

**Austin Neighborhoods Council**  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.  
October 22, 2008  
7:00pm to 9:00pm

7:00pm Call to Order and Introductions.

Laura Morrison announced an open house and art show for her council office, Wed. Oct. 29, 5:30-7:30 pm, immediately before the public forum for the Live Music Task Force.

7:10pm Texas Legislature: Representatives Discuss Austin's greatest challenges and how the State Legislature can help

State Representative Donna Howard, House District 48

State Representative Eddie Rodriguez, House District 51

Three general areas: 1, County authority over development and land use planning; 2, regional planning and its application to water, transportation, health care issues. (For example, the entire LCRA board is appointed by the governor, with no county or city representation.); 3, budget and the disappearance of the surplus.

7:50pm November Ballot Items (see attached ballot language)

City of Austin Charter Amendments

Proposition 1: City Auditor term – Lorraine Atherton, ANC supports

Proposition 2: Stop Domain Subsidies – Jeff Jack, ANC supports

AISD Tax Ratification Proposition, Nan Clayton, distributed attached brochure from AISD

8:05pm City Task Force Updates

Energy Efficiency Upgrade Task Force, recommendations available on the Web at [coolaustin.org](http://coolaustin.org) (look for the October 1 report under What's New, Austin News). The report contains differing proposals for single-family, multifamily, and commercial energy audits, with voluntary goals.

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Live Music Task Force – Sandra Kirk, draft recommendations to be discussed in a public forum on Wednesday, October 29, 7:30-9:30 pm, City Council Chambers. Report will be finalized at the task force's final meeting on November 10, presented to City Council November 20. Sandra Kirk and Scott Trainer noted that the sound control recommendations are inadequate.

Jeff Jack moved and motion was seconded

**Motion 1**

"Authorize the ANC executive committee to draft a letter of concern to the task force and City Council regarding the task force sound control recommendations."

The motion passed without opposition.

The task force's draft report is available on the City of Austin Web site under "Live Music Task Force."

Families and Children Task Force – Kathie Tovo, June 24 report available on the City of Austin Web site under "Housing," called the FACTF report. Laura Morrison brought it forward for a city council briefing last week; the Power Point presentation is available in the backup for that council agenda. Heather Way is heading the implementation committee. AISD and city collaboration is a major theme. The goal is to get the City Council to adopt the recommendations as a policy statement.

Downtown Street Closure Task Force Update – Kathie Tovo. This task force's initial vote was to limit events. ANC members are encouraged to attend the ongoing task force meetings every Monday at 5 pm at the City's Waller Creek offices.

Waterfront Overlay Task Force – Jeff Jack. This task force is still meeting every Friday morning, trying to reinstate the intent of the 1986 ordinance. It is expected to report to City Council in December.

#### 8:15pm Announcements and Updates on On-going Issues

HousingWorks 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Summit Nov 15, at Reagan High School – Christine Buendel. This year will be focused on integrated planning (combining Families and Children Task Force mentioned above with AISD's Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools. See AISD Web site, under "CCNS") and after school programs. The attached flyer with the Summit recommendations was distributed.

Comprehensive Plan Interim Update – Jeff Jack, scheduled for third reading at November 6 Council meeting. RFQ is out for the new plan. Proposals should be going to Council before January.

Commercial Design Standards Amendments – Danette Chimenti, committee is still meeting every Friday, 1-3 pm, at City Hall staff bullpen. Evening meetings have not happened yet.

Obtaining Maps of City-Owned Property – Danette Chimenti has several CDs that Laura Morrison made available.

Neighborhood Assistance Center – Danette Chimenti. Greg Guernsey expects two positions to be posted next week and hired sometime in November.

#### 8:30pm Business Items

ANC-East Resolution: Attached resolution passed without opposition

**Motion 2**, moved by Fred McGhee and seconded

ANC Executive Committee Elections (Nominating Committee: Lou O'Hanlon,

Bryan King, Jeff Jack) The attached slate presented by the committee was accepted without opposition.

**Motion 3**, moved by Jeff Jack and seconded.

ANC Christmas Party (Committee: Mark Boyden, Bo McCarver, Rudy Williams), Mark reported that the first Thursday in December has been chosen as the date, Committee is looking for a venue in East Austin.

ANC Membership Renewals, Danette reminded members to get their renewals in by the end of the year.

#### 9:00pm Adjourn

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## **ANC East Resolution, approved 22 October 2008:**

### **Review and Clarification of Appointments to the CDC**

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.

## **November Ballot: City of Austin Charter Amendments**

### **Proposition 1**

Shall the City Charter be amended to provide that City Council appoint a City Auditor for a five-year term, during which term the City Auditor may only be removed by a vote of three-fourths of the City Council, and at the conclusion of the term, by a majority of the City Council?

### **Proposition 2**

Shall the City Charter be amended to prohibit the City from entering into future agreements to provide financial incentives in connection with the development or redevelopment of property that includes one or more retail uses, and to stop the City from providing financial incentives under certain existing agreements in connection with the development or redevelopment of property that includes one or more retail uses?

## **November Ballot: AISD Proposition No. 1**

Approving the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$1.2020 per \$100 Valuation in the Austin Independent School District for the current year. A rate that is \$0.0390 Higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback rate.