

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
May 13, 2009
6:30pm to 8:00pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Cosecretary

Present: Joyce Basciano, Danette Chimenti, Lisa Harris, Cynthia Keohane, Jolene Kiobassa, Lou O'Hanlon, Bo McCarver, Lupe Sosa, Terry Tevis, Cory Walton, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

6:30pm Call to Order, Cory Walton presiding in Danette's absence

6:31pm Approval of Minutes (April General/EC)

6:40pm Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report, Linda Guerrero submitted an e-mail report, \$5219.45 total.
- Mark Boyden has agreed to serve as Communication Coordinator for ANC EC
- PA system, regarding Mark's suggestion to rent out the system: various exec members suggested that member organizations be allowed to use it free, the other groups pay a small fee, that a refundable deposit of \$100 be required, that we ask for a suggested donation of \$25. Terry agreed to write a short training manual.
- Sector monthly meetings: Jolene's will move to a new location (about 8 people attend); their DR reports that APD will have a new tool for sharing info later this month. Bo--East sector has about a dozen regulars, meets at Mi Madre's; will be working with Jim Walker, now with UT sustainability office, in connection with UT master plan update; East needs to share info with north campus neighborhoods; possibilities for working with city comprehensive plan. Cynthia for North Central and Terry for Northwest need to work on how to prepare an agenda and how much structure for sector meetings. Cory suggests that we announce sector meetings at the general meetings and help people connect with their sector reps.
- Status: Organizing group of HOA/POA members: Lisa received no response, except from Mary Eichner. Will continue to forward legis. alerts to Mary.
- ANC Crime and Safety Forum – ANC Central (Lisa Harris) Schedule for Sept ANC meeting. Include silo busting, as described by Bo.
- Sector Issues – ANC East Resolution on creating a SMD task force (see below)

7:10pm Meeting Planning

- May meeting planning
 - 30 minutes: Kathy Tovo and Bo McCarver on why and how to start a neighborhood non-profit
 - 5 min: ANC-East resolution on utility notifications (vote) Lou (Resolution 1 below)
 - 10 min: ANC-East resolution on single-member district task force (briefing), someone other than Bo (Resolution 2 below)
 - Jessica King – zero waste (10 minutes)
 - Wildlife Austin (15 minutes – requested 20-30 min)
- June meeting planning
 - Main topic: water conservation and other issues – Bill Bunch, Greg Meszaros AWU Director. May or may not include WTP#4.
 - Potential topic from Bo, how to apply for conservation and green building rebates.

7:40pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

- Barton Springs PUD, postponed at PC, Cory will update at May general meeting
- Waterfront Overlay Task Force Recs, passed council on first reading, but nothing was done about raising the standard for PUDs. Need to ask all member organizations to contact City Council (esp. Shade and Martinez)
- Southshore PUD update
- Heritage Tree Ordinance, revised ordinance goes to CC this week, appears to be weakened by allowing administrative waivers instead of requiring variances.
- Downtown Austin Plan, has extended recommendations to a two-mile wide impact area around downtown. Need affected areas to attend hearing Monday night, 6-8:30, at Waller Creek office, 625 E. Tenth, Rm 104. Also joint commissions meeting Tuesday night at Town Lake Center.
- Waller Creek meeting Tuesday 6-8 at UT Conference Center.

- Another revision of the Remodel ordinance arrived today.
- 8:00pm Adjourn
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Resolution 1

Resolution to provide timely notices to neighborhoods about significant utility developments

Whereas, in recent months the Cherrywood, Windsor Park, and numerous other neighborhoods have experienced encroachments on natural spaces by private and public utility companies. Encroachment of natural spaces have included parks, historic and archeological sites, and native habitats otherwise designated for specific uses in Council approved neighborhood plans; and

Whereas, the neighborhoods and neighborhood Contact Teams were not given timely notices when city permits were issued for the projects; and

Whereas, the neighborhoods were left with no opportunity to mitigate damages;

Be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council calls on the city of Austin to afford timely notices of any significant encroachments on natural spaces (as mentioned above) to neighborhood associations and planning teams.

Resolution 2

Proposed Resolution to Appoint a Task Force for Single Member Districts

Whereas, the city has grown in size and diversity to the point that the present, at-large system is no longer adequate to assure representation of all citizens on the Council; and

Whereas, the "gentlemen's agreement" fails to recognize the shifting ethnic patterns in the city; and

Whereas the city needs to establish an orderly process for revising geographic boundaries at the publication of each census; and

Whereas, a task force should begin to develop such a process prior to the publication of the 2010 Census,

Therefore, ANC-East requests that the Council appoint a task force, representative of the diverse and growing Austin city and the majority of which should be representatives from neighborhoods, to develop and recommend a process for redrawing district boundaries at each census, and also to recommend a Council structure and district boundaries pending the publication of the 2010 census.