes that the whole project under unified ownership would be granted VMU status. This question may need to be resolved in a future revision to the ordinance.

Bo McCarver, Blackland NA

One of the NA's concerns is that the property owners and business owners were not contacted by the city. They're trying to contact the property owners to find out their interests. They fear losing commercial amenities like laundromats that serve the local neighborhood. Blackland has been assured that if VMU conflicts with their neighborhood plan, the neighborhood plan will rule.

Jolene Kiolbassa, Heritage NA

Heritage NA has concerns that compatibility standards will not adequately protect neighborhoods from the impacts of buildings adjacent to single-family houses. They also have concerns about the depth of sidewalks, given that 15-foot sidewalks would include some private property where there is only a 10-foot right of way from the street to the property line.

Updates from ANC Representatives

Kathie Tovo, Bouldin Creek NA—AISD Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools

The AISD board is scheduled to discuss the membership of the committee again on Monday, April 30. Two neighborhood representatives are likely to be Kathie and Susan Moffatt of Hyde Park. There are concerns that AISD demographic studies are still not accounting for continuing housing development in central city neighborhoods. Kathie has the Powerpoint handout from the demographics meeting.

Kevin Lewis, South Lamar NA—Austin Independent Business Alliance Trade Show

The AIBA Trade Show will be May 15. The purpose is to encourage local businesses to connect with resources and opportunities to locate in new development.

Lorraine Atherton—Zilker NA

The Second Annual Neighborhood Planning Conference will be held May 5 at ACC Eastview Campus. There will be a large number of speakers and workshops with many chances for participation.

Meeting was adjourned.

Join or Renew or your ANC Membership for 2007
See Linda Guerrero, Treasurer or another ANC Officer tonight, or
See Forms & Credit Card Payment at www.ancweb.org/join_anc.htm

For More Information on Tonight's Agenda Items

Hands On Central Texas: <http://www.handsoncentraltexas.org/>

Vertical Mixed Use and the Neighborhood Recommendation Process:
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/designstandards.htm>

Northcross Redevelopment: www.rg4n.org

Neighborhood Planning Conference: www.neighboraustin.com

APPENDIX A
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NEIGHBORS' VISION FOR NORTHCROSS

Accepted by ANC General Membership, April 25, 2007

WHEREAS, In November 2006, Wal-Mart and Lincoln Property Company announced plans to build a massive supercenter on the site of the existing Northcross Mall at Burnet Road and Anderson Lane; and

WHEREAS, The proposed site plan was administratively approved by city staff without any public hearings and without full notification to concerned parties; and

WHEREAS, The proposed supercenter has the potential to overwhelm street capacity with additional traffic, threaten many of the area's existing small and local businesses, strain infrastructure including utilities and emergency response services, exacerbate runoff pollution to nearby Shoal Creek, and increase trash, noise and crime in the area; and

WHEREAS, Over 3600 residents have signed a petition against the proposed project, and a recent survey showed 85 percent of respondents opposed a supercenter in this location; and

WHEREAS, Responsible Growth for Northcross, Allandale Neighborhood Association, Brentwood Neighborhood Association, North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association and other neighborhood organizations have repeatedly expressed a desire for an alternative redevelopment that is profitable, community-oriented and enhances the long-term vitality and economic well-being of the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, We believe that local citizens and businesses should have a fair voice in major projects that will have profound effects on their lives and livelihoods; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we express our support for surrounding Neighborhood Associations and Responsible Growth for Northcross in their continuing efforts to shape a positive future for their neighborhood; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we support efforts to create a mutually beneficial solution for Northcross that serves the needs of surrounding neighborhoods and property owners.

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Building Bridges: Brick by Brick

Service Focus: Law Enforcement, Public and Faith Community Self-Sufficiency and Public Safety Planning Assessment

Period: October 1 – September 30

Year: _____

Assessment Area - Travis County (check one):

___ Precinct One
___ Precinct Three

___ Precinct Two
___ Precinct Four

Submitted By: _____

_____ Date (Month/Day/Year)

Contact Address

City

State

Zip Code

Neighborhood/Community Area

Date: _____

Name of Neighborhood or Community Association/Individual/Group/Organization/Business/School/Etc.

Request: For your neighborhood/community area impacted by this assessment, please respond as requested:

1. In general, would you say this area has become a better place to live, a worse place, or about the same?

2. Better___ Worse___ Same___ Don't Know___

Refused__

3. Here are some problems people often mention in their neighborhoods/communities. Can you tell me whether any of these is a big problem, something of a problem, or little or no problem for your neighborhood/ community area? Check as indicated:

	BIG	SOME PROBLEM	DON'T KNOW	LITTLE NO COMMENT	NO
A. Stores/businesses/clubs		—	—		—
B. Crime			—		—
C. Schools		—		—	
D. Noise		—		—	
E. Trash/pollution		—		—	—
F. Police relations		—		—	—
G. Sheriff relations		—		—	—
H. Constable relations		—		—	—

I. Parks/public recreation

— — — —

J. 1. City gov't relations

— — — —

2. County gov't relations

— — — —

3. State gov't relations

— — — —

K. 1. Unemployment

— — — —

2. Poverty-lack of affordable housing for daily living

— — — —

3. Clothing-lack of appropriate clothing for daily living

— — — —

4. Poverty-lack of food for daily living

— — — —

5. Living wages/working poor

— — — —

L. Prostitution

— — — —

M. Health Services

— — — —

R. Abandoned/run down buildings

— — —
— — —

S. Abandoned/run down
homes/property

— — —
— — —
— — —

T. Voter participation (registration/
turnout)

— — —
— — —
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U. 1. Vandalism/graffiti

— — — —
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2. Strangers roaming/people
loitering in the area

— — — —
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— — — —

V. 1. Unsupervised kids

— — — —
— — — —
— — — —

2. Teenage pregnancy

— — — —
— — — —
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W. Support for senior citizens/
the elderly

— — — —
— — — —
— — — —

X. Race relations

— — — —
— — — —
— — — —

Y. 1. Support for youths

— — — —
— — — —
— — — —

2. Support for adults

— — — —
— — — —
— — — —

Z. Other (please identify)

1. _____

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2. _____

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4. Would you agree or disagree with this statement: "There's little that can be done by the neighborhood/community members themselves to solve problems in this neighborhood/community." Check one:

Agree _____

Disagree _____

Unsure _____

No Comment _____

5. What kinds of groups are active in this neighborhood/community area? (Check all that apply.)

A. Church _____

F. Political _____

B. PTA/school _____

G. Social/service club _____

C. Neighborhood association _____

H. Sports _____

D. Fraternal/Greek _____

I. Youth _____

E. Business _____

J. No comment _____

K. Other (please identify) _____

6. How does it feel going out for, participating in, and/or departing from activities, events, recreation, leisure functions, meetings, etc. at night or when it is dark (after sunset or before sunrise) in this neighborhood/community area? Check one each under "A" and one each under "B":

A. Walking? _____

1. Very safe ____

3. Unsafe ____

5. Family safe ____

8. If something is needed to be done for this neighborhood/community area, what organizations/groups/agencies can be relied upon to help? Regardless of the circumstances for which the help is sought, which six (6) organizations/groups/agencies, individuals are considered by you to be very reliable and effective in terms of addressing the neighborhood's/community's interests and needs?

9. Generally, are people in this neighborhood/community likely to receive a positive response if they ask one another for small favors (e.g., rides to the store, mall, etc. if they are headed there anyhow)? Check one:

Yes _____ No _____

10. How do neighborhood/community members find out about news events in this neighborhood/community area? Check all that apply.

A. School ____ B. Television ____ C. Newspaper ____ D. Newsletter ____ E. Internet ____

F. Radio ____ G. Neighbor's chit-chat ____ H. Family/friends ____ I. Workplace ____

J. Self (own observations) ____ K. Other (please describe): _____

11. Youth input is significantly involved in neighborhood/community activities and decisions. Check one:

A. Very much ____ B. Somewhat ____ C. Not at all ____

12. Neighborhood/community planning involves youth of different backgrounds in terms of age, gender, race, culture, ethnicity, disability, education and living situation. Check one:

A. Very much ____ B. Somewhat ____ C. Not at all ____

13. Our neighborhood/community provides many opportunities for youth to serve others in a positive and constructive

manner. Check one:

A. Very much _____

B. Somewhat _____

C. Not at all _____

14. Our neighborhood/community focuses more on working together with youths as strengths and assets than on keeping them out of trouble. Check one:

A. Very much _____

B. Somewhat _____

C. Not at all _____

15. With "1" being very dissatisfied and "5" being very satisfied, please circle the level of satisfaction as to how well the needs of this neighborhood/community area, as you view them, are being met in the following areas:

	Very Dissatisfied	Very Not No Satisfied Applic able Comm ent
A. Prenatal (before birth)/family formation support services		1 2 3 4 5 0 0
B. Infants/toddlers/preschool support services		1 2 3 4 5 0

0

C. Elementary school support services

1

2

3

4

5

0

0

D. Adult support services

1

2

3

4

5

0

0

E. Elderly support services

1

2

3

4

5

0

16. From which perspective are you providing your input (check one)?

A. Where you work/and/or are officed
B. Where you reside

17. Other comments: What needs to be known or shared that hasn't already been addressed in this assessment?

Thank you for completing this assessment. Your input will help in better serving the neighborhoods, communities, families, residents, seniors and youth of Travis County. Please return this completed assessment to **Building Bridges: Brick by Brick Steering Community Brick** Austin Neighborhood Council Representatives Meeting Wednesday, April 25, 2007 -7p.m. Presentation Goals

- a. The 1-35 Divide or 1-35 Bridge: the need to "cross the Interstate 1-35 divide (1-35), " which divides Travis County and the City of Austin into east and west, and challenges tendencies toward racial and economic segregation in Travis County;
- b. Black and Brown Community Relationships with the Law Enforcement Community: the fear and lack of trust that African American and Latino/Hispanic residents feel in the presence of law enforcement officers;
- c. Protect the Safety of Law Enforcement Community: the need for systems and institutions that protect the safety of police officers while ensuring the safety of Travis County residents; /o Sheriff Greg Hamilton, Travis County Sheriff's Office; P.O. Box 1748; Austin, Texas 78767; 512/854-9770.
- d. Education and Prevention: ongoing and reliable education and prevention strategies.

I. Background-AgendaOverview- Sheriff Greg Hamilton, Rev
Once again, thanks for your support and cooperation: Rev. Mike Manor

II. Purpose of Presentation Sheriff Greg Hamilton, Rev. Mike Manor
Request Austin Neighborhood Council:

to fully participate in and wholehearted support the LCSW, ACSW; Chairman, Building Bridges: Brick by Brick Community Agenda and specifically: to participate in the monthly meetings on the four bricks; participate in the "Monthly Town Hall Forums" and to facilitate each October 1-September 30 annual period the completing and submitting by 100% of the Austin Neighborhood Council member

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neighborhood associations the "Law Enforcement, Public and Faith
Community Self-Sufficiency and Public Safety Planning Assessment

III. Review Action Outcomes of Meeting-Austin Neighborhood Council
Representatives Sheriff Greg Hamilton, Rev. Mike Manor

IV. Next Steps- Austin Neighborhood Council, Sheriff Greg Hamilton, Rev. Mike
Manor
