

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting
January 9, 2008
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Secretary

Present: Danette Chimenti, Linda Guerrero, Paige Hill, Kathie Tovo, Cory Walton, Ambrose Krumpe, Bill Stoughton, Mark Boyden, Jeff Jack, Lorraine Atherton, Laura Morrison, Dana Lockler

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Approval of Minutes

- Nov 14 Exec Meeting Minutes (circulated by e-mail only, approval postponed)

7:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report (Linda Guerrero): \$3038 total, including \$770 in dues.
- 2007 Memberships – Renewals and Recruiting: 40 renewals received so far. Members must renew by the January general meeting or they will have to wait 45 days for voting privileges. Those that wait too long will not be eligible to vote on council candidate endorsements.
- Sector Issues

7:15pm Meeting Planning

- January Program Topic: Restructuring City Council: schedule for first hour, with pro and con from Councilmembers Cole and Martinez, brief presentation by Restructure group, and discussion/vote on East Sector resolution [Attachment 1]
- January Other Agenda Items
 - Better Austin Today PAC (Jeff Jack – 10 minutes)
 - Community Committee on Nbhds and Schools (Kathie Tovo - 10 minutes)
 - Texas Neighborhoods Together (Lisa Harris - 10 minutes)
 - City Manager update [Jeff Jack?, 10 minutes]
 - Updates from ANC Representatives as needed: Lou Ohanlon – AISD Performing Arts Center in UHNA area [Mark Boyden will ask about formal resolution]
 - GR uses added to LR zoning, update (5 minutes)
- February Program Topic: AISD Bond Election (1 hour), invite Trustees Schneider and Guzman (Torres for backup?), possibly committee members Nan Clayton and Mark Yznaga [hearings are scheduled for Jan. 15 & 16]
- Must add discussion of candidate forum and endorsement process to Feb.
- Request to Present to ANC
 - Jennifer Kim – Family Housing Demonstration Project. Since Kim is a candidate who will be invited to the March forum, we should not be scheduling her to present at the Feb. meeting.
 - Brewster McCracken – Feedback/ideas on Rail, Progress on VMU and McMansion. This will require a great deal of discussion and should be postponed to a future meeting
 - Possibly Feb: Eric Dusza (Public Works) – Bicycle Program guidelines and feedback [ask how much time he needs, when]
 - Possibly Feb: John Michael Cortez – CapMetro testing of MetroRail vehicles
 - Feb (15 minutes): Dale Bulla – Wildlife Austin [Paige Hill volunteered to serve as ANC rep on board]
 - Already resolved? HPNA – incorrect building permit issues
- Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items
 - Presentation from Aging Services Council – demographics and needs of elderly population
 - Avance – early childhood/family programs for low income families
 - Austin Energy – cost of services study
- March Candidate Forum Planning: to be discussed at Feb. exec meeting

- Preparation Schedule: Filing deadline in March; send questionnaires to candidates ASAP, with turnaround fast enough to circulate answers to membership before forum; use both prepared questions and questions from the floor? Subcommittee to review and update last year's questionnaire: Jeff Jack, Mark Boyden, Linda Guerrero, Ambrose Krumpe, Cory Walton?
- Feedback from previous forum: Find someone to moderate the endorsement discussion after the forum?
- % Support for Endorsement

7:50pm New Business

- ANC Budgeting and Expenditure Priorities (analysis of 2007)
- Downtown Plan Meetings (Jan 11 for adjacent nbhds, 1/12 Town Hall Meeting)

8:00pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

- Govalle/Johnston Terrace/OWANA lawsuit: latest ruling is that the suit can go forward; has been amended to include individual council members. Still need to write amicus brief.
- 222/300 Riverside, STL lawsuit: City appealed decision on Save Town Lake's standing. Council is still likely to deny the CWS appeal. Task force formed to review waterfront overlay ordinances.
- OCEAN McMansion FAR (Jan 17 Council): (see Attachment 2)
- GR (general retail) uses in LR, at Council Jan 31: Danette's report: [The proposal was 5000 sq. ft. for General Retail Sales and Personal Improvement Services and 4000 sq. ft. for Restaurant General. My notes indicated that PC has made a recommendation for all 3 to be 3500 sq. ft. but staff brought forward the initial sq. ft. numbers as the PC rec. I spoke with PC members who back up what staff brought forward so I suppose I heard wrong at the hearing \(or something\).](#)
- VMU apps coming up (PC Jan 15, Council Jan 31: Govalle/Johnston Terrace, Hyde Park, East MLK Combined, Central Austin Combined)
- Seaholm Transit Hub Letter/Council Meeting: Andrew did not pursue his letter. We should submit our own letter [Attachment 3]
- Supermajority votes without supermajority present and no appeal – HLC: Heritage Society needs to take the lead on this.
- PUD rewrite [no meeting date yet], Density Bonus Program, AHITF recs [no changes to recommendations?]
- Noise Ordinance Review Task Force
- Monarch (801 Fifth St.) redesign and upzoning; parkland rededication? Kathie will try to find the conditional overlay.

8:30pm Adjourn

Attachment 1

ANC-East Sector resolution:

"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."

Attachment 2

OCEAN small-lot McMansion FAR amendment

Jeff Jack moved, Kathie Tovo seconded: "The ANC executive committee supports OCEAN's recommendation on the floor-to-area ratio in their neighborhood planning area." Passed (9 for, Ambrose against, Mark abstained)

Attachment 3

Seaholm Transit Hub letter, drafted November 20, 2007:

"Dear Mayor and Council Members:

"The latest site plans proposed for redevelopment of the Seaholm Power Plant appear to eliminate the eastern curve of the railroad tracks and the possibility of a regional rail transit hub for downtown Austin. Over the many years of planning for Seaholm redevelopment, the concept of a multimodal transportation hub has been presented as a centerpiece of the project. Proximity to this hub has been a significant factor in rezoning cases and public hearings concerning the Spring Condominiums, the Lumbermans property, the completion of the Pfluger Bridge, the Lance Armstrong Bikeway, the realignment of the surrounding streets, passenger service on the Union Pacific tracks, and other downtown projects and projects on the south shore. The executive committee of the Austin Neighborhoods Council anticipates that many of our 74 member organizations will be working with Capital Metro in 2008 to implement transit-oriented design districts and other rail-related projects, and they will be anxious to know the fate of this vital link in Austin's transit system and how it will affect their future transportation options."