

Austin Neighborhoods Council

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd.

June 24, 2009

7:00pm to 9:00pm

7:00pm Call to Order and Introductions

7:10pm Water Infrastructure/Conservation Issues, particularly as they relate to Water Treatment Plant #4.

Greg Meszaros – Director, Austin Water Utility

Bill Bunch - Executive Director, Save Our Springs

8:00pm Vote on ANC-East resolution on appointing a Task Force for Single Member Districts (text below) presented by Bo McCarver; passed with 18 yeas, 0 neas and 5 abstentions

8:15pm ANC-Central resolution on Density Bonus Provisions in the Downtown Plan presented by Jay Tassin for discussion only.

8:30pm Cory Walton presented a resolution on Barton Springs PUD, a/k/a the "pico PUD" (text below) Endorsed by ANC by a vote of 23 yeas, 0 neas and 1 abstention

8:35pm Carol Gibbs, Neighborhood Advisor, NPZD, spoke on the Neighborhood Assistance Center and the comprehensive plan meetings. There is an online signup to be notified of meetings regarding the comprehensive plan. At their June 30th meeting Planning Commission will discuss the scope, format and citizens advisory committee for the comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan subcommittee of PC meets July 13th and the second Monday of every month.

8:45pm Announcements and Updates on On-going Issues

Waterfront Overlay and South Shore PUD Update- Jeff Jack. On June 23rd PC approved 90' and 120' height in an area where the base zoning allows 40'.

Neighborhood Plan Contact Team and Interested Party Status- Danette- there's

going to be an open meeting at City Hall in mid-July about the recent council vote to treat neighborhood plan contact teams as "quasi-city bodies" and whether the teams are to be limited to their two statutory duties.

Live Music Issues- Missy Bledsoe. Creation of music dept. on hold. The department was to be a liaison not a regulatory body and was to use two vacant positions from the convention center.

Local Historic District Ordinance at ZAP July 7th, at PC July 14th

Heritage Tree Ordinance postponed until Oct 22; the ordinances regarding trees in parking lot landscaping and residential subdivisions passed.

Budget Town Hall meeting June 30th 6:30 PM at Givens Recreation Center

9:10pm Adjourn

ANC-East 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 present council structure fails to address shifting geographic patterns; and

Whereas, the present council structure fosters disenfranchisement and voter apathy; 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 structure and district boundaries pending the publication of the 2010 census.

ANC Resolution regarding Barton Springs PUD:

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 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, whose members include over 90 neighborhood associations throughout Austin, 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 as well as established compatibility standards and support City Staff's recommendation against the proposed PUD zoning change for 801 Barton Springs Road.