

**Austin Neighborhoods Council  
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting**

May 14, 2008  
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Secretary

Present: Bo McCarver, Susana Almanza, Danette Chimenti, Laine, Paige Hill, Bill Stoughton, Dana Lockler, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton, Cory Walton, Jeff Jack, Kathie Tovo

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Approval of Minutes, no minutes available for approval

7:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report, \$3962.59
- Robertson Hill NA Fee Waiver. Bo has checked with current members from that area, and they say this is the legit NA. Bo moved to waive their fee, Jeff second, passed with no opposition.
- ANC East resolutions, Bo McCarver. See attached. Exec agreed to present two of the resolutions at the next meeting and postpone the other (on the Brackenridge Tract) until we can coordinate with other groups. Contact for working with the camp organizers is Allen Graham of Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

7:15pm Meeting Planning

- May Meeting Agenda:
  - Downtown Plan: Jana McCann from ROMA or ? The schedule for the Downtown Plan has changed, so it is off the agenda until further notice.
  - Ask Rudy Garza to talk to the gen meeting about the Long Center parking and access to Town Lake Park. 30 minutes
  - AISD Superintendent selection criteria (Joyce Basciano). 15 min (Kathie may have some info for Joyce regarding which trustees to invite)
  - Neighborhood Side Design Standards (Jolene Kiolbassa). 15 min
  - ANC East two resolutions, affordable housing bond criteria and homeless camp input. 15 min
  - Public Works – Sealcoat Season (Jennifer Herber). 10 min. [see attachment]
  - Website, Laine and Bill. 10 min
  - Create Austin plan (cultural arts, Kathie Tovo). 5 min, more if Garza can't attend.
- June Program Planning (Marc Ott?, see below for potential topics), add transportation to potential topics

7:50pm New Business

- Secretary of State Filing for ANC, updated by LHG
- ANC Budgeting and Expenditure Priorities (Linda not present)
- Website Redesign, will cost about \$900 (essentially half price). Jeff moved, LA second, that the ANC exec approve \$300 to continue the work for now and present the rest to the membership at the next meeting. Passed with no opposition.

Clear Air Force fundraiser sponsorship. Jeff: "The sponsorships for the Clean Air Force Event are very expensive (\$10,000 to \$1,000), and I do not think we should do that. However, since ANC has a slot on the Board of the Clean Air Force, it would be good to buy a few tickets to the event. The tickets are \$75 apiece. Since we do not make any other contribution to the Clean Air Force I think we should at least buy two tickets and I will pay for half." Jeff moved, Lorraine second, that ANC purchase two tickets (total of \$150) and Jeff will reimburse ANC for one. Passed without opposition. Jeff also noted that we need to find someone to take his place on the CAF board.

- Bylaws Revision (Mark Boyden not present)

8:00pm-8:30pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues [no action]

- City Council run-off election
  - McMansion Amendments
  - CDS Amendments & Neighborhood Side Design Standards
  - PUD Ordinance
  - WO Task Force
  - Remodel Task Force
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## Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- Invite new City Manager Mark Ott to speak
- Downtown Plan – Jana McCann (ROMA)
- Platform of ANC Issues
- Presentation from Aging Services Council – demographics and needs of elderly population
- Avance – early childhood/family programs for low income families
- Austin-Travis County EMS Program
- Austin Energy – cost of services study

## Requests Made to Present to ANC

- Public Works – Kicking off Sealcoat Season
- Brewster McCracken – Feedback/ideas on Rail, Progress on VMU and McMansion
- Eric Dusza (Public Works) – Bicycle Program guidelines and feedback
- HPNA – incorrect building permit issues
- Youth Partnership for Change

## Attachments

### **Resolutions adopted by ANC-East** and offered to the ANC General Membership May 2008

1. ANC urges the City to establish a public process and implementation plan to achieve clearly stated affordable housing goals as previously presented to voters in the Go-Bond election and also to establish clear criteria for awarding the bond money to projects that present the best return on investment of these limited funds. [ANC exec approved for presentation to general membership]
2. ANC urges the City to vigorously pursue placement of affordable housing options, to include transitional, group homes, and half-way houses, in the Brackenridge Tract and other city-owned properties in West Austin. [ANC exec postponed to coordinate with other affordable housing groups]
3. ANC urges the Council and City Manager to hold a stakeholders' meeting to provide full community input before any agreement is reached concerning the proposed trailer and tent camp for homeless in the southeast 10-acre tract on Texas 183. [ANC exec approved for presentation to general membership]

## **Sealcoat request**

The City of Austin's Public Works Department is gearing up to start an annual preventive street maintenance program called sealcoat this summer. Each year, the City resurfaces hundreds of lane miles all across Austin, in several different neighborhoods. In an effort to get the word out about the process, we'd like to come speak to the Austin Neighborhoods Council, preferably in April or May. I just saw from your Web site that your March meeting is tonight, so I guess we missed that chance! We'd probably only need about 15-20 minutes + a little time for questions. Please let me know if you could squeeze us onto your agenda for an upcoming meeting. I can be reached at this email or at 974.1444.

### About Sealcoat

The City has been using sealcoat for several decades to keep streets in good condition and prolong their lifetimes. The process is extremely effective as well as inexpensive, and it has served the city well. During the months of June, July, August and some of September, City crews will apply the asphalt-based coating to streets showing signs of degradation. Residents living along those streets will receive door hangers about four weeks before the work is to be done, and again three days before the crews arrive to perform the operation. The second door hanger will provide the telephone number (974-8788) citizens can call for a recorded announcement of streets to be seal coated the next day. Residents will be asked to park their cars off street for the operation. It is very important that people remove their cars from the targeted street by early in the morning on the day of the application. Otherwise crew members must arrange to move the cars to a nearby location or leave untreated areas in the street where water leakage to the base layer could continue to degrade the roadway.

Sealcoat is a fast process that typically takes a few hours to a day per street. Once the new asphalt is laid and the rock aggregate is distributed over the hot mix, crews use a heavy roller to embed the aggregate into the "hot mix" and smooth the street surface. At the end of the day's application, crews sweep up remaining loose rock. The curing process takes several weeks and requires the additional action of cars driving over the surface to further embed the aggregate. Residents will continue to see loose rock for some weeks after the initial application. During that period, crews also return to the street to continue sweeping up excess rock. We urge cyclists in particular to watch for recently sealcoated streets and to take alternative routes during the curing process to avoid any loose aggregate generated during the cure.

Thank you,  
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