

ANC General Meeting January 25, 2012 7:00 PM
Austin Energy Building 721 Barton Springs Rd. Austin TX

Meeting was called to order by Steven Aleman at 7:00 PM.

Call to order and introductions.

Open Forum: Member comments on Emerging Issues of citywide significance to ANC in 2012.

ANC Resolution Roll Out: Montopolis Recreation Center. Susana Almanza, Montopolis NA, made a presentation and requests ANC recommend to council that funding be included in the 2012 Bond Initiative for the construction of a new Montopolis Recreation Center.

Update: Charter Revision Committee. Lorraine Atherton, Sector Rep. 7. The CRC is focusing on what Single Member District plan has the best chance of passing and making recommendations on campaign finance reforms. Circulates chronology of charter elections and voter turnout. Fred Lewis, 2012 Charter Revision Committee member, discussed benefits of creating an Independent Redistricting Commission with the final authority to determine new district boundaries and summarizes the process of selecting commission members as proposed by Austinites for Geographical representation.

Presentation: City Of Austin Beta Web site. Carol Lee, ANC communications Coordinator, and David Orshalick, Allandale NA. David discussed major problems and difficulties with the design of the new web site. David made a presentation to the City of Austin Emerging Technology Committee on this issue. The old web site will not be restored while the new site is corrected.

Update: Commercial Short Term Rentals. Helen Rockenbaugh, Southwood, N.A. Discussed Passage of Council Member Spelman's resolution to postpone the code amendment process on STRs while data on a comprehensive list of STRs is gathered along with code compliance complaints and 911 calls. STRs are still illegal at this time.

Update: Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. The Citizens Advisory Task Force is in final stages of review. The Planning Commission Comp Plan committee is reviewing the Growth Concept map and deadline for comments is Feb. 3. More time is needed for neighborhoods to review the map and ask questions.

Announcements: Steven. The new email for members to submit comments to ANC leadership is memberfeedback@ancweb.org. Comments are requested for COA Affordable Housing Good Neighbor Guidelines. Volunteers are needed for the ANC candidate forum committee.

Adjourn.

AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL
2012 Priorities

Bryan King: Recruitment of candidates for upcoming City Council elections.

Kevin Weir, North Shoal Creek: Neighborhoods (6) within existing central planning area that don't yet have Neighborhood Plans. Concern that Imagine Austin plan will not consider concerns of these neighborhoods.

Lou O'Hanlon, University Hills NA: City's proposal to amend the time periods during which Neighborhood Plans can be amended (i.e., abolishing the two amendment windows as currently specified) Urged all to attend the next meeting of the Planning commission's Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee on Feb.15, 2012, 6:00PM at city hall.

Susanna Almanza, Montopolis: How the City acquires parkland and involvement of community.

Daniel Llanes, River Bluff NA: PARD buying SF property. City policy that head of Planning and Growth and other City departments can initiate zoning process.

David Orshalick, Allandale: CSTR as a zoning change rather than land use change.

Kirk Becker, Homeless NA: affordable housing...need details

Lorraine Atherton, Zilker: Revive ANC's participation in AISD issues, and push school trustees to work with neighborhoods and the city on, for instance, neighborhood schools and coordinating AISD's facilities management plan with Austin's comp plan.

Jason Meeker, Great Hills Park: Share best practices, alliances among neighborhoods to have more effective NAs.

Paul Seal, Old West Austin: Outdoor music permits. Consistent review process of venue permits. Need to review definition of restaurant vs. cocktail lounge.

Mike Hirsch, Hancock: Require super majority for variances to Lady Bird Lake overlay.

Mary Ingle, Sound violations from venues that are not necessarily outdoor venues but produce disturbing levels of noise.

Clifton Bailey, Pecan Springs: Need more help with truancy program, working more closely with school board, county, constables in school programs. Kids are failing, we have an educated city and need more involvement from ANC and community.

Debbie Russell, Riverside: Don't forget about Del Valle AISD.

Delwin Goss, Montopolis Community Alliance : Inequity in completion of City projects. Need some sort of scoring matrix or something so same areas don't keep getting ignored.

Daniel Llanes: Need inventory of City properties.

Missy: Austin Energy rate increase.

Vera Givens: Need a strong statement that East Austin be included in all aspects of community and decision-making. Feel left out and that promotes apathy.

Ellen Williams, Hyde Park NA: lack of cross-pollination and collaboration between AISD officials and City officials.

Bryan King, South Lamar NA: Offer a letter to the school board asking them to participate. Daniel Llanes said there is a CC subcommittee and AISD subcommittee that are supposed to meet monthly---fire them up.

Tom Nuckols, Barton Hill NA: Neighborhoods are organized around schools and logical that ANC promote better coordination.

Susanna Almanza, Montopolis NA: East Austin needs to be a priority in land use planning/decisions.

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Resolution of the Austin Neighborhoods Council Regarding the Montopolis Recreation Center

WHEREAS the Montopolis Recreation Center was originally built by Dolores Church in 1964 to serve as the Montopolis Community Center to address the highest poverty and crime rates in the city, low education attainment levels, poor and inadequate housing, unpaved streets, few streetlights and even fewer job opportunities;

WHEREAS the Montopolis Community Center incorporated itself in 1965 as a non-profit corporation dedicated to the development of the Montopolis community and to the welfare of impoverished youth and adults;

WHEREAS in June 1971 the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin Model Cities Program entered into an agreement whereby the Montopolis Community Center was to be operated as an extension of the Parks and Recreation Department. In 1973 the Parks and Recreation Department purchased the Montopolis Community Center and renamed it the Montopolis Recreation Center;

WHEREAS the Montopolis Recreation Center is an outdated facility. The recreation center's foundation is shifting; it lacks the infrastructure to serve people with disabilities and seniors, and the shortage of space to serve more people. The building has only one elevator, bathrooms only on the first floor, and it has inadequate electrical outlets in the classrooms. This forty-seven year old center currently looks like a warehouse rather than the modern recreation centers that exist in Austin today;

WHEREAS the Montopolis Recreation Center is beyond rehabilitation;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Austin Neighborhoods Council recommends that the Austin City Council place on its Bond Initiative for the 2012 Elections the inclusion of a Bond to construct a new Montopolis Recreation Center.

Presentation to ANC Membership: 25 January 2012

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