

**Austin Neighborhoods Council
Minutes, Executive Committee Meeting
December 10, 2008**

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Present: Danette Chimenti, Patty Sprinkle, Cory Walton, Jolene Kiolbassa, Lorraine Atherton, Mike Meier, Bo McCarver, Lou O'Hanlon, Linda Guerrero, Lisa Harris, Mary Eichner, Joyce Basciano, Terry Tevis and Jody Zemel

6:30 Call to order

6:35 May and June minutes approved 6-0-1

6:36 August minutes approved 6-0-1

6:40 Discussion of managing meeting time and having a timekeeper for general meeting in connection with November minutes

6:45 November minutes approved

6:46 Treasurer report: \$4,120.33, in bank, ANC has \$4505.33 if checks received on 12/10/08 are included. Budget items: TNT dues and party costs have been paid. Other possible budget items include banners, T-shirts, web design, legal funds, printing, copies, postage, refreshments, candidate forum, portable sound system.

6:48 Decision to vote on budgeting \$500-\$600 for portable sound system in January, either at general meeting or in executive committee.

6:50 ANC-East resolution for Nexus study to be discussed at January general meeting (Bo McCarver will provide an explanation of the resolution and what a Nexus study is at that meeting) and voted on in February.

6:59 ANC website update- Jody cleaning up website, would like more announcements to put on it. There is no new website yet.

7:03 TNT update. Lisa and possibly Clare and Terri to speak at January meeting about TNT and the legislative agenda being formed. When the legislative agenda is finalized we will put it on the ANC website.

7:07 Urban Forest Summit coverage- representatives still needed for Sectors 1 (NW), 6 (E), 8 (SW) and 10 (SE).

7:10 Sector issues: there have been 20 membership renewals so far. ANC had 85 member neighborhoods in 2008.

7:16 Room to live initiative- discussion of Steven Zettner's open space initiative postponed to January executive committee meeting.

7:17 ANC East meeting has been moved to Nuevo Leon for 11:30 January 13th. Bo proposed

ANC collection of old cell phones for the Advocate. Discussion of alternatives to cell phone collection; no decision made.

7:26 January meeting planning:

Parks Director Sara Hensley 45 minutes (30-minute talk plus 15 minutes Q&A)

Bicycle Master Plan 15 minutes

SOS 15 minutes

TNT 5 minutes

Introduction of ANC-East Nexus resolution 5 minutes

7:36 Bill Bunch and Tom Hays arrived, gave SOS presentation regarding Water Treatment Plant #4 and peak-day water demand. Noted that the 2008 conservation measures reduced peak demand significantly over previous years, putting off the need to build an additional water treatment plant. SOS is calling for the city to postpone construction of additional capacity for 20 years. Requested that ANC executive committee sign on to the SOS letter, but they didn't have the SOS letter with them. Lorraine proposed that ANC EC send a letter to Council postpone action on WTP #4 until after that part of the new comprehensive plant has been completed.

7:50 February meeting planning

7:51 March candidates forum

7:52 Live Music Task Force- Danette has been participating in a series of ongoing meetings with Bobby Garza, Laura Morrison, Randi Shade and Don Pitts regarding the neighborhood compatibility issue.

7:55 Commercial design standards- technical clean-up and consensus items to be adopted in December, discussion of other matters to be postponed to June. Last December meeting to be held Dec. 19th from 1-3 PM in executive session room.

8:05 Waterfront overlay task force- met for 8 months on the 1999 rewrite to the 1986 code and the substantive changes it made to the code. There was a consensus to re-establish that the 1986 code applies. On Friday the task force voted 7-6 against the 1986 wording. This vote was to be revisited Dec. 12th.

8:10 Neighborhood Advisor positions/Neighborhood Assistance Center. There is to be an early January town hall with the finalists for the two positions. The positions are to be filled by the end of January.

8:12 Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. Mike Martinez needs to make an appointment to PC. The BOA chair Frank Fuentes was just reappointed by McCracken. Concerns were raised that BOA may not be consistently discharging its duties in full accordance with state law. It was agreed that we should document any instances in which we find this has occurred.

8:25 Lorraine presented rough draft of the ANC letter regarding Water Treatment Plant 4.

8:30 Adjourned