

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association

FINAL - Minutes of Meeting - FINAL

Date: Wed, Mar 11, 2020

Fannie Mae Stewart Community Conservatory, 1902 E. 22nd St.

1. Call to Order at 6:30.

SC Members in attendance: Allen Hah, Girard Kinney, Adam Packer, Brandy Savarese, Jeri Spence, Jules Vieau, Jim Walker. Quorum present.

Community members in attendance: Maggie Packer, Dana Houghton

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Citizen Communication.

- Kinney shares updates from Mueller Commission meeting on 3/10.
  - Teacher Retirement System moving headquarters to Onederment parcel in Mueller (west side of Berkman, between Barbara Jordan and East 51st St.).
- Walker addresses COVID-19 impact on neighborhoods.
  - No official (or unofficial) guidance to neighborhoods for how to care for elderly/indigent residents, or to support neighbors generally. Suggests emailing listservs (NextDoor and NeighborNet) prompting residents to be proactive, offer assistance and support to neighbors. How can we leverage resources like Meals on Wheels and other support organizations to help us identify/locate residents who may need additional support. Spence to collaborate with Walker in reaching out to support organizations. Insert in *The Flea* is also proposed.

4. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes.

- Kinney moves; Hah seconds. Minutes approved.

5. Community Presenters. None

6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees

- a. Treasurer Report (AH). Current balance: \$4,032.79; Net: \$2,762.79
  - i. Amplify Austin sponsorship of Friends of Patterson Park: Contributed \$250. Request was out of cycle for discussion at meeting. SC Chair will draft an email notifying of the need to ask earlier (at least 30 days' notice) in 2021. Chair confirmed that in the future requests of amounts exceeding \$50 must be made earlier for us to be able to address for approval in an SC meeting prior.

b. Land Use/Transportation Committee (GK)

- i. E 38th ½ St.; New letter from SC to Council re: Truck Traffic.

LUT requests SC draft/send letter to Tovo/Council in support of Dolly Ensey's advocacy against through-truck traffic on E 38th ½ St. Letter to request directed patrol from APD.

**Action:** Walker to draft letter.

- ii Manor Road Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs). SC letter to Council re: increasing urgency for need of PHB at Walnut/Manor and one at Alexander/Manor. LUT/Kinney also encourage residents to use 311 to request PHBs. SC suggests this is an issue warranting coverage in *The Flea*; Spence to pursue article.

- iii 3202 Merrie Lynn. Request for conceptual support of Lotus Montessori School. Dana Houghton present to represent request.

**Ask:** SC to draft letter to express support for "neighborhood-scale educational facility."

**Discussion:** Issues with pick-up and drop-off? Issues with square footage and number of students? Houghton says no issues with students/square footage and no issues on the street from pick-up and drop-off. Maggie (Merrie Lynn resident) shares that traffic during pick-up has been moderately disruptive. SC to convey its sensitivity to parking- and traffic-related issues in letter.

Anonymous letter to Jim was shown to SC in opposition to project. However, those concerns will be addressed separately from action item.

**Action:** Walker proposes drafting a letter to Lotus Montessori, with cc to Growing Tree and other existing neighborhood-scale schools in Cherrywood, expressing historical and continued support for neighborhood educational entities. Kinney moves; Packer seconds.

**Discussion:** Anonymous letter of concern about Montessori. How does the neighborhood/SC embrace and support residents who express concerns about gentrification? How does the SC respond appropriately and sensitively and provide a channel for expression? Bridgebuilding opportunity: CNA may host mediation/facilitation workshop to address broad issue of change/gentrification in the neighborhood. Vote: unanimous approval.

- iv 2503 E. 38th ½ St. Request for support of zoning change to allow an attorney office, and support of their request that we recommend to UBC that UBC sponsor an out-of-cycle change to the FLUM to allow this use.

Property owner not in attendance. Kinney moves to table; Spence seconds.

c Flea Report. **Discussion:** Editor Jennifer Potter-Miller needs more support. Spence offers to create content. SC will point out opportunities for content in meetings.

d. UBC Update (JW). UBC special meeting on 3/12/20 to consider letter on LDC.

e. ANC Update (JV). Wildfire risk presentation from Austin Firemen's Association.

Opportunity for article in *The Flea*.

Ann Kitchen presented on LDC.

Austin demography presentation.

7. Land Development Code rewrite. **Discussion:** City staff communication issued stating resistance to micro-map changes to proposed LDC unless change can be made by rule. Third reading scheduled in April. How will COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings affect community attendance? Walker shares four-point amendment proposal.

**Action:** Will send amendments to SC for review and approval, then send to Council.

8. Unfinished Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Sidewalk Master Plan update. No updates

b. AISD School Changes, proposed Maplewood consolidation. No updates

c. NCINC3 / TxDoT update. TTC hearing in April.

9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action). None.

10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date. No discussion.

11. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:24.