

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
October 12, 2005

1. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)
2. Review of minutes (7:01 p.m.)
3. Treasurer's Report (7:05 p.m.) – treasurer is out of town - \$1,338.73 in account
4. Committee Reports (7:10 p.m.)
 - a. Communications – Tim
 - i. Status of sector reps web pages on ANC web site
 - ii. Planning Commission Jim Diers item
 - b. AMD Coalition activities – Lorraine
5. Program Planning (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. October
 - i. Kirk Watson
 - ii. Other
 1. ANC Board Elections
 2. Jim Walker - City Bond Election update
 3. Hal Katz – TUUNA
6. Communications (7:40 p.m.)
 - a. Announcements – mail and other events – All
 - b. Sector Rep – major issues in NA's
7. Unfinished Business (7:55 p.m.)
 - a. County bond election
 - b. Commercial design standards update – Laura
8. New Business (8:10 p.m.)
 - a. Consideration of changing ANC meeting dates
 - b. Rosedale Resolution – Laura
 - c. Novare development – Laura
 - d. Cell phones and driving/Scott Johnson – Susan
 - e. City spill over parking program
 - f. Varsity Properties – options for neighborhoods
9. Adjournment (8:30 p.m.)

MINUTES

Attendance:

President - Susan Pascoe
1st Vice President - Laura Morrison
2nd Vice President - Joyce Basciano
3rd Vice President - Jeff Jack
Immediate Past President - Bryan King
Communications Coordinator - Tim Mahoney
Secretary - Doug DuBois
Sector 2 Rep - Dana Lockler
Sector 5 Rep - Bob Swaffar
Sector 7 Rep - Lorraine Atherton
Guest - Mike Meiers

1. **Call to order** – 7:04 p.m.
2. **Review of September Exec. Comm. minutes** handed out at meeting; minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer’s report** \$1,338.73 in Savings Account
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Communications – Tim Mahoney**
 - i. Sector rep web pages on ANC web site? Tim has been working on post card project and needs interactive cooperation between sector reps & webmaster. Web pages are built by Bill Stoughton and updated by sector reps. Key to success is fresh and up to date material. Need information regarding Festival de las Plantas as display for Sector 10 for their neighborhood planning process. What kind of feedback from neighbors? Not much activity.
 - ii. Two new neighborhood association memberships – River Bluff N.A. and Blackland N.A. Both are from Austin’s East Side. Tim Mahoney makes motion to extend membership through 2006 with October joining date. Motion was seconded by Lorraine Atherton, motion carried with all in favor.
 - iii. Jim Diers Planning Commission – Tim passed out “From Chaos to Compromise” and “Citizens Planning Committee Report” as lead in to report on Jim Diers appearance before the Austin Planning Commission. Chris Reilly, Planning Commission Chairman, provided a key introduction to Mr. Diers, followed by Tim’s comments regarding the neighborhood planning process. Need to train planning commission to look at the planning process – not just as individual zoning situations. Comment about Sergio Pellegroni – co-sponsor of Mr. Diers’ appearance at the U.T. School of Architecture.
 - b. AMD Coalition Activities - Lorraine
The only folks in attendance were S.O.S. folks and 2 or 3 Save Barton Creek folks. Meeting with Mayor Will Wynn and discovered he doesn’t like Hector Ruiz (AMD Chairman) but would not bring political pressure on AMD, but would try and persuade them to move downtown, rather than Oak Hill. Comment...it’s going to be difficult for the city to pass bond election to spend money on purchasing green space when they are giving up on AMD. Suggestion for City Council to pass resolution in opposition to AMD move. Have already had conversation with Lee Leffingwell, Raul Alvarez, and Brewster McCracken and received favorable response.

5. **Program Planning**

a. October

i. Program

1) Kirk Watson?? maybe – maybe not. topic would be, as candidate for Texas Senate representing Austin, what can he do for neighborhoods through the Legislature?

2) County Bond Elections with Mike Blizzard to line up speaker from County Commissioners. Deal with Park Lands, Jails, etc.

3) ANC endorsement of Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles should be discussed at next General Meeting. Motion by Jeff Jack to take petition to October General Meeting; 2nd by Doug DuBois, motion carried with all in favor.

ii. Other

1) Jim Walker with City Bond Elections update

2) ANC Board elections

Slate of Officers:

President – Laura Morrison

1st Vice President – Jeff Jack (Membership)

2nd Vice President – Joyce Basciano (Programs)

3rd Vice President – Katrina Daniels (Zoning)

Treasurer – Linda Guerrero

Secretary – Kevin Lewis

Communications Coordinator – Tim Mahoney

Sector Reps:

1. Vacant

2. Linda Moore

3. Barbara Mink

4. Susan Pascoe

5. Bob Swaffar

6. Bo McGarver/Lori Renterria/Daniel Llanes

7. Dana Lockler/Lorraine Atherton

8. Donna Tiemann

9. Vacant

10. Jack Howiston

6. **Communications**

a. Announcements – none

b. Sector Rep Reports:

i. Dana Lockler – November 10, 2005 Neighborhood Planning meeting at South Austin Rec Center (S. Lamar Combined N. P. Area)

ii. Lorraine – 1) change in boundary of Zilker Neighborhood Association in relation with Barton Hills Neighborhood Plan, vehemently supported by Mark Walters.
2) Alice Glasgow announced the entire area would be one single plan.

7. **Unfinished Business**

- a. County Bond Election – possibly part of October program
- b. Commercial design standards update – Laura Morrison
Codification to be outsourced. Changes to the policy document approved last May have been proposed regarding 1) signs 2) pad restaurants; & 3) vertical mixed use. Meeting again Friday 10/14/05 at City Hall; Laura is taking ANC position of no support for VMU changes that weaken neighborhood planning.

8. **New Business**

- a. Consideration of changing ANC meeting dates; would require a by-laws change and other rights would have similar conflicts – not feasible at this time.
- b. Rosedale Resolution – submitted for review for presentation at October General Meeting, deals with re-zoning from LR to CS for development on Medical Parkway. Request is inconsistent with Rosedale Neighborhood Plan. Re-zoning request was voted down 4 – 3 at ZAP; going to City Council 11/3/05.
- c. Novare Development – 3rd and Nueces Block 25, proposed 430 foot tower with spire on top; 40 floors, 421 units. Request for rezoning from CBD to CBD CURE 10:1 ratio, rather than 8:1 ratio. Will be mixed use retail/residential. Small footprint, tall building. Increase in F.A.R. would allow for 2 additional floors. Waving traffic impact analysis; paving 3rd Street, which would accommodate Lance Armstrong Bikeway. Going to ZAP on Tuesday, then to City Council on 11/3/05.

Susan and Laura will draft a letter to ZAP along the lines of: *ANC appreciates the development in CBD, which is appropriate and hope they would consider increased amenities as a result of increased financial viability of the expanded F.A.R..*

The Spring condo project to be heard at ZAP as well. Many N.A.'s will be showing up in opposition. Real chance to defeat will be at City Council 11/3 rather than at ZAP.

- d. Cell Phones & Driving – Scott Johnson is planning to develop a coalition to prohibit cell phones while driving. He is requesting time to present the issue to ANC for support. The Executive Committee decided that the issue needed to wait until the coalition is actually in place and there is space on an agenda.
- e. City Spill Over Parking Program – would provide parking meters (possibly with residents only parking permits on one side of the street) in neighborhoods who receive spill over parking from events or nearby businesses. Part of the revenue from the parking meters would go back to the neighborhood for selected improvement projects.
- f. Varsity Properties - Coming in and taking SF housing and converting to student housing in neighborhoods – 6 bedrooms. ANC needs to lobby to lower number of unrelated people living in a single house from 6 to 3 or 4.
- g. Blackland/Featherlight Properties – Variance request by Presbyterian Church for steeple to 80'.

9. **Adjourned: 8:45 P.M.**