

Dear Neighbor:

The Nominating Committee of the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association (CNA) would like to thank you for your interest in serving on the CNA Steering Committee.

As you probably know, the Steering Committee is made up of 13 residents, six of whom are elected in odd numbered years, and seven of whom are elected in even numbered years. Members serve two-year terms. The Steering Committee meets monthly and elects its own officers. Generally, the Steering Committee takes care of all CNA business – it ensures that the Flea is published and delivered, that quarterly meetings are conducted, and proposes policy matters for the neighborhood's consideration

Attached is the CNA Steering Committee Candidate Form. Please take the time to complete this form and return it to Jim, Dave, or me. We hope to obtain Candidate Forms from all interested persons by about mid-September in order to complete our work in time for the election held at the October general meeting.

The Candidate Form is intended to help the Nominating Committee evaluate candidates in terms of diversity, skill, enthusiasm, interest, and background. For the Steering Committee to operate effectively and efficiently, varying skills, interests and opinions need to be represented. Also, the CNA Bylaws provide that the Steering Committee be diverse geographically, and in such areas as age, gender, and occupation. It is our goal to select nominees for consideration and possible election at the October general meeting who best reflect the neighborhood's diversity of backgrounds, interests, experience and geography.

Please note that although the system of electing one-half the Steering Committee each year may imply that a "new" group of Steering Committee members will be elected, the CNA Bylaws specifically provide that prior or current Steering Committee membership does NOT prevent nomination. So, if you are a current or prior Steering Committee member, please feel free to complete a Candidate Form.

Finally, we hope no one is discouraged from participating in neighborhood activities if you are not selected for nomination for election at the October general meeting. There are many committees and CNA activities which badly need help, and the Nominating Committee will retain your Candidate Form for consideration should a vacancy occur on the Steering Committee in the next year, as well.

Still interested? If so, please return the completed Candidate Form to: Jim Walker, 3102 Breeze Terrace, phone 499-0526; Dave Westenbarger, 1707 E. 38 ½ Street, phone 494-9905, Lex Dale Owens, 1803 E. 40th, phone 477-6555, Priscilla Boston, 4004 Vineland Dr., phone 478-1867, or me, Michael McClendon, 3501 Hollywood Ave., phone 482-0016, or by email to <mmclendon1@austin.rr.com>.

Thank you for your interest!

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE FORM

Name:

**Physical
Address:**

Phone(s): (H)
 (W)
 (other)

**Mailing
(if diff.)**

FAX (if applicable)

E-Mail (if applicable)

Basic requirements for membership on Steering Committee:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Current resident of neighborhood, and has no reason to believe that he/she will move out of neighborhood during term years.
- Agrees to disclose any known potential conflict of interest. [Note: presence of conflict does not disqualify candidate].
- Agrees to attend monthly meetings of the Steering Committee (per bylaws, 3 consecutive absences results in resignation), as well as special meetings and sub-committee meetings as required.
- Is committed to maintaining and/or improving Cherrywood Neighborhood as a great place to live.

Do you meet these basic requirements? .

Information on age, gender, ethnicity and occupation is optional but, if provided, will help the Nominating Committee achieve diversity among the slate of nominees it recommends.

Age: 18-30 31-45 46-60 over 60 **Gender:** F M

How long have you lived within the neighborhood boundaries?

In Austin?

Ethnicity:

Occupation:

If you have business interest(s) within or adjacent to Cherrywood Neighborhood, please describe the nature and extent of such business interests:

Why do you want to be on the Steering Committee?

Any information you provide on this page will help the Nominating Committee recommend a slate of Steering Committee candidates with a diversity of interests and expertise.

On a scale of 0-5, where 0 = lowest, and 5 = highest, please indicate the degree of your specific areas of interest and experience/expertise:

ISSUE	YOUR INTEREST LEVEL <u>(0-5)</u>
Communications (<i>The Flea</i> , other publications, web page, email, etc)	
Maplewood elementary school	
Neighborhood clean-up & beautification	
Welcoming new residents	
Homelessness issues	
Neighborhood area businesses	
Safety & crime prevention	
Neighborhood history	
Parks, green space, habitat & water quality	
Developing a vision for CNA	
Traffic (parking, traffic calming, speed humps & bumps, traffic signals, etc)	
Transit & light rail	
City of Austin Smart Growth Initiative	
Preservation of neighborhood character	
Density (population and dwelling units)	
Mueller Airport redevelopment	
Researching and developing policy	
Land use, planning & zoning	
Building codes issues	
Other _____	

Please share any professional experience or expertise you have in any of the above issues, as well as any additional information about your skills and interest areas, or anything else you feel it is important for the Nominating Committee to know. Some specific areas that have been identified where expertise is sought include communication/media expertise; ability to network with elected officials; financial planning & management, urban planning, zoning, & codes, participation in visioning process & legal expertise:

Date

Signature

Print Name