

**Austin Neighborhoods Council General Meeting  
June 27, 2012 7:00 p.m. 721 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, TX.**

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

**Call to order and introductions.**

**Presentation: City of Austin Affordable Housing Siting Policy.**

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department.

Rebecca Giello, Assistant Director. Rebecca explained what the city is doing to achieve affordable housing in all parts of the city pursuant to the December 15, 2011 council resolution that directed staff to work with the Community Development Committee (CDC) and other stakeholders to research strategies for achieving geographic dispersion of affordable housing. A working group was formed to address the feasibility of creating such a policy. The working group will make recommendations to the CDC who will consider them in their recommendations to the city council. Rebecca encouraged ANC membership to comment through Speak Up Austin.

Steven reiterated that the working group is part of the process and the siting policy will be decided by council. Steven said the working group is an open process, not secret, and that documents are available, and that presently the working group is dealing with how the city will finance affordable housing projects and affordable housing in Austin in general. Citizens can sign up to receive more information at [austintexas.gov/housing](http://austintexas.gov/housing) and a subscription to the newsletter, and invitations to all stakeholder meetings.

**Update: 2012 Bond Election Package**

Molly Scarbrough, Capitol Planning Office. Frank Fernandez, Bond Election Advisory Task Force. Molly informed the membership that on June 26 council was presented with the recommendations for the 2012 Bond election from the Bond Election Advisory Task Force and the city manager. Molly explained the task force made a recommendation for a \$575 M Bond package and a \$400 bond package. Based on the task force recommendations, the city manager came up with a \$400M, \$300M, \$200M, and a \$385M package recommendations. Many community-based projects are not included in the city manager's recommendations. A public hearing is scheduled for Aug 2, and on Aug 7 council will have a work session. Aug 16 council will decide on the Nov. election.

Frank Fernandez said the city manager's recommendations were fairly in line with what the task force recommended. Linda Guerrero, Bond Task Force member, said the 2 cent property tax increase needed for the \$575M bond package should be seriously considered because the departments are in dire straights and we will be back in 2 years for more funding if they don't get enough now.

**ANC Resolution Roll Out: 2012 Bond Package.** Steven Aleman. Steven presented the ANC draft resolution regarding the 2012 Bond Election and discussed with the membership the bond amount, and the inclusion of projects directly relating to neighborhoods such as 12<sup>th</sup> Street, sidewalks, affordable housing, corridor improvements, and parks. This draft would require a one-cent property tax increase. Steven requested a show of hands on whether ANC should support the idea of an ANC resolution. The membership did support it. Steven requested the membership send feedback about the draft resolution before the next ANC executive committee meeting on July 11. The information is posted on the ANC website.

**Update: City Council and Geographic Representation.** Eliza May, Austinites for Geographic Representation, presented an update from AGR to the membership. Eliza requested the ANC membership get more signatures to add to the 27,000 they have. At the next council meeting AGR plans to ask council to delay voting on any plan until their petitions can be presented. Eliza said the legal deadline is August 20 for submission but they intend to have their petition in by July 5.

**Update: Short Term Rentals.** Cynthia Keohane. Cynthia announced the second reading of the ordinance will be before council on Thursday, June 28, 2012 and requested those who can to sign in against it at the council meeting.

**Update: ANC bylaws.** Lou O'Hanlon. Lou reported the bylaws committee is working on cleaning up the language, resolution procedures, and membership categories. A draft will be ready for the August ANC executive committee meeting and then to the general meeting in September.

**Announcements:**

David Thomas announced the Welcome Home Iraq Veterans Parade and Job and Resource Fair. July 7, 2012.

Steven gave an update on Imagine Austin comprehensive plan. At the city council meeting Laura Morrison made some positive changes to the language of Imagine Austin concerning neighborhood planning, the Growth Concept Map, and standards for the LDC. Steven felt that our presence at council made a difference and the plan got better.

ANC East sector meetings have changed location to Mexita's, on 12<sup>th</sup> and IH35.

ANC Far South Sector now has sector meetings. Contact Mario Cantu.

Steven requested feedback on the bond resolution from the membership.

Lupe announced that if you signed the AGR petition six months ago your signature is no longer valid. She requested those people sign again.

Carol Gibbs announced that tomorrow night council is initiating the S. Manchaca/Garrison Park/Westgate neighborhood plan.

**Meeting adjourned.**