

**Austin Neighborhoods Council**  
Minutes General Membership Meeting  
Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.  
May 27, 2009  
7:00pm to 9:00pm

7:00pm Call to Order and Introductions [note that introductions took 4 minutes]

7:05pm Starting a Neighborhood Non-Profit - Bo McCarver, Kathie Tovo. See attached handouts, also available on ANCWeb. In addition, Bo and Kathie will post examples of a certificate of formation and of bylaws.

7:35pm Zero Waste

Jessica King, Sustainability Administrator, Solid Waste Services Dept. See the city's Zero Waste survey at [www.austinrecycles.com](http://www.austinrecycles.com). The city's goal is to reduce solid waste going to landfills by 90% by 2040. Solid Waste department is developing master plan, and encouraging onsite composting (in other words, they want residents to manage their own yard wastes).

7:55pm Wildlife Austin – Neighborhood Habitat Challenge

Alice Nance, Conservation Program Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Dept. See attached handout. Austin achieved its Community Wildlife Habitat designation in Nov. 2008. Neighbors are urged to apply for home designations. Guidelines and applications through [www.keepaustinwild.com](http://www.keepaustinwild.com).

8:12pm ANC-East resolution on Utility notifications (vote – see I. below)

Lou O'Hanlon, ANC Northeast Sector Rep, Bo McCarver seconded. Passed with none opposed.

8:15pm ANC-East resolution on appointing a Task Force for Single Member Districts

(for discussion only – see II. below). Council member Morrison suggested deleting "and the majority of which should be representatives from neighborhoods," and Bo McCarver accepted. Members were asked to present the resolution to their organizations and be prepared to vote on it at the June meeting. Also, the Restructuring City Government group plans to prepare a similar resolution to be circulated as a petition this summer.

[note that we scheduled 20 minutes for the two resolutions, but they used less than 15 minutes]

8:25pm Community Registry Survey

Carol Gibbs, Neighborhood Advisor, NPZD (and Jody Zemel). A new Community Registry survey will be available in June. The turnout maps for the City Council election have been posted. An urban forest canopy analysis (with tree cover calculated for individual neighborhoods) has been posted. The department is looking for volunteer trainees to test changes to the Amanda system. Watch for announcements on ANCWeb.

8:35pm Announcements and Updates on On-going Issues

Housing Works tour June 10

Heritage Society's new ordinance to revise requirements for Historic District applications (in particular, to lower the petition requirement from 60% to 51%) has been detoured through the Zoning and Platting Commission. Jolene moved, Jay seconded, a

resolution that ANC support the ordinance. Passed with none opposed.

Barton Springs PUD Update: The case has not gone to the Planning Commission yet.

Waterfront Overlay Task Force Recommendations: At second reading Council members Morrison and Leffingwell proposed amendments to ensure that WO standards apply to PUDs; they failed 5-2. Third reading scheduled for June 11.

South Shore PUD Update

Downtown Austin Plan: Affordable Housing Component presented again at a public meeting June 2.

Heritage Tree Ordinance: Creates a new category for protected trees of 24 inches or more, but it does not appear to provide substantially greater protection. Scheduled for City Council briefing June 11, along with two other ordinances designed to get more trees.

Remodel Ordinance

The Blackland neighborhood's annual pre-Juneteenth celebration will be June 12 at 2005 Salina.  
9:00pm Adjourn

## ANC-East Proposed Resolutions

### I. Providing timely notices to neighborhoods about significant utility developments

Whereas, in recent months Cherrywood, Windsor Park and numerous other neighborhoods have experienced encroachments on natural spaces by private and public utility companies; and

Whereas, encroachments 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.

### II. 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,

Be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council requests that the Council appoint a task force, representative of the diverse and growing Austin city, 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.

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