

CHERRYWOOD

Neighborhood Association

Austin TX 78722

MEETING MINUTES: (1) STEERING CMTE; (2) MEMBERSHIP

(1) **Steering Cmte:** Wed., January 9, 2002

Location:	Taqueria los Altos	Commencement:	6:00 pm
Attendees:	Bree Buchanan, Dave Westenarger	Adjournment:	8:10 pm
	SC: James Spanelli, Lyn Estabrook, Frances Delaune, Rebecca Kohout, Stefan Schuster, Jeff Folmar, David Menhard		SC absent: Robbin Howard, Kyle Ranne, Jim Sander RESIGNED: Rebecca Schwarz
	OTHERS: Pauline Porter, Mark Lind, Miguel Atkins, Gordon Bennett		

SUBJECT:

ACTION DEADLINE:

ACTION BY:

Officer's Reports:

Lyn, is a neighborhood association 501C3, non-profit tax exempt? Joan Gruszka, accountant, mentioned as a resource. Put call in the neighborhood net or call other neighborhood associations to ask their status. Who to make investigations?

James: Described procedure for publishing minutes. They will be emailed within a day after each steering committee meeting to the committee members. Then within 3 days we all have a chance to review the minutes, make additions or changes. Email your altered notes to Gordon; after 3 days, Gordon will post the minutes to the web.

General Meeting Agenda for January 16:

Question raised: Should we mail non-residing homeowners copies of the Flee. This is approximately 200 property owners, and would cost us \$75 dollars

Next meeting

Bree to call neighborhood associations.

Lyn to ask bank how to eliminate her S.S. # from account.

Gordon to email to ANC to solicit someone who may have some expertise.

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each mailing.

Question: Can we move the general membership meeting for January 2003 back one week since the second Wednesday does not fall agreeably with the holidays? All voted in favor

Problems with non-residents subscribing to the neighborhood net? What are the issues? Steering committee has no contention with governmental officials subscribing to the Neighborhood Net. (Only solve problems that exist is the current motto...)

Should the on-line Flea version include the ads? Yes, is the S.C. official position 1. To be fair to advertisers, 2. For convenience of users to find the advertisers' coordinates.

Parks:

Reed Park continuing clean-up efforts. Upcoming meetings...

Next Meeting

Bree or Gordon to Ask Girard if he is willing to continue

Is Girard Kinney willing to continue overseeing as Chair of Reed Park? Question to ask directly...

General Question?

When do Chairmen's terms end? Bree unsure; language in by-laws loose or vague. Just need to ask directly to chair's

On the same note, Bree to assign chairs to all committees. Lyn to be liaison to Flea

Dave liaison to parks

Stephan liaison to traffic.

James set to be liaison set for Planning and Zoning; this chair to contact Mike Damal and ask status.

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James Spanelli

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Planning and Zoning

Mike Damal, Chair, concerned raised that committee has been lax over the past year. No action to be taken at the moment; concern simply voiced and noted.

UBC taken over in the past year as they created the development guidelines.

Beautification sub committee of planning and zoning: Garden of the Quarter/month club to be kicked off this spring.

Traffic Update:

Need to go on CAMPO since TXDOT is not listening to I-35. Gerard Kinney made a suggestion via Bree to have CAN representation at the general CAMPO meeting. This item to be raised at the general membership meeting.

Traffic calming: Seems the city program is dead. Mark suggests to lobby council for reinstatement of funding. Most effective to unite inner city neighborhood associations and confront council to be most effective. Bree voiced that Kathy Jones was very interested in helping to further this goal.

Mark to contact Kathy Jones to ask assist or step up and take lead.

Security:

Issue from commander's forum. Should we not allow parking cars on your lawn...? Do we have a general membership vote? Bree to outline issues; Gordon to outline issues for a neighborhood email.

Issue to keep an eye on: Graffiti is on the rise. Domestic disturbance instances are high for Cherrywood neighborhood.

Hospitality:

Welcome wagon. Frances Delaune and Rebecca Kohout will co-chair. Eugene Watkins to handle renters, Rebecca to handle new home owners. Fiesta floral department arranges the baskets. To make deliveries once a month. Starting in January.

Rebecca and Eugene

Possibility of doing a "Taste of East Side" this spring,

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idea suggested. Rebecca to keep us posted.

Pets:

There is no Chair, nor committee. No clear committee function at the moment. Not an immediate priority. Diane Midgett, 3206 Dancy (476-3575), animal activist. Possible Chair. Rebecca to contact.

Rebecca to contact. Diane to ask for her assistance.

Frances set as liaison to the committee.

History Committee:

“Old North Central East” (ONCE) Austin History Club, while not a CNA committee, is the active local history writing group.

At general Membership meeting, give presentation on Mueller redevelopment. Bree to ask Jim Walker to give presentation. Gordon volunteered if Jim is not available.

Jim Walker to give presentation

UBC Planning: Possibility of getting the plan as a PDF file to give all the access to read it. Gordon Bennett agreed to post. Importance to get the plan out and have people.

Posted*

Next meeting set for Feb 13 (Wed) 6:00 pm at Taqueria Los Altos.

* http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/___cwd/NP.htm

Quarterly Membership MEETING MINUTES

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(1) Membership: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 **Today's Date:** Friday, January 18, 2002

Location: Maplewood Elementary School **Commencement:** 6:34 pm

Attendees: 23 **Adjournment:** 8:25 pm

Bree Buchanan, Chair, presiding

1. Parks, Girard Kinney, Katherine Baisner

- a. "Cherrywood Park" (Reed Park): Fundraiser for Feb. 9th, plant and garage sale; organizers looking for donations of articles, time and money. Applying for Austin Parks foundation grant. Site Plan has been finalized; one can view on line. *Tree Folks* donating trees for free. Water line: using adjacent homeowners' water lines to feed trees. Tentative meeting to meet with PARD to discuss site plan with *Tree Folks*. Meeting at 6:30, January 24th to finalize events for February fundraiser. Check Neighborhood Net for updates and meeting postings.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. ****MOTION**** To move January 2003 general membership meeting to 4th Wednesday. Unanimous vote in favor.
- b. ****MOTION**** Approved last quarters meeting minutes. Unanimous approval.

3. HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE, Rebecca Kohout and Frances DeLaune

- a. Call to arms for neighborhood social clubs. Passed sign-up sheet to ask for club suggestions.
- b. Twenty-two new residences have moved into the neighborhood in past six months. Baskets are being prepared and will be delivered on Wednesday the 23rd. Suggestion made 1.) to add list of committees and or clubs in baskets 2.) to have neighborhood vision statement.
- c. Neighborhood social in April or May. Suggestion for the event to take place at the park or have "Taste of Cherrywood" restaurant crawl. Stay tuned for more; contact Rebecca or Frances for comments or additional suggestions.
- d. Yard Beautification Award for nicest yards awards will be given out for the first time beginning this March.

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4. TRAFFIC, Mark Lind (with Girard Kinney)
 - a. Traffic Calming has been a neighborhood issue for the past 2-½ years. Cherrywood did not succeed in its efforts to gain funding for traffic calming this year since the City revoked this year's funding due to the fiscal crisis. Cherrywood residents will try again next year.
 - b. I-35 Freeway expansion (Girard). First stage of the planning just finished. Master plan will go into the engineering phase this spring providing there are no further changes. Our neighborhood and four adjacent neighborhoods have endeavored to work together to influence plan; we have succeeded in convincing TXDOT to sink I-35. The exit ramp locations though are still a contentious issue; i.e., there is no exit leading to Airport road. TXDOT has addressed these issues, but they are not responding to ramp and feeder road problems. The concern is that traffic will line up on Manor road and 38 1/2th, and the much wider Airport Blvd will be used under capacity since there will not be a north bound exit to the Airport. This five-neighborhood coalition is forming a strategy to influence this policy. A public meeting is eminent when TXDOT will unveil plan. After the plan is released, TXDOT will have to approve the plan after which it will be passed onto CAMPO for review. Bree suggested most threatening event to our neighborhood. We will need a large unified neighborhood voice to fight TXDOT. Start chatting up the subject with your neighbors.
 - c. Bikeways, Dave Westenberger. January 31st, decision to be made for funding. A bikeway along Manor Road appeared; no one sure how or why. But most are pleased.
 - d. 38 ½th did not get downgraded. The City still plans eventually to widen the road.
5. Crime Committee, no presenter, general discussion.
 - a. Possible gang tag/graffiti on Willowbrook creek. Suggestion to call the graffiti hotline. This makes a record and they respond quickly.
 - b. In general, crime has been going down in this neighborhood except for domestic violence.
 - c. Security issues: Fiesta transient population responsible for many burglaries. Cops called frequently. But another group took place of those induced to leave. Recurring problem.
 - d. Contact Jim Sander and Jules Vieau if you have comments or suggestions.
6. Mueller Redevelop, Jim Walker.
 - a. Travis County expressed 20-acre interest and has tried to jump to head of line in front of others to attain control of the property. There is a general worry or fear that special interest groups such as the county could cut out their own parcels from a project that has already been master planned.
 - b. Two master developers are in the running. Their proposals are due end of this month. Soon afterwards in February, the developers will hold public presentations on how they expect to develop the land.
 - c. Jim will call the City to inquire for 1.) another bike event or 2.) if the City can open a small portion of the old airport land for temporary park space. These actions are to appease one neighbor who voiced his opinion that the City is doing little to meet the needs of the east side.
 - d. The ROMA Master Plan has not been adopted by council. The plan at moment is picture of what we would like to happen. Hiring the master developer is like hiring an architect to design the site. The concern now is whether the developer will follow through with the intent of the plan.

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- e. Highly publicized neighborhood group meeting will occur before/after February presentations.
7. Opening on steering committee. Any volunteers?
 - a. Kim Cameron nominated self of the floor. Unanimous vote in favor.
8. ELECTRIC SUBSTATION, Girard Kinney.
 - a. Problem: the funds for the COA for the enhanced design were barely adequate. Now funds have been cut in half. Need neighborhood support to speak with local City officials. Opportunity to demonstrate how new technologies can be incorporated in the City.
 - b. Austin Energy has new president, Juan Garza. Suggestion made from floor to talk to him about unfulfilled promises.
9. UPPER BOGGY CREEK PLANNING PROCESS, Stephen Kreger
 - a. Tuesday, 29th, 6:30 in the Maplewood cafeteria. Top ten action items to be discussed of the current 129. Please attend to discuss or via internet to take the survey. Zoning issues are not a consideration; they are different issues.
 - b. Meeting on February 5th, same time, same place, will discuss how to spend \$20,000 to be given by City. Suggestions: donate to elementary schools, or to buy welcome signs for neighborhood.
 - c. History sections needed by the end of January. Please follow-through and submit your writings by the end of the month. [GB – this mystifies me. I gave them a draft a week before this meeting!]
10. Yard ordinance, Jim Walker presenter. Should the C N A opt out of the proposed City ordinance to ban parking of automobiles on front or side yards? Vote necessary to add in the Master Plan if we decide to opt out.
 - a. Much discussion. Hand/Written votes turned in and counted. 5 against the proposal, 18 in favor.
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Mark Lind spoke of signing petition to allow current City officials who are up for re-election to run again despite maxed-out term limits. If you would like to help, contact Mark.
 - b. There is a 5 million dollar bond package up for vote. The intended money is for health and safety issues in our schools. The bonds will raise funds to take care of mold growth in many public schools. People were encouraged to vote beginning late January. If money not generated, payment will come from direct operational expenses from school districts.
12. Meeting Adjourned. 8:25.