

Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Meeting Minutes
Austin Energy Bldg., 721 Barton Springs Rd.
October 27, 2010, 7:00 pm to 9:00pm

7:00 Call to order and introductions

7:05 Councilmembers Morrison and Cole on **Permanent Supportive Housing**- presentation with questions and answers

7:34 Councilmember Morrison announced there were **two sponsored registrations available for the workshop "From Chaos to Collaboration: Raising the Bar in Public Engagement,"** November 5th at St. Edward's University.

7:35 Robert Singleton and Councilmember Morrison on **Foundation Communities**.

7:36 Jill Maness at Austin Energy- enhanced rebates for energy conservation.

7:38 **Water Treatment Plant #4**- AWU's proposed tunnel and possible alternative routes- presentation with Q&A. Sharon Blythe, Linda Strickland, Jill Rowe, Jack Sharp. Parks Board member Carol Lee on the Parks Board's vote on Oct. 26th.

8:05 **Comprehensive Plan Update**- Bryan King and Comprehensive Plan Advisory Task Force member Roger Cauvin. November 1st Council Comprehensive Plan subcommittee meeting.

8:25 **ANC Officer Elections**- Nominations committee slate:

President Steve Aleman	Sector 1 David Crowley
1 st VP Lou O'Hanlon	Sector 2 Cynthia Keohane
2 nd VP Joyce Basciano	Sector 3 Sheryl Cheatham
3 rd VP Lisa Harris	Sector 4 Carol Lee
Treasurer Mary Eichner	Sector 5 Jolene Kiolbassa
Secretary Doris Williams	Sector 6 David Thomas
Communications Mark Boyden	Sector 7 Lorraine Atherton
	Sector 8 no volunteer found
	Sector 9 Lupe Sosa
	Sector 10 Del Goss

Bo McCarver moved nominations committee slate be adopted. Passed: 26 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

8:35 **Resolutions:**

1) To Suspend the City of Austin Comprehensive Planning Project
Bo McCarver moved adoption of the amended resolution. Al Weber moved to table the resolution- motion died for lack of a second. Passed: 14 yeas, 4 nays, 4 abstentions

2) To Oppose Proposed Montopolis Water Tower. Lorraine moved that ANC support ANC East efforts to receive additional information as described in that resolution. Passed: 17 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention.

9:07 **Announcements, updates- dues due at end of December. Holiday party is Dec. 1st.**

9:10 Adjourned

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Resolutions:

Resolution to Suspend the City of Austin Comprehensive Planning Project (as amended)

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, 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 representation 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 and/or restart of the Austin Comprehensive Planning Project.

Resolution: Oppose Proposed Montopolis Reclaimed Water Tower

Whereas the East Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC East) has received testimony regarding the request by the Austin Water Utility to Amend the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan from GR-MU-CO-NP (Community Commercial/Mix Use/Condition Overlay/Neighborhood Plan) to P-NP (Public district/Neighborhood Plan) for the property located at 2201 Grove Blvd- Case C14-2010-0134: and

Whereas the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan calls for GR-MU-CO-NP, which would include housing opportunities and small retail sites; and

Whereas constructing a 123 ft. Reclaimed Water Tower on 1.33 acres in the E. Riverside & Grove Boulevard area, 2201 Grove Boulevard, would not benefit Montopolis residents; and

Whereas Montopolis Neighborhood Planning Team has not received information on other alternative sites locations; and

Whereas the Montopolis residents did not advocate for this Reclaimed Water Tower in the CIP Bond elections for the Montopolis area; and

Whereas the Reclaimed Water Tower will impact Montopolis residents corridor views of downtown; and

Whereas the construction of a 123 ft. Reclaimed Water Tower would deter future positive development in the East Riverside/Grove Blvd/Montopolis Triangle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL: Calls upon the City of Austin Planning Commission and the Austin City Council to deny the Amendment to the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan and the request for a zoning change from GR-MU-CO-NP (Community Commercial/Mix Use/Condition Overlay/Neighborhood Plan) to P-NP (Public district/Neighborhood Plan) as requested by the Austin Water Utility.