

Austin Neighborhoods Council - Executive Committee Meeting
Austin Energy Building - January 12, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Exec. Comm. Present:

Susan Pascoe, Pres.
Jeff Jack, VP Membership
Doug DuBois, Secretary
Linda Guerrero, Treasurer
Tim Mahoney, Communications Coordinator
Bill Stoughton, Webmaster
Mark Boyden, Sector 3
Bob Swaffar, Sector 5
Lorraine Atherton, Sector 7
Donna Tiemann, Sector 8
Bryan King, Immediate Past President

Guests

Lloyd Bemis
LeAnn Gillette
Mike Meier, ZNA
Kathie Tovo, BCNA
Cory Walton, BCNA

1. **Call to order: 7:01 p.m.**
2. **Scheduled introduction of New VP** – Laura Morrison of Old West Austin NA, but not able to be present
3. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting (11.10.04) – APPROVED
4. **Treasurer's report** – Checking balance = \$81.72; Savings Balance = \$1,115.85
5. **Neighborhood Request for Assistance** –
 - A) LeAnn Gillette and Lloyd Bemis from Westlake/Davenport area; (Rivercrest NA and Bunny Run NA) addressed the Executive Committee regarding an apartment complex development by the Gables. The property is being sold by St. Stephens School on FM 360. The development was approved at ZAP by a 5 – 4 vote. Motion passed out ahead of time and will go before City Council, but is not on the schedule. The Gables offered no negotiations, no compromise, and no respect of restrictive covenants. They also ignored Hill Country Scenic Roadway ordinance which impacts Loop 360. Reps are looking for ANC letter of support from January General Meeting.
 - B) Cory Walton of Bouldin Creek NA addressed the Exec. Comm. regarding development of the Tree House bar/restaurant site. The objection is the loop hole the developers have used to measure the height of the project, exceeding the 60' height for the Town Lake Overlay to a height of 97'. Approved site plan will not go before city council, nor planning commission. Has already gone before Board of Adjustment, but will not likely go again. BUT, site plan will have to go before the Park Board, where it can be stalled, allowing for filing of a Temporary Restraining Order to close the loop hole on cut and fill development.

6. Announcements

- A) Invitation for Preservation Texas workshop
- B) Invitation to Keep Austin Beautiful Awards Banquet
- C) Real Estate Council hosting State of the City address at Four Seasons 1/25/05
- D) Austin Clean Water Program
- E) Downtown Austin Alliance (1/28/05) Downtown Retail Vision unveiled; Four Seasons
- F) It's My Park Day
- G) Austin Parks Foundation, Park Pal Card.

7. Committee Report

- A) Bill on By Laws, passed out spreadsheet with current by laws, proposed changes, and reasoning. Spreadsheet has been scanned and is included as Exhibit A. Revised By Laws will be distributed at January General Meeting and voted on in February by General Meeting participants.

8. Program Planning

- A) January
 - i. Oak Wilt
 - ii. Texas Neighborhoods Together (TNT) will discuss Legislative Day (2/28/05)

9. Old Business

- A) ANC corporate status – Nonprofit, exempt from state franchise tax- not exempt from sales tax: any sales of taxable items or services may require a tax permit and payment of taxes.
- B) Sector News – Tim
Final push for getting information on line from sector reps; info such as voting patterns by neighborhood can also be included.
- C) Dues Renewal – Send reminder to existing ANC members, plus other 100 NA's
- D) KOOP Radio representative – Mark Boyden to fill the slot.
- E) Strategies for 2005 goals
 - i. City Council Elections – ANC City Council Forum is targeted for March meeting. Coordinate positions with other groups AASHA, etc.
Place 1 – Lee Leffingwell getting endorsements and way out ahead.
Place 2 – Margo Clark, Jennifer Kim, Mandy Dealy, Greg Knapp
Place 5 – Betty Dunkerly and Jennifer Gale are only candidates; discussed recruiting Brad Rockwell to run.
 - ii. Integrity project – Susan Pascoe and Laura Morrison will get it off the ground.

10. New Business

A) Town Lake Park – Jeff

Water/wastewater lift station is planned for middle of Town Lake Park, putting COA at odds with park planners. Could be a delay of 6 months with an additional cost of \$225k. City Manager is in support of park project, requiring a relocation of lift station. Park must open in summer of '06 at no additional cost to parks Board.

B) Transit Orient Design Ordinance.

Is moving through City Council with significant issues. Process needs to be slowed down. Emphasize respect of neighborhood plans and limit gentrification to immediate vicinity of TOD areas.

11. Adjourned 8:55 p.m.