

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes
 May 15, 2019
 Servant Church, 1605 E 38th 1/2 St, Austin, TX 78722

Attendees:

Jim Walker E. 40 th	Nathan Lynch E. 32 nd
Heather Telo Cherrywood	Jules Vieau Cherrywood
Jim MacKay Larry Lane	Greg Henry Robinson
Sharon Lynch E 28 th	Ray Donley E 28 th
Annie Chernich Robinson	Jennifer Potts-Miller Grayson Ave.
Kathleen Lu Wrightwood Rd.	Karen Pays 38 th St.
Trudie Redding Kirkwood Rd.	Jeremy Klitzman
Evie Kling	Rory Alexander, French Place, Guest Speaker

1. Jim Walker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Introductions were made.
2. No previous general meeting actions items were presented for approval.
3. Rory Alexander, General Manager of the Wheatsville Coop on Guadalupe and a resident of the Cherrywood Neighborhood presented to the group. He explained the cooperative business model, told the history of Wheatsville Coop and explained the role of the cooperative businesses within a community. Wheatsville Coop focuses on the community. It supports local products, it champions organics and it promotes new and local enterprises. Wheatsville is a leader in minimizing waste through food recovery, composting and recycling and it trains other businesses to comply with COA waste guidelines. Wheatsville has recently invested in many energy efficient remodels to make their buildings green. Some have the idea that shopping at Wheatsville is too expensive but they make a strong effort to be competitive. Delicious snacks and \$5 off coupons were provided for the meeting.
4. Steering Committee Reports
 - a. A Chair Report was not available.
 - b. Treasurer's Report read by Jim Walker for Allen Hah: net assets = \$2,267.09 which is \$282 above last quarter likely due to the May edition of The Flea.
 - c. Jennifer Potts-Miller: The Flea is our communication tool within the neighborhood. It ties our community together but it is a lot of work! The Flea needs more workers to write, to submit ideas, to reach out to businesses, and to flick the Flea. Jennifer recommends reducing the August issue to four pages. If this does not result in complaints, consider reducing all issues to four pages.
 - i. Some suggestions at the meeting for the Flea were:
 1. A Maplewood Essay contest with stories written by students.
 2. Coupons from local businesses.
 3. A "Maplewood Corner" feature.
 - ii. There were a few potential volunteers to write articles.

5. Reports of Committees and Neighborhood Projects:
 - a. Upper Boggy Creek By Laws, Jim Walker. No update yet.
 - b. LUT, Dave Westenbarger. The Land Use and Transportation Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Los Altos Restaurant. More members are needed.
 - i. A report was made on the CVS slated to be built on the SE corner of Airport and Manor Road. TXDOT offered to sell the ROW to the City but the City declined. Input from the neighborhood was not solicited and a chance to build a traffic calming circle was lost. A site plan has been approved but it is not in keeping with urbanist, transit oriented, multi-use future trends. Evie and Jeremy will try to reach out directly to CVS to see if changes in design may be considered.
 - ii. Dave has been in contact with the Property Manager of the vacant Sears store in Hancock Center. They are looking for a long term tenant and do not currently plan extensive renovations.
 - iii. The bike route on Manor Road is complete.
 - c. Green Spaces, Jennifer Potter-Miller
 - i. The Patterson Park Plan is based on issues identified from the six-month survey conducted in 2107. Some of the issues (pool, bathrooms) are capital improvement items that can only be put on a calendar for PARD and cannot be addressed by the neighborhood. Many other improvements have been made or are in planning. The goal is to increase usage of Patterson Park; it is underutilized, and to update what exists without making radical changes to the park.
 - ii. Grackle Green groundbreaking has been delayed to October due to budgetary decisions at the City level for the Neighborhood Partnering Program. Some small work, like gardens, may start before then.
6. New Business: there was no new business.
7. General Announcements/Discussion:
 - a. A resident of the Duplex Nation expressed appreciation for trash abatement and recycling efforts of property owners.
 - b. A resident on Concordia and Robinson stated the parking from business along the access road has become a real problem on her block. She is interested in the Residential Parking Program. The process and resources were discussed.
 - c. There was discussion regarding the readability and effectiveness of the General Meeting signs. Discussion included not enough information or information not prominently displayed for a sign that may be seen from a passing car. One person thought the sign was advertising a Servant Church function. Further discussion warranted and perhaps a purchase of new signs.
8. Jim Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.