

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Zoom!

Attendees

Jim Walker	Stefan Schuster	Jules Vieau
Allen Hah	Sharon Lynch	Cara Bertron
Girard Kinney	Jeri Spence	Adam Packer

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was distributed prior to the meeting via email.
3. Citizen Communication: none.
4. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes: minutes are unavailable.
5. Community Presenters: none
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
 - a. Treasurer Report (AH) \$2,973.30 (cash) \$3,063.30 (net position). Net position is about \$1K higher than last year at this time.
 - b. Land Use/Transportation Committee: Girard Kinney reports that the letters regarding truck traffic on 38 1/2 Street and traffic beacons on Walnut have been written, reviewed and approved. Jim Walker will send them. GK has concerns that demolitions and builds may not conform to design guidelines and that we will not know far enough in advance to meet with developers to present our guidelines. There have been few notices from the City regarding builds and demos. Cara Bertron notes that fewer demolition requests are coming to Historic Landmark Commission. CNA tries to track all changes even if they are administratively approved so if a demolition permit is pending, we can talk to developers to discuss design guidelines. Demos are the first hint of what is coming. Another topic: COA redesign intersection of Scheiffer/Wilshire/Cherrywood as part of bikeways improvement. System seems good but there may be a better way to do this. Girard will work with this group to represent us.
 - c. Flea Report: Per Jim Walker, Jennifer Potter-Miller has ideas for articles for next edition.
 - i. Virtual vs. paper product was discussed.
 1. Virtual may reach 10% in Mr. Walker's opinion. He prefers a paper version that reaches 99% of households.
 2. A virtual Flea would save money but as we have the money, cost is not the driver of the decision.
 3. A virtual edition recognizes the need to be safe and, as well, August is the hardest issue to put out.
 4. If we go virtual, should we reduce cost to advertisers?
 5. Jeri Spence notes that the Flea Flickers have not been asked about how they feel, advertisers might not like us making a unilateral decision/this is something that is a deliverable/touch point for the community.

- ii. **Consensus** is to keep the paper version, even if we return to a shutdown. The paper version is good for advertisers and good for the community. Flea Flickers will be surveyed about their safety concerns and safety guidelines will be reviewed and revised if needed.
 - d. UBC Update: Jim Walker reports the committee has not met. New issue: COA is starting an MLK corridor project. This will generate interest among this group. Neighborhoods are currently hibernating.
 - e. ANC Update: Jules Vieau reports a Zoom meeting was held to discuss violence, white supremacy, neighborhood impacts. No political theory about how to actually change the way things are/have been. There was discussion of how to integrate/welcome new residents into our community. There used to be a welcoming committee and a yard of the month contest that are community building tools. This has fallen by the wayside. If reprised, it would likely be hyperlocal and block by block.
7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. COVID response and anticipating summer needs: Jim Walker will work with Jennifer Potter-Miller to promote this in the Flea. We will continue to encourage people to be neighborly. Jeri Spence suggests considering the psychological effect isolation is having and there was discussion of ways to mitigate that. Some virtual events? Neighborhood trivia? A Cherrywood virtual talent show? Useful information people have found, including the City of Austin dashboard. The NYT has an app to help people measure a 6-foot radius. Puzzler in the Flea? Drawing for a CW gift basket.
 - b. City business: LDC rewrite revisit: there have been some notification issues from the city, and Jim Walker and Brandy Savarese will follow up on that.
8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Sidewalk Master Plan update: survey is ready to send but will not be sent until there is a way to tabulate results.
 - b. NCINC3 / TxDoT: There is no update, the project is fully funded.
 - c. Activating median islands in the neighborhood with plants and art: there are 4 or 5 medians. We need to coordinate with people who live around the medians before introducing art or landscaping.
 - d. NeighborNet phase out: we are moving to groups.io, 100 people migrated with the first announcement, we will mention this in the Flea, send out email notification again, continue the timetable of transition in fall. It was **proposed** that an auto response to someone who opens NN-reminding them that this group will close soon, please consider changing to groups.io be created.
9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. MLK Corridor Improvements / Upper Boggy Creek NPT
 - b. **Proposed** by Girard Kinney: need to remind people to trim their foliage 8 feet over sidewalks, maybe have a Wednesday lopper livestream, Mr. Kinney will submit an article to Flea. Jules Vieau suggests showing a sample corner to demonstrate how to do this with an instructional video.
 - c. Cycling help email. Should we mention it in the Flea? Cara will respond and perhaps invite this group to our next SC meeting.
 - d. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date. Next general meeting will be virtual.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40