

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 | 6:30 PM

Zoom ID: 254 172 8972

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	A	Cara Bertron, Member
A	Allen Hah, Treasurer	P	Jeri Spence, Member
P	Sharon Lynch, Secretary	P	Brandy Savarese, Member
P	Girard Kinney, Member	P	Matt Harriger, Member
P	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
P	Adam Packer, Member	V	Adam Sparks
V	David Westenberger		

P = Present A = Absent V = Visitor (resident) G = Guest

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30.
2. The agenda was submitted prior to the meeting for additions and adoption.
3. Citizen Communication (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers): Dave Westenberger asked if information about the bikeways project in Scheiffer-Willowbrook could be featured in the Flea.
4. The minutes of the previous SC meeting were reviewed and Jeri s. moved to approve and Jules V. seconded. The minutes were approved.
5. Community Presenters: None
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
 - a. Allen Hah provided the Treasurer’s Report via email: The CNA cash balance as of 1/13/21 was \$3,454.21 and including credits/debits for prepaid/unpaid ads, our net position is \$3,103.43. We’re down over the last couple months by quite a bit primarily because of the disbursement of funds for the Maplewood/Campbell Fundraiser (\$400), ANC membership fee (\$50), PO Box annual fee (\$80), I-35 survey printing (\$75), and for the Adobe InDesign fee (\$260). That being said, our financial position remains strong, and advertiser demand remains high.
 - b. Girard Kinney presented the report of the Land Use/Transportation Committee that met last week to discuss issues related to the Hancock Center HEB expansion plans.
 - i. HEB will expand to include a restaurant, leaving some green space south of the restaurant. The developer will be paying for a few off-site improvements, including a shared bike lane that will improve access under IH35 near Wilshire Woods, and a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at Bennett & E45th St. An exciting idea emerged of making the green space at the HEB restaurant a pedestrian

destination, and creating a “pedestrian corridor” from the east entrance to Hancock Center at IH35 all the way through to the West entrance at Red River, which could both connect the Cherrywood/Wilshire Wood Neighborhoods with the Hancock Neighborhood and also provide a new pedestrian oriented development spine through the Center.

- ii. There was discussion about what would best serve the neighborhood: linked green spaces with trails and an accessible safe access road. We hope to partner with HEB on how space will be used. Still no information on planned use of the old Sears store.
- c. The Flea Report
 - i. Cover story selection: bikeways project: Dave Westenberger/Tom Wald and Sean G.
 - ii. General Meeting Agenda
- d. Jim Walker, UBC: No update
- e. Jules Vieau, ANC Update:
 - i. There is a proposed moratorium on upzoning: The Dawson Neighborhood is concerned that the COA may move forward on zoning during a time when concerned citizens cannot attend due to covid. There was discussion on whether we will support this. There is concern that a moratorium is too stringent and that we should not weaken our position on other issues by taking this stand. A better approach may be specific recommendations such as meetings that are held outside of working hours. Moratoriums on zoning have had backfire effects historically but with the difficulty of meeting during the pandemic, some sort of braking mechanism is good. It was proposed we revisit this at the February SC meeting and that the LUT Committee put this on their agenda.

7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. IH-35 / NCINC3 planning: our letter was submitted to TXDOT. Survey data, CW boundary clarification and frontage road enlivenment were all factored into the content of the letter. Now the issue is in a holding pattern until TXDOT releases the timeline of the project.
- b. There was discussion of:
 - i. How the frontage road could look. Girard K offers to do some drawings with consideration of re-orientating E-W lots N-S to facilitate more neighborhood-oriented development. Jules V. will help with maps.
 - ii. Which politicians may be allies in helping us define how this ROW area could look? It was suggested we discuss this at the next General Meeting.
 - iii. Larger city needs should be discussed, for example, could the Days Inn be converted to a SRO for persons who are experiencing homelessness?
 - iv. The LUT will explore options and present them to the Steering Committee.

8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Update on Hancock Golf Course: discussion of the fact that the course is losing money and there are options of what to do. Currently the course is not welcoming and is not well-maintained. The main idea at the city level is a concession. HCNA would prefer that this become an urban green space for use by citizens. Jim Walker asked that the LUT discuss this and bring ideas to the Steering Committee.
9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action): None
10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date
- a. Steering Committee: February 10th we will elect officers.
 - b. General Meeting: Wednesday, February 17th: Bikeways, Hancock Golf Course, NCINC.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58