

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
April 8, 2009
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Cosecretary

Present: Danette Chimenti, Mary Eichner, Linda Guerrero, Cynthia Keohane, Jolene Kiobassa, Lou O'Hanlon, Lupe Sosa, Patty Sprinkle, Terry Tevis, Cory Walton, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

6:30pm Call to Order

6:31pm Minutes approved for Feb. 11 (exec), Feb. 25 (general with corrections), March 11 (exec with corrections), and March 25 (forum and endorsement) meetings

6:40pm Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report: \$5,181.21; currently 83 paid members, 2 others have applied but dues have not been received.
- Jody Zemel resignation from EC; though Jody has agreed to continue updating the Web site, we need to fill the Communications Coordinator position on the exec. committee. Mark Boyden was nominated; Danette will ask him.
- ANC Candidates forum post-mortem: Everyone is invited to a South Austin house party for Lee Leffingwell, Sunday April 26, 1-3 pm, 400 Academy. To make our endorsements effective, we must support the candidates (Leffingwell and Cavazos) through house parties and block walking, perhaps coordinated with an ANC Day on April 25 (or other day before early voting starts on April 27). Danette will contact the Leffingwell campaign and East Austin sector reps to begin coordination. We can also work with the Single-member District group, meeting Monday April 13 at noon at Los Altos (E. 33rd St. on I-35 access road).
- PA system – rent out? Mark has suggested this to recoup some of the system's cost. Could also be loaned for free to house parties and other campaign events for endorsed candidates.
- Organizing sector monthly meetings: Laura Morrison and Bill Spelman have both expressed interest in attending sector meetings, perhaps on a rotating basis. The South Central, North Central, Central, and East sectors now have monthly meetings (though at varying levels of organization). We should encourage other sectors to do the same, and post a list or calendar of the meetings on ANCWeb.
- Organizing group of HOA/POA members: Through Lisa Harris, Mary (Deer Park HOA) has been following the Texas Neighborhoods Together alerts for pending legislation concerning mandatory groups such as homeowner associations, which Lisa told us about in March. We should set up a separate Yahoo group for ANC's HOA members so that Lisa can distribute these alerts to those who want them.
- ANC Crime and Safety Forum--ANC Central (Jolene): Central sector is still working with Constable Bruce Elfant to organize a forum to bring together APD and DAs.
- ANC rep on Save Austin Music Board of Advisors: Missy Bledsoe of Southwood has expressed an interest in doing this; Danette will talk to her.
- ANC rep at CapMetro stakeholders meeting April 14, 8-11 am, convention center: Patty and Terry will try to attend.

7:10pm Meeting Planning

- April meeting agenda is overloaded, must cut something. Must have 30-45 minutes for Acevedo and at least 30 min for Guernsey's two items, which does not leave time for Kathie and Bo on nonprofits. If Acevedo can make the April meeting, we will have to postpone Nonprofits to May; if not, Nonprofits will be the main topic for April and we'll try to schedule Acevedo for May.
 - 30 min: Kathy Tovo and Bo McCarver on why and how to start a neighborhood non-profit
 - 30-45 min: APD Chief Art Acevedo--current/future cuts to APD (community liaison, DR etc)
 - 30 min: Greg Guernsey--NP Contact Teams versus NAs and Intro new NAC staff

- 10 min: ANC-East resolution on utility notifications (present for vote in May). Lou made a motion to delete "eastern sectors of the" from the resolution; motion was seconded and approved. The resolution appears below.
- Move to May exec agenda: Residential Remodel Amendment
- Move to May topics: WTP#4–Bill Bunch and Greg Meszaros (AWU director)
- Steve Zettner’s proposed resolution: Mixed use focus is not appropriate for ANC; Cynthia will explain to Steve and ask him to work with the Families and Children initiative.
- May meeting planning
 - Main topics: Nonprofit how-to (see April), WTP#4
 - Jessica King – zero waste (10 minutes)

7:40pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

- Comprehensive Plan (Public Forum update): last night at Conley-Guerrero, took public input on about 100 pages of questions regarding the three consultant submissions. Danette, Lou, Jeff Jack, Daniel Llanes, [Clifton Bailey](#), [Scooter Cheatham](#), [Bill Bednar](#), [Steve Spier](#), [Martha Ward](#), and [Joan Bartz](#), the first ANC president, attended, among other neighborhood advocates, and there was a good turnout from East Austin neighbors concerned about preserving their neighborhood plans. Comments should be sent to Mark Walters by April 13 (or to council members).
- Remodel Ordinance Update: On May exec agenda to consider possible resolution opposing staff’s draft ordinance
- Waterfront Overlay Task Force Recs: scheduled for Parks Board April 24, back to Council May 30 or April 30 (unclear)
- Southshore PUD
- Street Closure Task Force

8:20pm Adjourn

Resolution to provide timely notices to neighborhoods about significant utility developments
 Whereas, in recent months the Cherrywood, Windsor Park, and numerous other neighborhoods have had encroachments on natural spaces by utility companies; and
 Whereas, the neighborhoods were not given timely notices when city permits were issued for the projects; and
 Whereas, the neighborhoods were left with no opportunity to mitigate damages;
 Be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council calls on the city of Austin to afford timely notices of any significant encroachments on natural spaces to neighborhood associations and planning teams.

Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- Rob Spillar – New Transportation Director
- 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
- 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 Energy – cost of services study

Requests for Time on Agenda

- Greg Meszaros – Austin Water Utility Director
- Greg Guernsey – Implementation of NP Priorities and CIP (Top 10)
- Wildlife Austin – April or May meeting (20-30 minutes)
- Robert Goode – New Assistant CM over Aviation, Public Works and Solid Waste (periodic discussions with ANC)