

Austin Neighborhoods Council  
**Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting**

November 12, 2008

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Cosecretary

Present: Mark Boyden, Danette Chimenti, Mary Eichner, Lisa Harris, Linda Guerrero, Cynthia Keohane, Jolene Kiobassa, Bo McCarver, Lou O'Hanlon, Lupe Sosa, Patty Sprinkle, Terry Tevis, Cory Walton, Jody Zemel, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

7:00pm Call to Order

7:01pm Approval of Minutes for October executive and general meetings

7:05 Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report, \$4013.70, a little less than \$600 of that is in checking; Bo needs to be reimbursed \$100 for Vortex Theater reservation
- Holiday Party Committee Report, Bo reports that Vortex Theater has been reserved for Dec. 2, 7-8 pm. The Vortex provides beer and wine. Mark is trying to update contact info for an invitation list. Please review his Oct. 26 e-mail and spreadsheet to ANCCexec titled Media/Officials Contacts. Food: Bo and Mark have received catering bids (based on 100 people) of \$1500 and \$1800 and are waiting on 9 other bids. The bids have been about twice what we expected. We discussed covered dish and potluck options, agreed to decide after the other bids come in. Entertainment: Mark will make a mixed tape of activist songs to play as background music(e-mail your suggestions to Mark). A 10-15 minute skit was discussed. Committee contacts: Bo McCarver, Mark Boyden
- ANC-East Resolution (see below) will go to membership for a vote in January. This is about the study required for inclusionary zoning in East Austin. Bo will get a summary and sample of other studies to Danette to be circulated with the resolution to the ANC members list.
- ANC Website Update, Jody and Mark will work together to move to the new site after the first of the year.
- Budget items/expenditures committee, will meet in January. First goal will be to purchase a microphone in time for the city council candidate forum in March. Committee contacts: Linda Guerrero, Susan Pascoe
- TNT Update, next meeting in Austin, Lisa Harris and Clare Barry are our reps to Texas Neighborhoods Together. Lisa will post the details of the statewide meeting here in Austin, Saturday Dec. 6, at the Capitol, to work on the TNT legislative agenda. Contact Lisa for the list of issues (new this session: protection of historic districts, notification of public lands for sale). TNT needs names of legislators to aid its lobbying efforts in January; if know any legislators, contact Lisa. Linda suggests working with other groups to host a legislative breakfast.
- New rep to Clean Air Force, Mark volunteered to replace Jeff. Other groups that need an ANC rep: Community Climate Protection Committee (Austin Energy), Central Texas Voices stakeholder group (Catholic Charities and Office of Police Monitor; meets Dec. 4), Affordable Housing focus group (Lou will be at Nov. 18 meeting to discuss survey results), Urban Forest Summit (UT-based event, Jan. 9, at Wildflower Center). Danette will circulate info on all these; would like each ANC sector rep to find one or two people from your sector to attend the Urban Forest Summit.
- Time-keeper for general meetings, Lupe volunteered. Also was suggested that we be firm about not interrupting presentations with questions and that questions afterward be limited in number and length.
- Sector Issues: New sector reps who want to observe organized sectors can attend an ANC-East monthly lunch meeting (contact Bo) or the South Central Coalition monthly breakfast meeting (contact Patty or Danette). Membership renewals, Sector reps need to make sure all their associations pay their dues by the January meeting, to avoid falling into the 45-day gap without voting privileges.

7:45pm Meeting Planning

- January meeting planning
  - Bicycle Master Plan (15-20 minutes)

- Rob Spillar, New Transportation Director
- RG4N Good Neighbor ordinance (see Jolene's e-mail on Nov. 12)
- Representative Bolton. This is leftover from last month. Danette will contact her to clear up.
- February and later meetings, see Potential Program Topics below.

8:15pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

- Live Music Task Force Recs, ask Danette for an update
- Commercial Design Standard Amendments, meets Dec. 5 to sort consensus from contentious items. Contentious items will be postponed to next summer? Contact Jolene? for details.
- CDC Appointments, Bo reports that our resolution has already gotten a response from Health and Human Services? and the appointment process is undergoing an ethics review, will probably be fixed soon.
- NAC, the two positions were posted and application deadline is Monday.
- Keep Brodie Wild, see e-mail forwarded from Marilyn Simpson.
- BFI Dump Expansion, see attached; Laura Morrison's office is working on a draft resolution to correct this.
- BOA Reconsiderations, to be discussed after meeting.

8:30pm Adjourn

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**ANC-East Resolution – Nexus Study for the Homestead Preservation District**

Whereas, the Texas Legislature has passed the Homestead Preservation Act which allows East Austin to address loss of affordable housing; and

Whereas, the Travis County Commissioners Court and the Austin City Council are jointly pursuing implementation of the act; and

Whereas, implementation of the law requires a valid study of market forces affecting housing in the district;

Be it resolved that the City Council contract with a nationally recognized and reputable firm to conduct a nexus study for the Homestead Preservation District.

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**Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items**

- Platform of ANC Issues, start work in January to prepare for candidate forum; Mark Boyden is forming committee: Mark Boyden, Terry Tevis, Jody Zemel, Cory Walton, Cynthia Keohane
- How to start a nonprofit (Feb?), Bo McCarver is forming committee: Bo McCarver, Jody Zemel, Mark Boyden
- City Council Candidates Forum (March?)
- Howard Lazarus – New Director of Public Works
- New Council Members (Laura Morrison and Randi Shade)
- Mike Daniel – redistricting, misuse of tax credits and other issues
- Presentation from Aging Services Council – demographics and needs of elderly population
- Avance – early childhood/family programs for low income families
- Austin Energy – cost of services study