

Austin Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting
July 11, 2012 6:30 PM Austin Energy Building 721 Barton Springs Rd. Austin TX

Present. Steven Aleman, Mike Pizinger, Joyce Basciano, Mary Eichner, Peggy Maceo, Carol Lee. Did not constitute a quorum.

Meeting was called to order by Steven Aleman.

Treasury. Mary Eichner. \$10,045.03 balance. Mary announced there is budget money for the August 22 ANC training session.

Approval of the Minutes. The June 11, 2012 meeting minutes were amended but not approved because of lack of a quorum. The June 27, 2012 meeting minutes were amended but not approved because of lack of a quorum.

Sector Reports.

Sector 6. Joyce Basciano reported for Sector Representative David Thomas that Commercial Short Term Rentals, CSTRs, were discussed. Scooter Cheatham suggested a group of 6 neighborhood representatives, 3 from east Austin neighborhoods and 3 from west Austin neighborhoods, speak with council about CSTRs as well as permanent affordable housing and the comp plan, issues which affect all neighborhoods.

The merits of lobbying Council about the comp plan, (which already passed) and affordable housing, when the siting policy recommendations are not yet finished, were discussed by Steven and the Executive Committee. Mike Pizinger wanted more information on why the percentage of affordable housing funding stayed the same regardless of the size of the bond package. Joyce said the city is considering using available public land as a means of distributing affordable housing more evenly. Joyce is actively looking for west Austin neighborhood representatives who would volunteer to meet with council about the CSTRs.

Short Term Rental Update. Joyce reported that a flyer about STRs has been created and printed along with a website that includes a petition against the proposed STR ordinance. The group continues to work to get people to come to the August 2 council meeting and get the word out about STRs. Joyce reported that at a recent Community Development Committee hearing, Steve McGuire clarified STR auditor report information and Susan Moffat spoke on behalf of the effect of STRs on Austin schools.

July Meeting Topics. Debate and consideration of the 2012 bond package, 30 minutes. Urban Fire Interface/wildfire safety, 30 minutes. City of Austin Traffic Calming Management Plans, Rene Ore. 15 minutes. STR update, 15 minutes.

The August 22 general meeting will be a training session on neighborhood organizing and activism, and how to reactivate neighborhood associations. Steven has had many requests on how to engage people and get them involved in neighborhood associations. ANC will advertise on ANC talk, the Chronicle community listing for events, and perhaps council's own distribution list. Carol will set up an online registration. Names for the training session were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

