

Austin Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting
June 13, 2012 6:30 PM, Austin Energy Building, 721 Barton Springs Rd, Austin TX

Present. Lou O'Hanlon, Steven Aleman, Peggy Maceo, Sheryl Cheatham, Cynthia Keohane, Mario Cantu, Mary Eichner, Jolene Kiolbassa, Mary Ingle. Visitor: Greg Casar.

Meeting was called to order by Steven Aleman.

Membership: Lou. ANC now has 83 members.

Treasury: Mary Eichner. \$10,107.34 balance.

Steven announced he rescinded Lupe Sosa's appointment as Sector 8 Representative. Lupe's neighborhood was not part of Sector 8 and this made her ineligible. Steven is looking for a replacement. Steven also wants to have another neighborhood training session in August, like the August, 2011 session, to assist those who wish to organize neighborhood associations.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the May 9, 2012 meeting were amended but not approved because of lack of a quorum.

Sector Reports

Sector 5-Central. Jolene Kiolbassa, Sector Representative, reported that Carl Smart, City of Austin Code Compliance, spoke at the sector meeting. Carl discussed his desire for more staff on permits and inspections, and a hearing officer to deal with code compliance cases instead of municipal court. He favored registration for STRs and would make a budget request in order to implement this. ANC may consider a resolution to support his budget request. Mary Ingle stated code compliance offenders ask for a jury trial, which changes judges, and charges are generally dismissed.

Sector 6-East. Steven reported for Sector Representative David Thomas. The Blackland Neighborhood Association met with UT about their encroachment on east Austin. There is a City of Austin Housing Authority grant pending with HUD to rebuild Rosewood Court. A public housing/mixed-use development is planned. The Affordable Housing Siting Policy Working Group gave an update and discussed the staff request for more West Austin neighborhood participation. Also discussed were the comp plan, STRs, 10-1 single member districts, and block walking for petition signatures by Austinites for Geographic Representation. Mary Ingle reported neighborhoods north of UT are having problems with UT soundboard noise and said establishing a relationship with UT to address this has been problematic.

Sector 9-Far South Central. Mario Cantu, Sector Representative, reported he is setting up a sector meeting for June 23, 9:30, and location to be announced. On Saturday, June 26, John Middleton, South Congress contact team, wants to set up a meeting for this sector to discuss the IH 35 corridor. Mario is setting up this meeting.

Mario discussed the dangers of multiple business trailers on Shell station properties and has emailed council on this issue. Mario reported he attended the South Shore Central sub district meeting where new development is being discussed for the Austin American Statesman site. There is great concern that the Waterfront Overlay Ordinance may be diluted.

Mario introduced Greg Casar of the Workers Defense Project (WDP). Greg gave a briefing about the mission of the WDP, their social services programs, and the information and training offered.

Greg presented a draft resolution that states ANC supports the WDP Community Builder certification, which certifies construction projects as sustainable for all workers as well as the community. Concerns about this resolution were discussed and the executive committee felt more information and additional presentations from WDP were needed to further define how WDP efforts connect with neighborhoods.

Comp Plan Update. Mary Ingle. The June 14, 2012 city council meeting will address the comp plan. Mary requested that neighborhood supporter all sign up to speak and urged speakers to make these three points: removal of the Growth Concept Map, which was created by staff: inadequate public input; and premature use of the plan such as with the bond review committee and the Airport Blvd redevelopment.

Jason Meeker was not present but spoke to the EC by phone. Jason recommended that ANC coordinate a message stating that Leffingwell, Cole, and Spelman all said that they supported neighborhood plans. Jason also mentioned contextual low density planning, a concept currently being used in New York City by NYC planner Amanda Burton, as a talking point to council. Mary and Steven will meet before the council meeting to identify topics and speakers. Mary said a large turnout was important to change council direction on this issue

June 2012 Meeting Ideas

Speakers are confirmed for NHCD Affordable Siting Policy briefing-15 minutes.

Briefing on the 2012 bond package-30 minutes

Charter Revision/AGR update-10 minutes

STR update-15 minutes

ANC Bylaws overview-5 minutes

Steven submitted a draft resolution for a \$400 M bond package and noted neighborhood projects such as 12th Street, sidewalks, and Montopolis. The draft will be open for discussion and review at the June ANC general meeting and is to serve as a baseline for the bond package. Lou suggested added the siting policy. Steven invited Linda Guerrero who served on the Bond Advisory Task Force to the June meeting.

Announcements. Peggy announced a rally in front of city hall on Friday, June 15 to save the Green Water Treatment Plant trees. Cynthia announced a group met with Dowe Gullatt about STRs. Dowe will meet with key city council members to possibly negotiate on the 3% cap per zip code.

Meeting adjourned.