

Austin Neighborhoods Council
Executive Committee Meeting
June 10, 2009
6:30 pm to 8:00pm

Minutes prepared by Lorraine Atherton, ANC Cosecretary

Present: Joyce Basciano, Mark Boyden, Danette Chimenti, Linda Guerrero, Lisa Harris, Cynthia Keohane, Jolene Kiobassa, Lou O'Hanlon, Bo McCarver, Patty Sprinkle, Cory Walton, Mike Meier, Lorraine Atherton

6:30pm Call to Order

6:31pm Minutes approved for May 13 exec and May 27 general meetings

6:40pm Officer/Committee/Sector Reports

- Treasurer's Report, 3 new members have paid dues
- Add NAC to all general meetings, 5 minutes in Updates and Announcements
- Ensure agendas are selective, with topics important to our membership, by referring most presentation requests to ANC Web or ANCTalk. For instance, last month's Zero Waste information could have been publicized off the meeting agenda
- Liasons/Committee/Sponsorship Requests
 - Co-sponsor forum on community land trusts, June 25. ANC is interested in attending but we are not prepared to cosponsor.
 - Co-sponsor worksession for Cap Metro ServicePlan 2020 Project. Patty Sprinkle is representing ANC at these meetings, which are essentially briefings on what has already been decided. Patty has distributed information by e-mail and can give a short briefing at a general meeting.
 - WQPL Stakeholder Steering Committee (Walk for a Day Project). Linda Guerrero will serve as ANC rep.
 - Austin Pecan Street Project June 23 – future of electricity grid. Mark and Bo will attend one or two meetings, may need to recruit other ANC reps.
- Liasons/Committee/Sponsorship Status
 - Organizing group of HOA/POA members (Lisa): The ANC HOA/POA google group is dormant since none of our HOA/POA members joined. Now that the legislative session is over we probably won't have any alerts about legislation HOAs and POAs care about for a while. The session ended without any of the anti-POA legislation that TNT was worried about passing. There was a TNT meeting in Garland last Saturday but Terry and I couldn't go on such short notice. This is particularly unfortunate since the agenda included electing officers.
 - ANC Crime and Safety Forum – ANC Central (Lisa Harris): Nancy Hohengarten has committed to participate in the Crime/recidivism forum in September. She recommends that we include David Laibowitz in the DA's office as the prosecutor on our panel because he has the most expertise on neighborhood quality of life issues of anyone in the DA's office or the county attorney's office so Lisa has sent him an e-mail inviting him to participate.
- Sector Issues
 - Monthly Meetings. Currently 4 or 5 sectors are holding monthly meetings. Cynthia and Jolene (and others) report problems with McMansion violations (such as attics and porches). Bo reports attention on toll road and other TxDOT issues. Lorraine asks for help with billboards (Girard Kinney is good source)
 - ANC East Resolution on creating a SMD task force (Resolution 1 attached), to be voted on at June meeting
 - ANC Central Resolution - Judges Hill Density Bonus (Resolution 2 attached), Jay Tassin says these points may be addressed in the Downtown plan already, except for item 3. It will be placed on the June agenda for an update.
 - ANC South Central Resolution – Barton Springs PUD (Resolution 3 attached). Bo moved adoption (Lorraine second) with deletion of final phrase, "and the proposed mixed use

project it would allow" and after checking subdistrict details. Passed unanimously. Cory will present at next City Council (or Planning Commission?) meeting.

- o ANC East Resolution on PARD fees (Resolution 4 attached), Danette and Linda urged Bo to send this directly to the Parks Board, as the issue will be on the June 23 agenda.

7:10pm Meeting Planning

- June meeting planning
 - o Main topic: Water Issues - Bill Bunch SOS, Greg Meszaros AWU Dir (50 min). Please send questions to Danette.
 - o ANC East Resolution – creating SMD task force (vote – 10 minutes)
 - o ANC Central Resolution – Judges Hill Density Bonus (discussion – 15 minutes, or short update if issues are resolved by meeting time)
 - o Barton Springs PUD resolution - (Cory, 5 min)
 - o NAC (10 minutes)
- July main topic, new Council members Bill Spelman and Chris Riley on budget; secondary topic, Girard Kinney on Billboard ordinance?

7:40pm Ongoing Business and Neighborhood Issues

- Waterfront Overlay Task Force Recs (Council 3rd reading June 11 #74 6pm items)
- Southshore PUD update, postponed to June 23 Planning Commission
- Historic Preservation Code Amendments, letter of support was sent as approved at last meeting. Topic was on last night's PC agenda, don't know what happened.
- Heritage Tree Ordinance (Council briefing June 11 2pm), ask John Moore and Sylvia Benini for update in July?
- Bradford-Nohra House demo permit and Hyde Park lawsuit (Lisa Harris). Bo will write a short resolution in support of the neighborhood's efforts to preserve the historic house.
- Comprehensive Plan Outreach
- Downtown Austin Plan

8:30pm Adjourn

Requests for Time on Agenda

- Laura Polio – Pandemic Preparations (Aug or Sep)
- Density Bonus and Affordable Housing recommendations from Downtown Plan
- Discussion of ordinance prohibiting cell phone usage and texting while driving (Scott Johnson)--not a neighborhood issue
- Gopal Guthikonda on success of ACWP project--see "Ensure agendas are selective" above
- Greg Guernsey – Implementation of NP Priorities and CIP (Top 10) (Aug or Sep?)
- Robert Goode – New Assistant CM over Aviation, Public Works and Solid Waste
- Bank on Central Texas (a joint effort of United Way, People Fund and the FDIC) plans to launch (in January) a program to help the "unbanked" working poor get bank accounts. They would like to present the program at ANC around that time

Potential Program Topics/Agenda Items

- Council Members (Randi/Laura, Bill/Chris), Spelman and Riley in July, mainly budget
- Stimulus Funds
- How get Rebates for Energy Efficiency--see "Ensure agendas are selective" above
- Rob Spillar – New Transportation Director
- Howard Lazarus - New Director of Public Works
- Mike Daniel – redistricting, misuse of tax credits and other issues
- Platform of ANC Issues
- Presentation from Aging Services Council – demographics and needs of elderly population
- Avance – early childhood/family programs for low income families

Resolution 1

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, to develop and recommend a process for redrawing district boundaries at each census and also to recommend a structure and district boundaries pending the publication of the 2010 census.

Resolution 2

Judges' Hill Neighborhood Resolution on Density Bonuses and Compatibility

3. Whereas Compatibility is a critical protection to the single family homes in our area, many of which will contribute to our Local Historic District,

Be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council requests that the City of Austin **leave Compatibility in place in its current form within the area (bounded by W. 14th Street, Lamar, MLK and Nueces) to be exempt from density bonuses.**

Resolution 3

ANC South Central Resolution, **Barton Springs PUD** (Cory Walton, Bouldin Creek NA)

Whereas the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) supports Austin neighborhoods' future growth and development goals as codified in their neighborhood plans as well as responsible, planned growth throughout Austin, and

Whereas the Planning Commission-recommended and City Council-adopted Bouldin Creek neighborhood plan specifically includes maintaining the current height limit of 60 feet on the South side of Barton Springs Road, and

Whereas rezoning 801 Barton Springs Road to PUD zoning with exemption from existing zoning height restrictions is inconsistent with the letter and intent of the adopted Neighborhood Plan, and

Whereas the proposed 801 Barton Springs Road PUD would violate Compatibility Standards which were codified by the City of Austin specifically to protect residential neighborhoods from the negative impacts of commercial development, and

Whereas the development of 801 Barton Springs falls under the Butler Shores subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay and the proposed PUD exceeds the 60' maximum height limit for that subdistrict established in the 1986 Waterfront Overlay ordinance, and

Whereas the proposed PUD does not meet several of the Tier 1 minimum requirements established under the Council-adopted revised PUD ordinance including that all PUDs must: "be consistent with applicable neighborhood plans" and "compatible with adjacent property and land uses" and "include at least 10 acres of land unless characterized by special circumstances including unique topographic constraints,"

Therefore be it resolved that The Austin Neighborhoods Council's Executive Committee calls upon the Planning Commission and the City Council to uphold the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan, the minimum requirements for superiority clarified in the 2008 revised PUD ordinance, the intent of the 1986 Waterfront Overlay Ordinance, as well as established Compatibility Standards, and support City Staff's recommendation against the proposed PUD zoning change for 801 Barton Springs Road.

Resolution 4

ANC-East resolution concerning PARD fees

Whereas, the City of Austin should provide access to parks and recreation to all citizens; and

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has systematically created a fee for participation in sports by allowing vendors to charge; and

Whereas, PARD has a fund to support fees for children of struggling families but has been inconsistent in publicizing or administering those fees, and

Whereas, participation in organized activities is vital for directing youth toward positive experiences and away from juvenile crimes;

Be it resolved that ANC-East requests that the Parks and Recreation Department review and assess its policies for charging fees for organized activities to maximize the participation of children of struggling, low-income families.