

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting
August 13, 2008
6:00pm to 7:00pm

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Present: Steven Aleman, Lorraine Atherton, Joyce Basciano, Danette Chimenti, Linda Guerrero, Bo McCarver, Mike Meier

6:00pm Call to Order

6:01pm Approval of Minutes

6:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report--\$3525.95 (For next exec agenda, LG would like us to create a budget subcommittee to consider expenditures for approval by the membership)
- Paige Hill has resigned as Sector ? rep. She was co-rep with Katrina, but we need to recruit someone for back up in this sector.
- ANC East resolutions (see attached)--1 and 4 will be presented by Scooter Cheatham or Bo McCarver at the Aug. 27 meeting for discussion but not voted on. 2 (GO Bonds) will be presented by Bo McCarver for a vote at the Aug. 27 meeting. 3 (single-member districts) will be revised after Bo talks with supporting councilmembers about the possibility of including district boundaries in the charter amendment. (See attached resolution for revisions proposed this evening.)

6:15pm Meeting Planning

- August 27 Meeting Agenda (**Jeff Jack to chair**):
 - Austin City Manager, Mark Ott--one hour.
 - Travis County Appraiser, Patrick Brown--20 minutes? We need to get our questions for the appraiser to Joyce. (From July exec meeting: 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 reps from City Manager, AISD, County?)
 - Resolutions from ANC East--30 minutes
 - 1. Comprehensive analysis and review process
 - 2. Go-Bond resolution amendment--for a vote.
 - 3. Restructuring City Council--vote to support whatever is on the ballot?
 - 4. City property information to NP areas
- September Program Planning--main topic, Residential code enforcement and permitting process, with Leon Barba, Bobby Ray, Keith Leach. Second topic, Austin 3-1-1 Community Outreach – 15-20 minutes

6:30pm New and Ongoing Business

- ANC Membership requirements – complaint/request to disallow from WPNA member. The complainant needs to present evidence that Responsible Growth for Windsor Park has violated ANC's membership criteria. The topic needs to be considered for bylaws changes.
- New ANC webmaster (Jody Zemel). Bill Stoughton will serve out his term as Communications Director, but we need to recruit a replacement for him.

6:45pm-7:00pm Neighborhood Issues

- Historic Preservation Efforts--citizens communications at last Council meeting garnered support and promises of funding (without raiding the Neighborhood Assistance Center funding).
- NPCT draft bylaws--Please review the NP contact team bylaws recently adopted by Planning Commission.

Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- Mike Daniel – redistricting, misuse of tax credits and other issues
- Residential Code Enforcement and Permitting Process
- 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

- 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

Resolutions to be presented at August 27, 2008, ANC general meeting:

(1) Resolution to Establish Comprehensive Project Impact Analyses and Review Process

Whereas, the City of Austin has no process to obtain comprehensive analyses of proposed developments that include impacts on schools, parks, segregation patterns, taxes, businesses, housing or infrastructural support such as traffic, parking, sewer and water; and

Whereas, the city departments do not coordinate their assessments and their combined assessments do not address the full impacts of developments; and

Whereas, the neighborhoods of Austin bear the long and short-term impact of major developments; and

Whereas, the neighborhoods should be involved in designing the process and components of any comprehensive analysis that would assess potential impacts;

Be it resolved, that the City Council initiate efforts, that include full public participation, to design a comprehensive project impact analysis and review process for any development involving the development, or redevelopment, of properties of 10,000 or more square feet.

(2) Resolution: Go-Bond Allocation

Whereas, the City is being presented with proposals to "buy-down" very expensive housing units; and

Whereas, the allocation of the Go-Bond funds for such projects may result in production of fewer units of affordable housing; and

Whereas, the City has a history of clustering affordable housing projects in low-income neighborhoods,

Be it resolved that the City 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 establish clear criteria for awarding the bond money to projects that present the best return on investment of these limited funds. The awarding of Go-Bond funds should accomplish equal dispersion of affordable housing throughout the city, as recommended by the Affordable Housing Incentive Task Force (Feb. 20, 2007).

(3) Resolution: Restructuring the Austin City Council

Whereas, the city of Austin has grown in size and complexity to the point that the at-large council can no longer effectively cope with the myriad of issues that arise; and
Whereas, the "gentlemen's agreement" poses voting rights issues that make the city vulnerable to civil rights litigation; and
Whereas, the city needs a combination of representatives from geographic districts and from larger districts; and
Whereas, a city commission has produced a map with eight single-member districts and two double-member "super districts;" and
Whereas boundaries of the districts need to be drawn and refined by public input; and
Whereas; the impending November election represents an excellent opportunity to present a proposal to the electorate,
Be it resolved that the city place on the November ballot a proposition to restructure the council that allows for geographic representation with eight councilmembers elected from single-member districts and four elected from at-large "super districts," and that the city hold public hearings to gain input and refine the district boundaries by the November election.

(4) Publishing Maps of City-Owned Properties for Neighborhood Planning Areas

Whereas, the City owns numerous tracts of land in all quadrants of the city; and
Whereas, even small parcels of land may be utilized for public purposes such as recycling stations, pocket parks and other projects; and
Whereas, those tracts present opportunities for neighborhood planning areas to propose and foster developments that help realize their plans,
Be it resolved that the city provide each neighborhood planning area with maps that clearly show all parcels of city-owned land in the neighborhood planning area's boundaries.