

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting  
Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 | 6:30 - 8:00pm  
Servant Church, 1605 E. 38 ½ Street, Austin, TX 78722

Minutes:

1. The agenda was distributed. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm; there is a quorum.
2. A previous action item was to arrange a discussion of coyote presence in the neighborhood. Sightings seem to have diminished. Sarah Whitson, Wildlife Officer from the City of Austin, will present to combined neighborhoods on cohabitating with urban wildlife. The presentation will be at the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Meeting on 2/24/2020 at the Fannie Mae Stewart Conservancy.
3. Steering Committee (SC) Reports:
  - a. The Chair Report was made by Jim Walker. He reported that the SC has taken the following actions:
    - i. After much discussion and negotiation, the SC will support the rezoning and project proposed for 3201 Merrie Lynn.
    - ii. The SC called several special meetings, attended by 100 unique community members, regarding the proposed Land Development Code rewrite. Letters have been sent to the City Council stating our positions.
    - iii. Three members have been added to the SC as interim members and a vote will be held tonight.
    - iv. The Chair asked, and the motion passed to allow payment for general meeting venues. The revenue will come from Flea profits and it is a reasonable and appropriate use of these funds.
  - b. The Treasurer Report was made by Allan Hah. He reported that revenue from the Flea funds CNA activities. The Flea turns a profit of about \$100-\$130 per month. The Servant Church has negotiated a charge of \$60 for our quarterly meetings. This is a significant discount from their usual fees. Mr. Hah reported that our cash balance is \$3448.66, and our net balance is \$3057.25.
  - c. In absence of Jennifer Potter-Miller, Jim Walker reported that the February edition of the Flea was a shortened version. Feedback was solicited. Neighbors stated they had noticed the difference but were still happy with the Flea. Again, it was stated that help is needed to produce the newsletter. Content is needed as is production work.
4. Community Presenters: Carlton Pote, the manager of the Manor Road Amy's Ice Cream presented to the group and brought treats. He stated that being a part of the community in which they are located is part of the mission of Amy's Ice Cream. They also want to be a fun place to visit. They have a photo booth, they have vegan options and they do the ice cream show for which Amy's is known.
5. Committee Reports and Neighborhood Projects:
  - a. The Land Use and Development Committee Report was given by Girard Kinney. He reported that the Sidewalk Master Plan is up for review and amendment. The plan

seeks to have sidewalks on both sides of perimeter streets and sidewalks on one side of main interior streets with the goal of providing E-W and N-S connectivity. A survey will be presented to neighborhood residents to gather feedback. The survey will ask residents to vote to keep the current plan or to change it with additional sidewalks. The survey will be distributed on-line and in a hard format. After feedback is obtained, the Master Plan will be published.

- b. The Green Spaces Report was presented by Jennifer Potter-Miller.
    - i. Grackle Green on Drury Lane at E. 28th Street is moving forward with construction to begin in April.
    - ii. The Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP) is still waiting to hear about a pending grant from the Austin Parks Foundation (APF).
    - iii. Ms. Potter-Miller added as an action item a call out for support. The FoPP can receive funds from Amplify Austin under the umbrella of the APF. She requests that the neighborhood consider giving a donation to APF during Amplify Austin as all donations will be doubled. If neighbors cannot donate money, please consider volunteering time.
6. New Business:
- a. There was discussion of NCINC3, the neighborhood coalition dealing with proposed TXDoT plans to sink the upper deck of IH35 from 51st to the river. Areas south of MLK Jr. Blvd will be capped and stitched allowing for better connectivity and E-W access. Cherrywood is the neighborhood with the longest abutment to IH35 and as there are “pinch points” (where no changes will be made) at St. David’s Hospital and the cemetery, our neighborhood will serve as the relief valve. Jim Walker proposed inviting TXDoT to an upcoming general meeting to gain more information.
  - b. The efforts of the SC to share information about our neighborhood’s philosophy and expectations regarding the Land Development Code Rewrite was shared with the neighbors. The third reading is in March and will likely be voted on at the time of the reading. Previous votes have had a 4 to 7 split for passing. Cherrywood generally supports the goals of increased density, but we want to see new development that is compatible with our neighborhood and that is affordable.
7. Election of new SC members Brandy Savarese, Adam Packer and Jeri Spence. Ms. Savarese and Mr. Packer introduced themselves and gave their credentials. Ms. Spence was not present, so Jim Walker gave her credentials. Mr. Walker moved for a vote. The three new members were elected by a vote of 27 yays and one abstention. There still are open seats on the SC. Mr. Walker called for volunteers but did not receive any.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.