

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting (DRAFT)

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 -, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2541728972>

Attendees:

Jim Walker, CNASC Chair	Jim MacKay, CW Resident
Allen Hah, CNASC Treasurer	Karen Paup, CW Resident
Sharon Lynch, CNASC Secretary	Jim Ellinger, Hyde Park NA
Adam Parker, CNASC Member	Robyn Ross, Hyde Park NA
Girard Kinney, CNASC Member	Priscilla Ebersole, SWB NA
Jules Vieau, CNASC Member	Jack Darby, Guest
Bennett Maddox, CW Resident	Officer Hyatt, APD
Joshua Clements, CW Resident	Jaime NLN, APD
Sarah Lacy, CW Resident	Kathie Tovo, City Council Member
Dave Westenberger, CW Resident	Shannon Halley, Katie Tovo's Office
Shery Cole, TX House of Representatives	Zo Qadri, Guest
Sarah S, Guest	Amanda Braziel, CW Resident
Carla Fjeld, Guest	

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was provided prior to the meeting by email allowing members and guests to suggest changes and additions.
3. November 2021 General Meeting minutes reviewed via agenda.
4. General Announcements: none
5. Community Presentation:
 - a. State Representative Sheryl Cole: Invited and introduced Officer Hyatt due to recent rash of petty crimes.
 - b. Austin Police Officer James Hyatt, with APD for 20 years, discussed the recent increase in property crime. Trends identified by crime analysts from November to

present show an increase in thefts and burglary of vehicles. APD wants people to not leave valuables in the car—not even in the trunk.

- i. Jim Walker asked about porch pirates.
 1. Officer Hyatt suggests having deliveries go to a safe spot (Amazon locker), ask a neighbor to take delivery or instruct the delivery person to try to conceal a delivered package.
 2. Porch cameras need to be at least 5 megapixels with night vision to be useful as evidence.
- ii. There was discussion of the recent event in the neighborhood where homes on several blocks had white supremacist flyers left on the property during the night.
 1. APD is aware of the incident and does not condone it but, at this point, there is nothing about the incident that is criminal. Under Texas law, a hate crime is defined as targeting an individual and criminal prosecution is only possible if the action was directed at an individual. Flyers being left at multiple properties does not meet that definition. APD does hope to identify the individual(s) involved in the event a future crime occurs.
 2. Jim Ellinger of Hyde Park, which was also papered with flyers, is offering a \$250 reward for the identity of the person(s) who delivered them. Kathie Tovo showed up in person in response but all agreed that no oxygen should be given by reproducing the content.
- iii. Bennett Maddox is a resident that recently got held up at gunpoint in the neighborhood. He asked if there are more reports, does that result in a larger police presence?
 1. All crimes should be reported to APD—that helps determine where, when and how often patrols are allocated.
 2. But Officer Hyatt says APD is still playing catch up but that a new class has just graduated the academy and will be on the streets soon. Three more classes are scheduled for 2022. All: if there are more reports to APD do we get more police presence? OJH: a new class has just graduated and will be on streets soon. 3 more classes scheduled for 2022.

- iv. There was a recent home invasion in Cherrywood after 8:00 a.m. but the homeowner was present and fought off the invaders but it seems they may have gone on to commit other crimes in the area.
- v. Sheryl Cole asked if there have been reports of stolen checks from mail, no one had reports of that. Jack Darby, [Krimelabb](#), publishes information on crime in Austin and confirms an increase in thefts from vehicles.

6. Steering Committee Reports

a. Chair Report: Actions taken since last General meeting:

- i. The 2021 holiday fundraiser benefited the Austin Justice Coalition and the Other Ones Foundation
- ii. A social event was held at Bobo's to thank the Flea Flickers
- iii. A special meeting was held to complete a letter to CapEx regarding the I-35 expansion plans through Cherrywood
- iv. City of Austin staff presented on the ADU process and offered resources.
- v. A 2022 budget was adopted and will be presented as required by by-laws.

b. Treasurer Report

- i. Presented for ratification of the 2022 budget as approved by the Steering Committee. We anticipate moving back to in-person quarterly meetings and paying Servant Church for the use of their facilities. Questions were solicited and there were none.

c. Flea report: we always need content, please submit ideas.

7. Committee Reports and Neighborhood Projects (discussion and possible action)

- a. I-35 TxDoT CapEx Central update: alternative model 3 is the one most palatable to the neighborhood. TXDoT will move forward with the NIFA phase of the project to determine environmental impacts and historical concerns within their ROW. Tovo's office wants to be kept apprised so that the best possible outcome can be achieved. The City of Austin wants to advocate for best design. We want consideration of both North and South frontage roads (the boulevard option) being located on the west side of the highway as is being done south of our neighborhood.

b. Land Use/Transportation Committee

- i. Demolitions are spiking.
- ii. Mr G's Barbershop has been sold and reverted to residential use and will be a small condo development.
- iii. Walk the Chalk project mentioned as a topic of future interest.

- iv. Sidewalks are being built fast.
 - c. Green Spaces Update: FOPP knows that some drainage improvements for Airport Blvd. will happen within the park but we cannot get any information.
 - d. Communications Committee: Has published etiquette guidelines for the listserv that will automatically go out monthly. We intend to keep the moderation touch light. We need a webmaster: volunteers solicited.
- 8. Old Business
 - a. An ad hoc affordability working group had some UT grad students do some work on the history of platting and proposed some ideas of affordability. A question raised was can Cherrywood have a land trust? We need to have a meeting but one is not yet scheduled.
 - b. Land history initiative: Due to the 80th anniversary of Patterson Park the question arose, what happened on this land before it was a neighborhood? Cherrywood is 345 acres; who lived here before and how was this land used? We are just exploring without a predetermined end.
- 9. New Business: none presented.
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.