

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

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Secretary

Present: Mark Boyden, Danette Chimenti, Lisa Harris, Jeff Jack, Jolene Kiolbassa, Bo McCarver, Terry Tevis, Kathie Tovo, Cory Walton, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Minutes of July 9 executive meeting and September 24 general meeting approved.

7:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report, Linda not present
- Budget items/expenditures committee, Linda not present
- Nominating committee, Jeff Jack reports that the slate of officers so far is:

President, Danette Chimenti;

Vice presidents, Joyce Basciano, Bo McCarver, Cory Walton;

Treasurer, Linda;

Co-secretaries, Lorraine Atherton and Lisa Harris;

Communications, Jody Zemel.

Sector reps: 1, Terry Tevis; 3, Lou O'Hanlon; 4, Susan Pascoe; 5, Jolene Kiolbassa; 6, Steve Aleman and Rudy Williams; 7, Patty Sprinkle; 10, Susana Alamanza.

Unconfirmed: 2, Cynthia Keohane; 8, Mary Eichner; 9, vacant

- Holiday Party Committee Appointment: Mark Boyden, Bo McCarver, Rudy Williams, will look for an East Austin venue, perhaps Victory Grill
- Sector Issues

Jolene is trying to get Code Compliance to meet with sector NAs; needs to try Matthew Christiansen.

Cory for South Central, the variance requests for the vacant lot on South Congress have been suspended (not withdrawn). Application for PUD on the Filling Station site (0.6 acre on Barton Springs Road) is still in the works, still includes 180 foot tower.

Terry needs help with the North Burnet Gateway zoning site plan application, goes to council October 16 (ask Heather Way about affordable housing fees in lieu of?). The Northeast NAs are concerned about unregistered group homes.

Mark for Northeast, Community Partnership for the Homeless proposal for SRO project on Manor Road has been dropped and the Partnership is buying units in Sweeney Circle, as the NAs suggested some time ago.

Bo notes that the East central NAs would have no leverage at all with condo developments without valid petitions.

7:45pm Meeting Planning

- Oct 22 Meeting Agenda
 - Texas Legislature Reps (Donna Howard confirmed, also try Mark Strama, Valinda Bolton, perhaps Eddie Rodriguez) (1 hr), need to provide questions for Joyce to pass on to reps.
 - ANC Executive Committee Elections (15 min)
 - Resolution from ANC East (10 min), see attached
 - Review and clarification of appointments to CDC (vote)
 - Updates and Announcements (30 min)
 - Brief announcements on Nov. ballot: AISD Prop. 1 tax hike, ANC supports City Props 1 (auditor) and 2 (Stop Domain Subsidies; Jolene will write a note about ANC's resolution on this and circulate it to ANCTalk)
 - HousingWorks 5th Annual Fall Summit Nov 15 – Christine Buendel
 - Energy Efficiency Upgrade Task Force – Jerrel Gustafson
 - Live Music Task Force
 - Downtown Street Closure Task Force (Kathie Tovo)
 - Families with Children Task Force, Oct. 16 Council update (Kathie Tovo)
 - Commercial Design Standards
 - Waterfront Overlay Task Force

- Comprehensive Plan (Oct. 16 Council update (Jeff Jack))
 - November, December – no general meeting
 - January main topic? (see below)

8:15pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

Danette will forward Commercial Design Standards update to exec list

Mark is recruiting people for ANC Radio and to work on platform of ANC issues. Terry

Tevis volunteered.

8:30pm Adjourn

Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- New Council Members (Laura Morrison and Randi Shade)
- City Council Candidates Forum (March?)
- Mike Daniel – redistricting, misuse of tax credits and other issues
- 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

- Eric Dusza (Public Words) – Bicycle Master Plan (**Jan. agenda**)
- Keep Austin Beautiful – “Got a Brand New Bag” campaign
- Youth Partnership for Change

Proposed Resolution: Review and Clarification of Appointments to the CDC (vote)

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies in the method by which representatives for the Community Development Commission are selected by the neighborhood centers; and

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies in staff challenges for representatives nominated by Council Members; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Commission provides important oversight for housing, neighborhood centers and social welfare programs,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods Council recommends that the Ethics Commission review, clarify and publish rules and procedures for appointment and election of representatives for the Community Development Commission.