

Austin Neighborhoods Council – Executive Committee Meeting

June 8, 2005 – Austin Energy Building

Attendees:

Susan Pascoe, President
Laura Morrison, First Vice President
Jeff Jack, Second Vice President
Joyce Basciano, Third Vice President
Tim Mahoney, Communications Coordinator
Lorraine Atherton, Sector 7 Rep
Linda Moore, Sector 2 Rep
Bob Swaffer, Sector 5 Rep
Mike Weier, Guest

1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

2. Minutes from February meeting

Minutes passed as read.

3. Treasurer's report

Treasurer absent—no report.

4. Committee Reports

A. Communications – Tim Mahoney

- Sector rep meetings are happening but progress is slow.
- Dana Lockler will be asked to serve as a sector rep in South Austin
- Lorraine recommends that ANC invite David Foster's NA (South Austin) to join ANC.
- ANC allows for one membership dues waiver per sector (good for one year). **Motion by Tim to add two more membership dues waivers for the East Austin sector (for Bo McCarver's and Lori Renteria's organizations). Second by Lorraine Atherton—All in Favor.**
- Lorraine: Marguerite Jones, SCAN, organizing an Eastside coalition to preserve jobs in the neighborhood (i.e. to encourage AMD to remain in East Austin).
- APD Community Building Conference, a two-day event in late June (\$50/person—Tim seeking volunteers to attend). Linda Moore reports that NACA is sending a representative to the Conference. She will ask the NACA rep to give ANC a post-conference update.
- Jeff Jack recommends ANC approach participants in Neighborhood Planning process to offer help with zoning and other issues. A list of (at least) the names of participants is available from Ricardo Soliz, NPZD or the individual neighborhood associations involved in the process. **Motion by Jeff instructing Tim to obtain a list of all the people involved in the Neighborhood Planning process. Second by Lorraine Atherton—All in Favor.**

- A Legislative wrap-up by the Board of Texas Neighborhoods Together will be put on the ANC listserve as soon as available.

B. Design Standards – Laura Morrison

Laura reported that Council adopted design standards without a public hearing on changes made to two of the five sections. The final form of this document has not yet been made public. [After note: The approved document is on the City website at http://www.ci.austin.tx/development/commercial_design.htm, link to Council Approved Design Standards Policy Document – May 12, 2005.] ANC needs to review the final document carefully.

C. General Meeting Process

Committee members absent.

5. Program Planning – Joyce Basciano

- A. June – George Adams and CoA Legal Dept. will discuss the Land Development Code Rewrite. Joyce will confirm the speakers.
- B. July – After much discussion the consensus of the board, Joyce is to explore (and confirm) one of the following options:
 - i. Inviting retiring City Council members Jackie Goodman and Daryl Slusher to discuss Austin and the City Council's future and how ANC might be more effective in dealing with City Council.
 - ii. Inviting all senior City Council aides to discuss the budget process and how ANC may affect the outcome.
 - iii. Inviting Council member Betty Dunkerley to contrast and compare certain City projects (to be determined).

6. Communications

- A. Announcements
 - i. Austin Community College thanks ANC for its support of annexation.
 - ii. ANC receives notification regarding a zoning change request for a property on East Riverside Drive (within Greater South River City Neighborhood Planning Area). Property owner claims proposed zoning change from Industrial Warehouse to mixed use (multi-family, live/work space) is consistent with proposed neighborhood plan.
- B. Sector Representatives Reports
 - i. Linda Moore, North Central: Monday, June 13, 2005, Sign Review Board hearing regarding large sign for Target Store at Hwy 183 and Ohlen Dr.; two years after City Council approval of their neighborhood plans, sector 7's NA's being inundated with requests for Neighborhood Plan Amendments.
 - ii. Bob Swafford, Central: minor zoning changes being sought in sector 5.
 - iii. Lorraine Atherton, South Central: sector 7 is dealing with several zoning issues-- the Zilker neighborhood is involved with non-conforming use and grandfathering issues. Questionable information from City legal staff is contributing to the confusion; Galindo NA notified by PARD Director Warren Struss that PARD is withdrawing request for South

Austin Tennis Courts because the ZAP limited PARD to 4 courts instead of the desired 8.

- iv. Tim reporting on Southeast Sector 10: ACC Riverside Campus Grove—there is a request to rezone a golf course from P to GO.

7. Old Business

- A. Council Runoff – no further ANC involvement.
- B. City Bond Election Committee– City Staff has come up with some recommendations. (Discussed at May general meeting.)
- C. Family Elder Care Fan Drive – Susan Pascoe will get information out to ANC. Membership to bring checks (preferred) to June general meeting.
- D. AISD Bond Issue – nothing more to add to May general meeting discussion. Laura Morrison reports concern about potential decline in Matthews School population may lead to school closing. ANC Ex Comms recommend OWANA ask AISD Bd of Trustees and School principals for ideas to spark community support for increasing the school population.
- E. AMD and ANC representative Lorraine Atherton reports that AMD’s employee travel information is available but needs to be converted to a map form. ANC Ex Comms recommend Ryan Robinson or Jim Walker perform this task.

8. New Business

- A. Susan Pascoe asks Ex Comm for volunteers to provide General Meeting networking social refreshments (on a rotating basis). Jeff Jack volunteers to provide cookies for the June general meeting.
- B. Austin Moving Forward – Tim Mahoney is on the Organizing Committee for AMF and will attend the June 25th discussion lead by George Lakoff on Austin’s future. Austin Moving Forward is a coalition of progressive organizations (Liveable City, Democracy for Texas, Public Citizen) and other progressive activists. Tim will report the highlights of this meeting to the ANC.

9. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.