

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 | 6:00 PM

Location: Bobo's Snack Bar

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	A	Cara Bertron, Member
P	Allen Hah, Treasurer	A	Jeri Spence, Member
P	Sharon Lynch, Secretary	P	Brandy Savarese, Member
P	Girard Kinney, Member	A	Matt Harriger, Member
P	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
P	Adam Packer, Member	A	Rich Heyman, Member
P	Julio Carreon-Reyes, Member	V	Jordan Gentry

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

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was submitted prior to the meeting for adoption and no additions or edits were submitted.
3. The minutes of the previous SC meeting were not reviewed.
4. Citizen Communication: none
5. Community Presenters:
 - a. There were no community presenters at the meeting but there was discussion of community presenters for upcoming meetings.
 - i. For January 12, 2022 Steering Committee meeting: Melissa Barry with Downtown Austin Alliance to discuss I-35 planning. Brandy will serve as contact for this.
 - ii. For February 16, 2022 General Meeting: Representative Sheryl Cole wants to discuss the perceived crime wave affecting the Cherrywood Neighborhood.
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees up to 30 minutes
 - a. Allen Hah, Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Cash: \$3097.75
 - ii. Net: \$4257.75 factoring in advertising revenue pending.
 - iii. There was discussion of the 2022 budget process.

1. For several years, the budget process has been informal but Jim Walker notes that a more formal process would allow us to plan for quarterly social events such as the Neighborhood Night Out. Additionally, when we return to in-person meetings we will need to budget for facility rentals.
 2. Allen was tasked with spearheading the budget process which will begin with a sum of about \$4K/year.
 - a. Those willing to help with the process should contact Allen.
 - b. The budget will be adopted at the January 12th SC meeting.
 - iv. Girard Kinney: Land Use and Transportation Committee
 1. Mr. G's Barber Shop on Cherrywood has a potential buyer. The plans for the property are a deli on the ground floor and three condos above. The entry will probably be from behind the property onto Manor Road, rather than entry on Cherrywood. So far, the plans incorporate Cherrywood design elements to the extent that the project is favorable.
 2. Sidewalks being installed along 32nd and on Edgewood from the frontage road to Lafayette deviate from original planning. Girard will insist upon a meeting with the City to discuss the expensive deviation from original plans.
 3. The LDC rewrite process seems to be resurfacing with the City taking on small projects that can eat away at the edges of the rewrite. We need to keep an eye on this to ensure that issues related to tree protection, affordability and density are considered in any negotiations.
 4. The COA has a program that helps a property owner pay for an ADU if they agree to make it affordable for at least 5 years. Is this it?:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=362691>

 - a. Can Cherrywood be a pilot program neighborhood?
 - b. Perhaps feature this on a cover of the Flea.
 - c. Consider having someone from this program come to the March 9th Steering Committee meeting.
 5. The future of the LUT may be to coalesce around active issues rather than regular meetings. To be considered.
 - b. Communications Committee: no report
 - c. Nominating Committee: no report
 - d. UBC Update: The UBC is 20 years old.
 - i. Jim suggested we enlist UT students to look at this plan and see how neighborhoods have changed under the plan.
 - ii. Brandy recommends this as a Flea cover article for May, 2022.
 - e. ANC Update: none
7. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. New letter to TXDoT regarding I35. There are three meetings regarding I35 coming up this month. One is a COA public comment period from 12/15/2021 through 1/15/2022 on different downtown cap and stitch plans. It is very important to tell COA that capping and stitching should be done all along I35 through Austin, not just downtown. **Action item:** at the next SC meeting draft a new letter to TXDoT expressing our stand.
 - b. Cherrywood Land Acknowledgement Initiative: this is under consideration for us and grew out of the 80th anniversary of Patterson Park celebration. We don't want to do it just to do it so we need to consider it and seek feedback from the neighborhood. Julio C-R will work with Jim Walker on this. Jordan G. says that historians at LBJ School of Public Affairs research histories of neighborhoods/specific lands.
 - c. 2021 Holiday Fundraiser:
 - i. This year we are supporting Austin Justice Coalition and The Other Ones Foundation.
 - ii. Next year we should make fundraiser plans earlier so we can run an article in the Flea and take advantage of Giving Tuesday.
 - d. Ad hoc affordability conversation: the report from the UT students who assisted this project was delivered to Jim Walker today.
8. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Chalk Art Project to raise funds for the neighborhood. Sean G. has corresponded with the person who floated the idea. He and Adam P will reach out. If Dana wants to run with this, fine, but the SC doesn't want to manage it.
9. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
- a. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday 1/12/2022. We will discuss the budget and the TXDoT letter. We may meet in person, depending on the trend of the Omicron variant.
 - b. Next General CNA Meeting: Wednesday 2/16/2022
 - i. Rep. Sheryl Cole or someone from her office to discuss public safety.
 - ii. Elect SC Members
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

These minutes were approved on 1/12/2022