

ANC General Membership Meeting Minutes
Aug. 25, 2010 7 PM-9PM, 721 Barton Springs Rd.

Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Membership Meeting
Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.
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7:00 Call to order

7:01 Councilmember Morrison gave update on Comprehensive Plan. Vision statement goes to Council for approval Aug. 26th. Community Forum #3 to be less structured than earlier ones- people can come and go during the meeting.

Sept. 1st 6:30-8:30, Austin Energy building - Forum on how comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans fit together.

7:06 Residential Rental Registration program (R3P) presentation - Matthew Christianson, Assistant Division Manager, Code Compliance. Described series of stakeholder meetings and input received at them.

7:24 City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program - Eric Dusza, Program Coordinator. Grant assistance program and neighborhood cost-sharing program. They are requesting \$300,000 in the budget for this program.

Announcements/Updates

7:34 Comprehensive Plan Community Forum #3 Sept. 20th-Oct. 6th.

7:36 Formula 1 Racing

7:38 Potential new zoning category for outdoor entertainment venues- events venues. (Smaller scale, non-stadium events.) Was heard at Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances last week; they sent to full PC to initiate a possible code amendment.

7:43 S.O.S. & Environment Texas lawsuit on WTP #4 project, Aug. 26th hearing being held by the city on water rates.

7:51 Community Action Network and application process for its Community Council- Jim Reid, vice-chair of Community Council. Monthly 2-hour meetings. Applications accepted through Sept. 29th.

7:56 ANC holiday party Dec. 1st at Vortex Theater

7:57 Historic Districts and Landmark Processes at the state and city level, an information session. Bratten Thomason, Division Director, Texas Historical Commission, and Steve Sadowsky, City of Austin Historic Preservation Officer. National Register of Historic Places (National Register Districts), Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation, City of Austin Historic Preservation Program (includes City Historic Landmarks, Local Historic Districts, National Register Historic Districts, building permits, demolition and relocation permits and signs.)

8:21 Pet spay/neuter ordinance, no-kill goal: Delwin Goss, Montopolis N.A.; Robert Graham, on Animal Advisory Commission; and Filip Gecic, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Animal Services Division Operations Manager

8:47 Resolutions

8:47 Spay/neuter Bo McCarver moved adoption. Substitute motion to postpone vote for 6 months made by Cynthia Keohane. Failed- 11 yeas on substitute motion, 14 nays. Main motion passed: 15 yeas, 7 nays, 9 abstentions.

9:01 Comprehensive Plan Suspension Motion to postpone the resolution to the next ANC general meeting. Passed: 22 yeas, 1 nay, 3 abstentions

9:06 Oppose Locating Homeless RV Park at FAA Airport Site. Passed: 22 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstentions

9:09 Resolution to Preserve Integrity of Austin Neighborhood Plans & FLUMs. Passed: 22 yeas, 0

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nays, 5 abstentions

9:15 Adjourn

Text of resolutions considered:

Resolution Supporting a Spay/Neuter Ordinance for Austin

Whereas the City Of Austin's City Council has adopted the "No Kill Resolution;" and

Whereas the intended purpose of the "No Kill Resolution" is to end the killing of healthy adoptable cats and dogs at the City of Austin's animal shelter; and

Whereas there is only an expansion of existing programs in the "No Kill Resolution" to limit the number of healthy adoptable cats and dogs entering the City of Austin's animal shelter; and

Whereas the absence of a Spay/Neuter Ordinance in the "No Kill Resolution" to limit the number of healthy adoptable cats and dogs entering the City of Austin's animal shelter will take an ever-increasing number of tax dollars to fund an ever-increasing number of staff and resources to care for and manage the healthy adoptable cats and dogs entering the City of Austin's animal shelter; and

Whereas, abandoned and stray animals pose a health threat to all Austin neighborhoods; and

Whereas the City has had to allocate an additional \$1,000,000.00 in tax dollars to fund the goal of not killing any healthy adoptable cat or dog at the City of Austin's animal shelter; and

Whereas that additional \$1,000,000.00 will have to come from the dwindling general fund; and

Whereas the citizens of Austin are asked to make some very hard choices in Town Hall Budget meetings purposing cuts to other programs; and

Whereas funds could instead go to more needful programs such as affordable housing, education, health care, programs for "at risk" youth, public safety in our more impoverished neighborhoods, parks and trails through out the City of Austin, and the Arts; and

Whereas more than 30 other cities including San Antonio, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Plano, Arlington and El Paso, Seattle, Los Angeles, California, Denver, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque, have funded research and all of them reached the same conclusion to adopt spay/neuter ordinances;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council asks the City Council direct the Animal Advisory Council and city staff to take public input and draft a working and enforceable spay/neuter ordinance that would address the following provisions:

allow owners who show their cats and/or dogs at cat and/or dog shows accredited by the American Kennel Club and/or the Cat Fanciers Association and/or similar accredited and internationally recognized organizations, which require that the dog and/or cat being shown to be intact, be allowed to keep their cats or dogs intact upon providing proof that their cats or dogs are being shown with out fear of being penalized; and

allow a dog or cat owner who is willing to pay an annual "intact fee" of \$100.00 and microchip their cat or dog to keep their cat or dog intact; and

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an animal cannot be seized solely because it is intact; and

prohibit the City of Austin from collecting fines and penalties from cat and/or dog owners who upon being found in violation of this ordinance; on their first offense, have their cat and/or dogs spayed within 45 days of the date of being cited and provide proof of the spay/neuter to the appropriate city official; and

Reasonable exemptions shall be made in cases where a licensed veterinarian is of the opinion that spay/neuter surgery could cause harm and that written proof of opinion is provided to the proper authority; and

provide exemptions for service animals

include a schedule of fees, fines and penalties for those found in violation of this ordinance; and

provide a clear provision as to which city department(s) is to provide enforcement of this ordinance and how it is to be enforced; and

include a clear statement of the intent of the ordinance.

Resolution to Suspend the City of Austin Comprehensive Planning Project

Whereas, the City of Austin has allocated \$1.3 million and directed city staff to initiate a project to develop a new comprehensive plan; and

Whereas, there is a severe strain on the present budget to cut or postpone all activities and services not essential to the operations of the city; and

Whereas, due to budget cuts, the University of Texas at Austin has suspended development of its Campus Master Plan for two years; and

Whereas, the supportive data for the city's planning effort is incomplete and should await the publishing of the 2010 Census and other essential data; and

Whereas, the initial orientation of the planning effort has narrowly focused on a questionable growth scenario which has alienated many citizens and reduced participation to represent only a self-selected group, not representative of the broad spectrum of Austin's geography and cultures; and

Whereas, participation will be greatly enhanced by the development of geographic presentation on the council that is conditioned by the publishing of the 2010 Census and the 2012 Charter Amendment Election;

Therefore be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council calls for suspension of the Austin Comprehensive Planning Project until the publishing of the 2010 Census and the 2012 Charter Election.

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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 was 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.

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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods 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.