

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting

July 9, 2008
8:00pm to 9:00pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Secretary

Present: Joyce Basciano, Jeff Jack, Jolene Kiolbassa, Bo McCarver, Kathie Tovo, Rudy Williams, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

8:00pm Call to Order, by VP Jeff Jack (Danette is out of town)

8:01pm No minutes for approval (June minutes were circulated last month but haven't been revised).
There was no general meeting in June.

8:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report (not available)
- Welcome Jolene Kiolbassa as new Sector 5 rep

8:15pm Meeting Planning

- July 23 Meeting Agenda:
 - Downtown Plan Rail Transit, Michael Knox or Jim Robertson (45 minutes)
 - Cap Metro Fare Adjustment, Matt Curtis has asked to postpone till August? (10 minutes)
 - Proposed City of Austin Charter Amendment, Rudy Williams and Bo McCarver (30 minutes). This is a followup to the ANC resolution supporting geographic election districts for City Council. This one will ask for support to put the issue on the November ballot. See Rudy's charter language for the 8-4-1 Austin model.
 - Stop Domain Subsidies, Brian Rodgers (15 minutes)
 - Endorsement of Citation Option for APD, Debbie Russell (10 minutes). This is about increasing the efficiency of the police by issuing citations as allowed by state law instead of arresting certain individuals for minor infractions. Jeff will find out if there is a resolution that needs to be circulated before the meeting.
- August Program Planning (New TCAD Appraiser or Residential Code Enforcement and Permitting Process. See topic list below)

8:30pm New and Ongoing Business

- Kathie Tovo – ANC rep to Mayor's Coordinating Committee for Climate Control
- Discussion on ANC resolution on Go-Bonds (potential follow-up clarification)

8:50pm-9:00pm Neighborhood Issues

- DMU upzoning on West Avenue and compatibility standards (PC did not recommend)
- Gracy Woods NA – Travis County Healthcare District proposed clinic (see email) Put on July general agenda?

Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- August: Property Taxes – New TCAD director. We should prepare questions on how the Appraisal Board is appointed, on how appraisal policies are set, about OCEAN's recommendations for Homestead Preservation. Include City Manager, AISD, County?
- Residential Code Enforcement and Permitting Process
- 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

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