

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 | 6:30 -- 8:00 PM

Zoom ID: 254 172 8972 (participation will be moderated)

Attendees:

Sean Griffin	Jules Vileau	Jim Walker
Sharon Lynch	Bree Buchanan	Andrew Kleger
Cara Breton	Jeri Spence	Brandy Savarese
Karen Paup	Allen Hah	Matt Harringer
Jennifer Potter-Miller	Lindsay Olinde	Girard Kinney
Richard Heyman		

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. Approval of Previous GM Action Items: no action items presented
3. Community Presenter: Lindsay Olinde brings a proposal to the attention of the CNA.
 - a. There is a feasibility study on the Clarkson Branch of Upper Boggy Creek under consideration by the City of Austin Watershed Department.
 - b. The focus is on ways to improve water quality in this creek; current problems include the presence of E. coli/sewage, trash and erosion.
 - c. TCEQ has installed booms at Lafayette to limit trash and pollutants.
 - d. This creek has high priority for Austin Watershed due to poor water quality and erosion.
 - e. The first step in the process is to send a survey out to determine how residents currently use the creek and how they would use it in the future.
 - f. No action is needed from the CNA at this time, just expect the surveys in the next week.
4. Steering Committee Report, no actions needed.
 - a. Chair Report: Jim Walker mentioned the ongoing efforts to ensure that neighbors are aware of help available to them during quarantine efforts and will promote City of Austin programs, such as the Rental Assistance Program more on Neighborhood Net.
 - b. Treasurer Report: Allen Hah reported our cash (\$3958.17) and our net (\$3054.17) positions. The Flea cost more to produce this quarter due to the inclusion of the ½ page flyer supporting local restaurants. One advertiser did not advertise this quarter because they are closed. Mr. Hah asked if we should defer payment for the next 3-6 months and it was decided that fees can be waived if an advertiser requests.

- c. Flea Report: Jennifer Potter-Miller reports that she received a lot of content for the last issue.
- d. Actions taken since last General meeting: Information only.
 - i. Letter requesting better management of truck traffic on E. 38 ½ St was completed.
 - ii. Letter requesting support for pedestrian hybrid beacons at various locations (Walnut and Alexander Streets) was completed.
 - iii. Funding support during Amplify Austin for Friends of Patterson Park was requested.
 - iv. Review but no support for potential rezoning on E. 38 ½ St. at Lafayette
 - v. Launch of a buddy system to support neighbors was successful.
- 5. Reports of Committees and Neighborhood Projects: No actions needed.
 - a. Land Use/Transportation Committee, Girard Kinney: Sidewalk Master Plan will be featured in the August Flea and Mr. Kinney again requests assistance with the survey.
 - b. Green Space Update, Jennifer Potter-Miller: Grackle Green is complete but closed due to COVID.
 - c. NCINC3 (neighborhood coalition related to I-35 renovations). This project is fully funded and purchases of properties along the frontage road will bring the residential edge of our neighborhood to the highway.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. Update on Land Development Code process on hold at City level.
 - b. Slow replacement of NeighborNet with new Groups.io listserv. The Yahoo Group is being phased out and will go away in the fall; there will be a loss of archives. The new platform will become active in the summer and people can opt in.
 - c. Next steps (group brainstorm) on neighbors helping neighbors. Suggestion included calls to elders and a Cherrywood Conservation Corp that would provide some income to residents through small jobs they can do for neighbors.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.