

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association - Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 8th, 2007

Place: Asbury Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Steering Committee Present: Amy Brotman (recording), David Greene (presiding), Girard Kinney, Mark Schiff, Rebecca Kohout,

Steering Committee Absent: Emma Pickering, Summer McKee, Tom Wald, Wade McElroy, 4 Vacancies

Other Attendees: Beverly Schiff, George Holcombe, Michael Bray, Mark Mitchell

Motions

- Motion made to appoint Michael Bray to fill a Steering Committee position until the general membership can vote in two weeks. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Announcements

- Historic District Status: There will be a city meeting to explain the benefits of neighborhoods becoming historic districts. Meeting will be held at the Carver Library on Monday 8/20 from 6-8PM. All are welcome to attend.
- Film Night: Film night is this Friday, August 10th, and the documentary being shown is Fast Food Nation.

2. Old Business

None

3. ANC Report

- No report.

4. Other Agenda Items

Transportation – Orange Dillo Extension: Will be providing lunchtime service to Manor Road. Service begins on 9/12.

Transportation – 40th Median Crossing Closing:

Steering Committee Membership: Michael Bray is interested in joining the Steering Committee. He a homeowner who is interested in urban development,

Quarterly Meeting: Agenda will be the pandemic flu. The Public Works Department will let us know about a French Place public works project starting in January. Sheldon Salisbury will update us on APD's activities.

Homelessness: Several issues identified. Would like to have the safety issue addressed w/ APD, but would also like to engage the city to help solve the problem on a larger scale. Could be an issue that could be explored with the Film Night or a Saturday work session. Could have an article in The Flea. Could also be a discussion topic for the next quarterly meeting.

VMU Update: Continues to be delayed by the city. Our support of the original ordinance was contingent on the relaxation of an ordinance that currently makes it difficult to get permitted parking for property residents in areas close to dense development. Now, the city is trying to amend the VMU ordinance to remove that relaxation which would make it difficult for residents to do anything about overflow business parking in the neighborhood.

Animal Shelter: Some east Austin neighborhoods do not want the animal shelter moving to East 7th & Airport to the location of the old school for the deaf. Some west Austin neighborhoods do not want the shelter to move from their location.

Planning & Zoning: Committee meeting is this coming Monday, 8/13 at 6PM at Taqueria Los Altos. Agenda items are zoning change for a property on Robinson from single family to office. Variance request for a property on Robinson. RV on Werner. Cell tower. Sky park update.

5. Action Items

- Amy to call Sheldon w/ a list of discussion points for the meeting.
- David to invite the new chief of police to the general neighborhood meeting.
- David to start planning transportation and homelessness segments for next general session.
- David to post to the NN regarding homelessness.
- Rebecca to post to NN regarding historic district status. Action item completed 8/8/07.

6. Adjournment (about 8:20pm) – Next steering committee meeting is at Asbury on 6/13. Next general meeting at Maplewood on 5/16.