

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes of the General Meeting
June 27, 2007
721 Barton Springs Rd.

7:05 pm Called to Order by President Laura Morrison

Announcements:

Meals on Wheels is in critical need of meal-delivery volunteers [For more info call 476-6325; mealsonwheelsandmore.org].

Austin Listening, an external audit of Austin Police Department, is seeking community input through June 30. All-day event June 30, 9-6, City Hall [austinlistening@gmail.com; 391-0800]

Kill-a-Watt Challenge, Austin Energy promotion to reduce electric use.

[I have the info sheet for Buena Vista (community advocate training) among the June 27 materials. Did they present in June or in May?]

7:15 pm 80th Session Legislative Wrap Up

Representative Valinda Bolton (District 47) and Representative Elliot Naishtat (District 49) [contact info at end of agenda]

Rep. Naishtat concluded with recommendations on how to limit sprawl in unincorporated areas (and how to support legislative initiatives in general): Develop coalitions and testify before committees. In particular, keep an eye on the interim study charges of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee (Royce West chair), the House Land and Resource Management Committee (new chair), and the House County Affairs Committee (Wayne Smith chair). County Affairs will be looking at the ordinance-making powers of counties. It was also noted that there is little communication with the city; Austin reps need to have more contact and formal meetings with the city council and the city's lobbyists during both the session and the interim.

8:30 pm Growth Management Policy Discussion and Consideration of Resolution [resolution attached]

Randall [?] moved (Susan Pascoe second) to postpone for revision of the resolution and reconsideration at the July general meeting. Motion passed with 1 nay vote. A special meeting will be scheduled for more discussion and rewriting.

8:45 pm Announcements and Updates

Noise Solutions Committee Update (Scott Trainer)

City formed a committee to identify improvements to enforcement that could be made under the current ordinance. 1. APD is retraining police and increasing the number of meters from 2 to 23. 2. The committee is focusing on the effect of outdoor music on residents and educating the city's Music Commission on the need for mitigation. 3. Fire Department is assisting in crowd control, and PACE (includes AFD, APD, TABC, code enforcement) is coordinating permitting and enforcement through Municipal Court. APD will be contacting NAs and giving presentations on changes.

[Full report attached]

ATX.Edition Access Program (Stefan Wray and Linda Litowsky). Television production and access programming initiative. See Appendix 1 below. Executive committee will discuss.

WANG Sidewalks to Nowhere Resolution (Ken Pflugger) [I didn't get a copy of this resolution; Was there one?]

Jeff Jack agreed to work with Ken to incorporate into the new sidewalk dedication fee proposal.

9:00 pm Adjourn

(For More Information on Tonight's Agenda Items

Rep. Bolton: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist47/bolton.htm>

Rep. Naishtat: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist49/naishtat.htm> ATX Edition:

<http://www.atxedition.tv/>

****NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR VMU OPT -IN/OPT -OUT APPLICATIONS** (From**

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/verticalmixeduse.htm>)

"The Austin City Council has directed city staff to amend the schedule for VMU Opt-In/Opt-Out applications. This amendment will allow neighborhoods that filed an Opt-In/Opt-Out application on or before June 4, 2007 to amend their Opt-In/Opt-Out application on or before August 9, 2007. The amendment will also delete the 45-day period for Planning Commission and City Council action on Opt-In/Opt-Out applications."

Appendix 1: ATX Edition TV

Produced by Public Access Community Television. Austin TX

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Austin Neighborhoods Council,

Public Access Community Television (PACT) is dedicated to building community through media. ATX Edition TV is where community media meets your neighborhood. PACT will launch A TX Edition TV as a yearlong pilot project in October 2007.

PACT is asking the Austin Neighborhoods Council to partner with us, and to endorse, support, and promote the production of A TX Edition TV, as well as to co-host the Uniquely Austin event in September 2008.

A TX Edition TV will be a tapestry of stories by and about neighborhood associations, community groups, and cultural organizations. PACT's staff and volunteer producers' goal is to work with our community to:

- . Each week shoot and edit 3 to 5 minute video segments that are posted to the web site - atxedition.tv - as both video blogs and podcasts.
- . Each month package the segments into a 30 minute public affairs television program to air on Austin's cable channel 10 and to be streamed on the Internet.
- . Each quarter create an ATX Edition TV publication to be printed, posted to the web site, and re-purposed as content for other Austin web sites.

The plan also is to use the audio portions for broadcast on community radio. Videos burned to DVDs can be used as very effective tools during Citizens Communication and delivered to local media sources as video news releases.

Uniquely Austin is a planned celebration that will include an awards ceremony, short documentary festival, and celebration. Austin's City Hall, the people's house, is PACT's initial choice as the venue to publicly screen the best A TX Edition TV stories produced during the first year, and to commemorate ATX Edition TV and its first year anniversary.

Both ATX Edition TV and Uniquely Austin will cultivate an increased awareness among Austinites, both native and new, about what makes Austin, Austin - a special place to live, work, play, and call home.

One of PACT's primary goals is to train people to make their own TV. We teach people the art and practice of television production. Neighborhood groups can apply the camera, editing, and studio skills learned at PACT to produce ATX Edition TV segments.

We will offer Austin Neighborhoods Council and its members:

- . Reduced individual and group rates on training
- . Courses and workshops custom designed to meet neighborhood producer needs . Free PSAs and promotional spots for ANC, both on TV and the web
- . Platforms to promote neighborhood stories - web, TV, DVD, radio, and print

PACT asks the Austin Neighborhoods Council to join with us as a partner to support and promote ATX Edition TV, as well as to encourage involvement from ANC members and to identify important neighborhood stories that need to be told.

We look forward to working with you on this important community endeavor. Please contact us if you have additional questions or would like more information.

Linda Litowsky, Garry Wilkison, and Stefan Wray (478-8600)