

**Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Austin Energy Building
August 11, 2004, 7 p.m.**

Present:

Susan Pascoe, Pres.
Joyce Basciano, VP Programs
Jeff Jack, VP Membership
Bill Stoughton, Treas.
Dana Lockler, Sector 2
Linda Moore Sector 2
Linda Guerrero, Sector 5

1. Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

2. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion by Doug DuBois, Second by Linda Moore, Approved by all in attendance.

3. Treasurer's report

Balance in savings = \$1,525.70, in checking \$34.64.

Memberships paid = 33

4. Program planning

a. August, September and October programs

- i. August – Jeff Jack will chair committee to concentrate on AISD bonds, panel discussion. 40 minutes panel presentation followed by 20 minutes of Q&A. Questions should be written on index cards and passed to moderator, trying to limit open questions from audience, which eat up the clock. Prepare a ballot ahead of time to record vote by neighborhood representatives. Pass out the ballot as roll is called, after the panel, but before Q&A. Collect ballots after Q&A. May have to limit discussion on Historic Landmark task force by Laurie Limbacher.
- ii. September – Need to keep Sam Archer and Cap Metro referendum prior to elections. Again, a panel discussion of pros & cons of proposals would be the preferred format. Possible participants: Jim Skaggs, Patrick Goetz, Mike Damas, in addition to Mr. Archer.
- iii. October – Annual Business Meeting to elect officers and possible updating of by-laws.

5. Old Business:

- a. OWANA Integrity Project – discussion of data collection process to support argument of lack of integrity regarding code enforcement. Best solution would be to integrate into ANC web-site with possible consultant to work with Bill. We would have a fill-in-the blank form to fill into the database.

- b. Density and mixed-use subcommittee of ECT – in reality, it was a pro-density subcommittee. Attempt to legitimize pro density stance.
- c. Toll Roads – Do we want to do anything about it? It was suggested to get information out at the next meeting to publicize effort to recall Mayor Will Wynn and Council Member Brewster McCracken.
- d. Meeting with Mike Levy – Susan, Joyce, Linda and Doug had lunch with Mike Levy, founder and publisher of Texas Monthly and advocate for more public safety in Austin. Susan reported Mr. Levy recommended ANC become more vocal with our concerns. Possibly placing ads in the Statesman, or meeting with their editorial board.
- e. City of Austin Budget – 596 pages in executive summary – 1,400 pages in entire budget. It was suggested to survey neighborhoods to determine priorities – neighborhood quality of life? Density? Smart Growth? Gentrification? Susan will draft a cover statement for survey to go to complete list on Community Register.
- f. Interim Development Regulations on Two- Family Residential – limited discussion
- g. Neighborhood Ombudsman – tabled.

6. New Business:

- a. Gentrification Code – Hand out from Steve Barney relating to “Staff Task Force on Gentrification in East Austin Report”. City does not understand ultimate problem with gentrification => increasing property taxes for surrounding homes, potentially driving out long term residents. How do proposals MITIGATE gentrification? Appears to promote.
- b. COA Housing Stakeholder Meeting – will e-mail announcement.
- c. Monthly membership meetings – length: Previously discussed need to control questions, presentations, so we can cover all business and adjourn on time, while giving due justice to key topics. Will explore use of a time keeper to strictly enforce time limitations.
- d. Campaigns for People – “Clean Up Texas Politics” – tabled.
- e. National Neighborhoods Day – Sometime in September.

7. Adjournment (8:32 pm)