

**Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting
November 14, 2007
6:00pm to 8:30pm**

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Secretary

Present: Danette Chimenti, Kathie Tovo, Cory Walton, Ambrose Krumpe, Bill Stoughton, Guadalupe Sosa, Mark Boyden, Jeff Jack, Lorraine Atherton, Kevin Lewis

6:00pm Call to Order

6:01pm Business Items

Ordering Pizza

Minutes: LA handed out draft minutes of the October general meeting and asked for corrections.

ANC Holiday Party: MB noted that invitations should go out this week. Daniel Llanes will provide music. There will not be a silent auction.

2008 Membership Drive: DC has the spreadsheet ready to go out. Deadline for renewals is February. New or lapsed members must wait 45 days before they are eligible to vote.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: No executive meeting scheduled for December.

Sector and Committee Issues

Restructuring City Council: LA presented proposal from coalition, along with resolution from ANC-East sector. BS motion (MB second) to support the resolution and present to the membership at the January meeting; motion passed. "The Austin Neighborhoods Council supports the restructuring of the City Council to include at-large and district representation, with the majority of the Council made up of district representatives," along with GS friendly amendment to distribute the resolution to the membership ASAP so they have a chance to discuss within their neighborhoods before voting.

Growth Management: ANC resolution has not found any City Council sponsors. Latest staff initiative is to rewrite Austin Tomorrow plan.

VMU amendments and hearings: City housing department is opposing the recommended 60% MFI level for affordable housing and pushing 80%. Planning Commission supported neighborhood recommendations of 60%. [Post-meeting Update: Danette reports that "City housing department has now reversed their position and is supporting the neighborhood recommendations on MFI level."]

Amicus Brief for GoValle/Johnston Terrace/OWANA Lawsuit (postponed because Daniel Llanes could not attend)

Other (PUD, Remodel)

Seaholm: see Clements memo and PC decision. LA motion (AK second) to write letter asking Mayor and Council what happened to transit center; motion passed. AK will talk with Clements about meeting with mayor. LA will draft letter next week.

222/300 Riverside: appeal pending

7:20pm Program Planning for January 2008

Jan: Geographic districts, Lisa Harris on TNT, city manager selection?, Bryan King on neighborhood ombudsman?, Jeff Jack on BAT-PAC (5 min), Kathie Tovo on Neighborhoods in Schools (10 min)

Feb: AISD bond election

March: City Council candidate forum

8:00pm Planning for 2008

Review of 2007: DC asks execs to review list and send additions to her.

Operational Issues

MB on proxy voting

Membership: Yahoo List, Directory, Recruitment

Sector Coordination: Guadalupe Sosa has agreed to serve as Sector 9 rep. JJ will try to recruit rep for Sector 10 (Jack Howison, Lee Sloan, or Ed Munoz)

ANC Reps – Need to replace Laura:

Community Action Network Community Council: KT will do or recruit Stephanie?

Austin Area Human Services Assn: DC will do or recruit Martha Ward

Budgeting: need Linda's report. Consider at January exec meeting, funds to advertise endorsements and pay for part-time PR. We will revisit the paid position after the election, since our priorities and fundraising efforts are geared there for now.

Identifying 2008 Issues and Priorities

First priority: Electing new council members in 2008, followed by electing new mayor and council in 2009.

Staff Proposed update of Austin Tomorrow Plan & NP issues in general

PUD and Density Bonus Issues: Affordability Ordinance [Post-meeting

Update: Danette has seen the AHITF rec and the current proposal does, in fact, delete some of the proposed entitlements that ANC had asked be deleted.]

Noise Solutions Task Force

Other: AISD and Families with Children

Meeting adjourned at about 8:55pm.