

Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.
February 25, 2009
7:00pm to 9:00pm

7:00pm Call to Order and Introductions

7:05pm Rhoda Mae Kerr, Austin Fire Chief

The Austin Fire Department now has about 1200 employees. The new chief's priorities are 1. Firefighters' safety and well-being. 2. A new logo and branding for the department. 3. The budget. 4. Recruitment and diversity.

Members asked the AFD make more information available on its Web site.

PACE (interdepartmental code enforcement) phone is 974-0130.

7:50pm Bicycle Master Plan

Annick Beaudet, City of Austin Public Works Department, bicycle/ped. The new master plan is available on the city Web site ci.austin.tx.us/bicycle. A link will be posted on ANCWeb.

8:00pm Water Treatment Plant #4

Bill Bunch, Save Our Springs Alliance: "Responsible Water Planning for Austin" and "Why put water treatment plant no. 4 on hold" available at www.sosalliance.org.

8:06pm Wildflower Commons PUD – Jeff Jack

8:10pm City of Austin Comprehensive Plan Process – Jeff Jack: To develop a process for community participation, City Council has postponed its vote on this contract to April.

8:20pm Room to Live Initiative – Stephen Zettner: effort to create a minimum requirement for open space within mixed use areas. For more info, contact zettner@snaustin.org. Sustainable Neighborhoods and North-Central neighborhoods will be sponsoring a city council candidate forum on April 13, including this issue.

8:30pm Lady Bird Lake Boardwalk – Linda Guerrero: Parks Board has approved the concept of connecting the east and west portions of the trail, with the new trail on land wherever possible, also recommends that the Waterfront Planning Advisory Board be given the chance to weigh in on the design.

8:35pm Residential Remodel Amendment – Mary Ingle: Planning Commission has postponed action on this and sent it to the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission in April.

8:40pm Announcements and Updates on On-going Issues -- Danette Chimenti
Site Plan Extension Proposal – The City Council has sent this back to the relevant boards and commissions.

Outdoor Music Venues and Neighborhood Compatibility - City Council will be briefed on this tomorrow. The ordinance has been revised to allow APD to enforce the 70 dB limit for restaurants and to notify residents of applications for permits.

March Candidates Forum – Volunteers are needed to help the night of the forum. Candidates' answers to the questionnaires will be available on ANCWeb. We will need more questions from members to be asked at the forum; please send your questions to Danette.

Waterfront Overlay Task Force Recommendations Update and Southshore PUD – Will be proceeding through boards and commissions in March and April.

Neighborhood Assistance Center – Greg Guernsey: Decision on the two new staff members should be made on Friday, with the office starting up in March.

9:00pm Adjourn