

**Cherrywood Neighborhood Association**  
**Steering Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 @ 6:30 PM  
Virtual (Zoom)

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	A	Matt Harriger
P	Cara Bertron, Co-Vice-Chair	P	Girard Kinney
A	Rich Heyman, Co-Vice-Chair	P	Adam Packer
P	Allen Hah, Treasurer	A	Brandy Savarese
P	Sean Griffin, Secretary	P	Jeri Spence
P	Scott Boone	P	Jules Vieau
A	Julio Carreon-Reyes	G	Heather
G	Annie Daskovsky	G	Priscilla Ebersole

P = Present; A = Absent; R = Resident; G = Guest

1. Call to Order at approx. 6:34pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes at approx. 6:36
  - a. Special meeting
    - i. Sean moves, Allen seconds
    - ii. Adopted unanimously
  - b. June meeting
    - i. Girard moves, Sean seconds
    - ii. Adopted unanimously
4. Public Communication—None
5. Community Presenters—None
6. Reports from Officers and Standing Committees
  - a. Chair Report—6:42pm
    - i. Recapped last few meetings.
    - ii. Steering committee elections coming up in December.
  - b. Treasurer Report (Allen Hah) 6:43
    - i. Allen to send email
    - ii. \$2,856 balance, net position \$27 higher than last month due to Flea publication smaller than usual (12 to 8 pages), about \$300 difference.

- iii. New coffee shops could be new advertisers
  - c. Land Use/Transportation— 6:48
    - i. Greens
      - 1. Cherrywood Green trees, working to keep alive
      - 2. Needed new hose (other one taken), Girard bought new hoses to reach all trees, low flow on trees, move around periodically
    - ii. 2719 Cherrywood
      - 1. Right of way from Cherrywood to Manor on maps/plans, and on permit seemingly,
      - 2. but apparently was only verbal agreement and won't be there
      - 3. Asked developer to be here, but not present to answer questions
    - iii. Lots of new construction started on vacant lots
      - 1. Used to have a welcome package/email, might be good to revive
      - 2. Girard: not getting enough notice to provide new builds with our design guidelines
      - 3. Don't seem to be getting any notices besides historic land commission
    - iv. Jim has asked for update on bikeways project, still waiting for sewer project to coordinate
  - d. Communications Committee— 6:58
    - i. Still need a Flea editor to manage timeline and development
    - ii. Need to update Flea Flicker route map to avoid duplication and ensure coverage
    - iii. Need to update website, Adam working on it, but might need new suggestions on what to add
      - 1. Land history has been added
  - e. UBC Update—N/A
  - f. ANC Update—N/A
    - i. Possibly not meeting because Austin Energy moved HQ to Mueller
- 7. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action) approx. 7:04pm
  - a. I-35 Capital Express Project
    - i. Letter went out, heard they didn't like that we didn't pick one over the other
    - ii. City then recommended to TxDOT the northern cap between 38<sup>th</sup> and Airport
    - iii. TxDOT may come back as soon as the next two weeks with their record of decision with revisions, likely to include UT cap, our cap, and a downtown cap
    - iv. We'd still like to remove 32<sup>nd</sup> street turnaround, move ramps farther south, allow for some sort of cap south of 38<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Need to ensure current proposed cap becomes reality, could be more political now than a fully fleshed out and engineered and financed plan
    - vi. Nominally called "development capture," need to consider what that means re TIF, pros and cons, etc., and what the City is thinking about how to finance (e.g. how Mueller development progressed with neighborhood input)
  - b. 501(c) 3 status 7:16pm

- i. Keeping on agenda while we consider pros and cons,
  - c. Cherrywood land history project 7:17
    - i. On the website
  - d. Removing racially restrictive deed covenants 7:17
    - i. Rich made article draft, idea to provide info and process to neighbors to decide for themselves
  - e. Updating [cherrywood.org](http://cherrywood.org) website
- 8. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action) 7:18
  - i. Reach out from the Development Services Department - Neighborhood Assistance Center
    - 1. Received an email offering their assistance
    - 2. To invite them to meet and greet and explain what they do
    - 3. Potentially ask them how better to provide our development guidelines in the process
- 9. Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Dates 7:21pm
  - a. Next General Meeting – Wed, Aug 16 (in-person @ Cherrywood Center)
  - b. Next Steering Committee – Wed, Sep 13
- 10. Adjourn approx. 7:22pm