

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting

June 11, 2008
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Secretary

Present: Joyce Basciano, Danette Chimenti, Linda Guerrero, Jeff Jack, Laine Jastram, Bo McCarver, Bill Stoughton, Kathie Tovo, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Approval of Minutes

- from October, January, February, and March general meetings and from November, January, February, and May executive committee meetings.

7:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report, \$3464.54
- Sector 5 Rep needed (Ambrose stepped down). Central sector, includes Hancock, Heritage, Brykerwoods, Hyde Park, NUNA, OWANA, Pemberton Hts, Brentwood, Judges Hill, Ridgetop. Let Danette know if anyone has suggestions. Linda will ask CANPAC, perhaps Mary Ingle?

7:15pm Meeting Planning

- June 25 Meeting Agenda:
 - Transportation & Downtown Plan. Michael Knox (city staff?) for one hour
 - Cap Metro Fare Adjustment. Matt Curtis for 10 min.
 - Stop Domain Subsidies. 15 min.
- July Program Planning (This meeting may coincide with the City Council inauguration)
 - Property Taxes, New TCAD director
 - Danette will call Joan Bartz, first ANC officer from 35 years ago
 - Kirk Watson's transportation decision matrix, for a future program

7:30pm New and Ongoing Business

- Paypal Account. Bill will investigate and Linda will get him the Texas Unincorporated Nonprofit Association documents (and voided check).
- Website Redesign progress. First draft, Danette will try to send the large e-file so we can get a better look at it. A logo needs to be discussed and designed.
- Wildlife Austin temp replacement for Paige (no volunteers)
- Training Sessions/Film-watching (Kathie Tovo). ANC has been asked to sponsor a screening of *Project Rowhouse*, perhaps with affordable housing groups. Kathie will talk to Ann Graham.
- Alliance for Public Transportation – ANC involvement in Focus Groups. ANC exec will recommend a few members to attend, but not as formal reps of ANC.
- ANC Budgeting and Expenditure Priorities. Linda suggests that all expenditures should be approved by the general membership. She prefers purchases of equipment (PA system, laptop) over donations to causes.
- Bylaws Revision (Mark Boyden, not present)

8:00pm-8:30pm Neighborhood Issues & Upcoming Meetings

- City Council run-off election--turn out the vote
- Additional height for Fly Towers. Jeff and Bo joint motion: The ANC executive committee opposes the proposed amendment to the Land Development Code regarding fly towers ([C20-2008-011](#)) because it will have citywide impact and threatens the integrity of compatibility, rather than focusing on the Zachary Scott theater's individual issues. Seconded by Joyce. Passed.
- Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals (Kathie Tovo). A project that overbuilt its FAR sought a waiver from this board. Because one of the appointees was ineligible, the board is unable to form a quorum. Staff allowed the waiver to stand in the absence of a board decision, but has denied the neighbors the right of appeal to City Council.
- Neighborhood Plan Contact Team meeting (June 12)
- McMansion, PUD, Austin Tomorrow Plan (June 18 Council) Note that this is a WEDNESDAY council meeting, and the agenda is packed.

- Noise Ordinance Task Force public input meeting (June 26) We need a large turnout of neighbors for this to press the point about the growing problem of outdoor music venues that are incompatible with residences.
 - CDS Amendments & Neighborhood Side Design Standards (June 23&27) Danette needs some help with the Friday daytime meetings for this. But turnout at the one evening meeting set up for regular folks was excellent.
 - Ombudsman input meeting (July 9 – EC Meeting Night) Danette will be gone for this exec meeting. Jeff will have to preside, and it will probably have to be held wherever the ombudsman meeting is.
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Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- Property Taxes – New TCAD director, July
- Kirk Watson's decision matrix for transportation
- Residential Code Enforcement
- New City Manager Mark Ott to speak
- 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

- Austin 3-1-1 Community Outreach
- Keep Austin Beautiful – “Got a Brand New Bag” campaign
- Brewster McCracken – Feedback/ideas on Rail, Progress on VMU and McMansion
- Eric Dusza (Public Words) – Bicycle Program guidelines and feedback
- HPNA – incorrect building permit issues
- Youth Partnership for Change