

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting 9.14.05

1. Call to Order 7:10 p.m. In attendance: Susan Pascoe, Laura Morrison, Jeff Jack, Tim Mahoney, Linda Guerrero, Joycye Basciano, Bob Swaffar, Lorraine Atherton and Guest Mike Meier.
2. Minutes of August meeting were approved
3. Treasurer reports balance of \$1,423 with 45 paid members.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. New members – East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team – waived dues.
Tim is working on filling sector rep slots
 - b. General Meeting Process – Mark Boyden and Dana Lockler are handling
 - c. AMD Coalition Activities – Lorraine Atherton
AMD refused to meet with anyone other than S.O.S. Alliance, including coalition, which ANC was a part of. Lorraine is trying to organize a meeting with AMD & neighborhood associations located in Southeast Austin planning area. Hand fans promoting “Stop AMD Move” to be distributed at ACL Festival.
5. Program Planning
 - a. September
 - i. Code Enforcement – Leon Barba with Watershed Protection and Review Department and Keith Leach of Solid Waste Services Department.
 - ii. Austin Energy Conservation Measures – Roger Duncan
 - iii. Hal Katz – TUNA Topic Follow-up
 - iv. Jim Walker – Bond Election Committee update
 - v. Jeff Jack – Resolution regarding Spring Condominium project.
 - b. October
 - i. Nominations and elections of ANC Board
 - ii. Neighborhood Plan Contact Team concept
 - iii. Jim Walker – Bond Election Committee update
Discussion of letter requesting analysis of City Bond Election relative to neighborhood needs.
 - iv. ?Kirk Watson? Senate Race to replace Sen. Barrientos (Kirk is pro-neighborhood)

6. Communications

a. Announcements

- i. Affordable Housing is turning up heat on \$75 million in Bond Election => November 16th.

b. Sector Reps

- i. Bob Swaffar – Local Historic Districts being undone
- ii. Linda Guerrero – Land of Concordia University is to be sold; 24 acres to be developed as business/residential, despite neighborhood plan.
- iii. Lorraine Atherton – Pfluger Bridge extension & 3rd @ Bowie coalition meeting: Three South Austin Neighborhoods oppose central arm extension of bridge through Lumberman’s project (Gables); prefer NW arm connecting to Lamar. Also, bicycle groups are against central arm with Parks Board meetings coming up.
- iv. Tim Mahoney requested \$25 for a booth at Austin Parks Foundation’s Festival de los Plantos – Lorraine Atherton made the motion, Tim seconded motion and all voted in favor.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Jim Diers – Former City Planner in Seattle, Washington who embraces neighborhood planners role in city development will be visiting Austin on Thursday 9/22/05 at 7:00 p.m. at U.T. School of Architecture. Also a book signing at Tim Mahoney’s house Saturday, 9/24/05 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with pot luck dessert.
- b. Town Lake Park – Jeff Jack “We Won 6:1”
Jennifer Kim proposed funding & design of Riverside Dr. be revised. This has been completed for 6 weeks. Very political debate. Council members Leffingwell, McCracken and Alvarez said “not going back, we are moving forward”, cutting Riverside down from 4 lanes to 2. Final OK was approved.
- c. LDC Project Consultant
On the back burner with Land Use & Transportation Committee. We have derailed Jim Duncan being a slam dunk.

8. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee – Bryan King, Linda Moore, Laurie Limbacher, Donna Tiemann and Lorraine Atherton will put a slate together to be nominated at October meeting.
 - b. Joseph Martinez – Request at General Meeting regarding leveling the playing field at zoning and planning commission challenges. Activate sectors to educate residents on how to respond to zoning cases through their neighborhood associations and ANC. Brainstorm with Joseph on how to address the issue together. Committee will examine – Susan, Jeff, Tim, Laura, & Joyce.
 - c. SOS Appeal in Dripping Springs case – Susan
Susan read email from SOS detailing challenge to two development agreements. Jeff Jack made motion to contact SOS to add ANC name to Amicus Brief. Tim Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - d. Livable City Vision Awards
September 29, 2005 @ 5:30 p.m.
 - e. Austin Moving Forward
October 15, 2005; Progressive movement on framing debate with psychology and sociology.
 - f. Discussion on the Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (NPCT) representative meeting: Daniel Llanes feels city drops NPCT after Neighborhood Plan (NP) is in place. Suggested to have separate workshop with NPCT members (28 city-wide) to facilitate discussion regarding ongoing relationship with city. NPCT role is to consider amendments to the NP. Key Question: How closely are NPCT related to Neighborhood Associations.
Neighborhood Planning Team develops the Neighborhood Plan. Once the NP is adopted, city staff wants a changing of the guard with NPCT to follow city staff's lead.
9. Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.