

ANC Executive Committee - Minutes - July 14, 2010

Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.

Present: Cory Walton, Sheryl Cheatham, Bo McCarver, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton, Lou Hanlon, Joyce Basciano, Mary Eichner, Lisa Harris, Cynthia Keohane, Jeff Jack

6:30pm Call to Order

6:31pm Approval of Minutes- June general and EC

6:35pm Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

6:40pm Treasurer's Report- Cory Walton. \$6858

6:42pm Membership renewals update- Lou Hanlon- 8 member associations.

6:50pm Requests for Support (Updates, new additions)

**Neighborhood Plan; FLUM integrity resolution** – issue in SRCC neighborhood. Council to hear the issue on July 29. Passed unanimously.

**Support Local Historic Districts** resolution. Cynthia proposed we have a program on historic zoning before we present a resolution on it to membership.

7:20 pm **Sector Issues**

East Austin, Formula 1 racing. Gather more information; no resolution.

ANC East passed a resolution encouraging taxing entities to move out of giving tax exemptions for historic structures.

ANC East passed a resolution against proposed Mobile Loaves and Fishes RV park.

7:30pm **Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues**

Comprehensive Plan- chip exercise. Encourage neighborhood associations to contact Council about the process, its assumptions. Cory will write a draft letter.

7:45 pm **Meeting Planning**

Annick Beaudet, Cyclovia event- 10 minutes

30 minutes of resolution rollouts- report on ANC EC FLUM resolution, rollout Mobile Loaves and Fishes resolution. Vote on resolution on city planning.

Marc Ott on City budget. 60 minutes- 20 min. budget, 20 min. comprehensive plan, 20 min. Q&A

**August-**

Information from Animal Advisory Commission

Spay/neuter resolution

Library resolution rollout

Historic zoning vs. historic landmarks

City Demographics & growth costs (Ryan Robinson, Brian Rodgers)

8:00pm Adjourn

Resolutions:

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**Resolution to Preserve Integrity of City of Austin Neighborhood Plans, FLUMs and Low-Density SF Zoning**

Whereas the City of Austin neighborhood planning process, neighborhood plans and their future land use maps (FLUMs) were established to provide predictability, consistency and consensus among neighborhood residents, city planners and developers in neighborhoods' future growth and development and

Whereas making zoning decisions based on maximizing the profitability of a property for the developer rather than on smart and consistent land use is contrary to the objectives of the neighborhood planning process and,

Whereas disregarding the intention of the neighborhood Plan and a neighborhood's NCCD renders a Neighborhood Plan meaningless and undermines the neighborhood planning process itself and

Whereas such practice (as has been proposed in the case of 1307 Newning Avenue) would set a citywide precedent to allow duplexes on larger low-density SF lots to be up-zoned to high-density SF for the sole purpose of maximizing profit by selling the individual units as townhouses--a land use prohibited by low-density SF(SF-3) zoning.

Therefore the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) strongly urges the City Council to maintain the integrity of both SF-3 zoning and Neighborhood Plan FLUMs by denying up-zonings on SF-3 properties that are inconsistent with a neighborhood plan FLUM and that allow residential uses that are inconsistent with SF-3 zoning solely to maximize marketability and profits for developers.

**Resolution in Support of Local Historic Districts**

Whereas the City of Austin has lost large portions of its history through neglect and destruction of its representative period commercial and residential structures and

Whereas the local historic districts program represents an equitable process for recognition and preservation of historically significant structures in Austin's older neighborhoods and

Whereas local historic districts allow for stakeholder-determined design standards for new structures and additions to ensure continuity, stability and market value to districts and structures and

Whereas the 7-year property tax abatement on rehabilitation value added to district contributing properties produces no reduction from the city's tax base while adding future tax base

Therefore the Austin Neighborhoods Council supports and encourages adoption of any applicant Local Historic District which qualifies for adoption by providing the program's required 51% of district property owner request for the overlay, 51% contributing structures and all required survey information to complete the nomination form.

The texts of the following two resolutions were not finalized at the time of the EC meeting; they were sent out to the EC on July 18th

**Opposing Locating Homeless RV Park at FAA Airport Site**

Whereas, the Austin City Council has passed Resolution 20100624-083 to put a trailer park for homeless on the FAA Airport Site in Southeast Austin; and

Whereas, there was no communication with neighborhoods in that area; and

Whereas, there is no public transportation, jobs, food stores, medical facilities or other support services in the area; and

Whereas "clustering" of homeless persons in large camps has proven counter-productive for other cities and such facilities should be small and dispersed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Sectors of the Austin Neighborhood Council oppose establishing such a camp at the FAA Site and urges the city to coordinate any similar proposals with neighborhood associations near any proposed camps that may be considered in the future.

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**Eliminating Tax Breaks for Historically- Designated Homes**

Whereas, the City Council has recently rezoned as historic 50 houses in West Austin with an average value of \$1.2 million: and

Whereas, during the same period not a single property in East Austin has been rezoned as historic: and

Whereas, this designation significantly reduces the tax revenues for schools, public works and general services; and

Whereas, the present system of applying for historic designation is expensive and arduous, eliminating applications from low and middle income households; and

Whereas, this system preserves only historic structures from affluent areas thus providing an incomplete and distorted inventory of the architectural history of Austin; and

Whereas, this system serves more to grant affluent property owners tax breaks than to foster historic preservation; and

Whereas, there is a need to retain Austin's architectural history with an equitable program that does not reduce badly-needed revenues:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Sectors of the Austin Neighborhoods Council urge all taxing entities to eliminate tax breaks for historically designated structures and that the process and intent of historic designations be revamped to foster retention of the architectural history of all Austin.

**Requests for Time on Agenda**

Dr. Steven A. Moore UT Architecture School, on the Alley Flat Initiative (secondary residential infill)

Central Health (formerly Travis County Healthcare District) "five-year report card" highlighting significant accomplishments in first five years of operation.

Robert Goode – New Assistant CM over Aviation, Public Works and Solid Waste

Kevin Weir, ANC Members to Beta Test National Neighborhoods On-Line Resource Site  
Joe Dunst, Community Association Institute

Residential Rental Registration Program

Environmental Campaign for Texas

**Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items**

Alley Flats Initiative

Rob Spillar – New Transportation

Historic zoning, Local Historic Districts

How to get Rebates for Energy Efficiency

Howard Lazarus - New Director of Public Works

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

Jack's Krimelabb demo (15-20 min.)

Don Pitts- music

Downtown Plan-Density bonuses, Reactivating Building Permits

New Zoning category for Rehab Hospitals

WTP #4 tunnel drilling & rock removal trucking

ANC EC Planning Session: Potluck and retreat, tentatively scheduled Sat., Nov. 20.