

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
 June 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
 Fannie Mae Stewart Community Conservatory, 1902 E. 22nd Street, Austin, TX

Attendees:

Jim Reed, Chair	Stefan Schuster, Member
Jeremy Klitzman, Vice Chair	Matt Harriger, Member
Sharon Lynch, Secretary	Jennifer Potter-Miller, Member
Jim Walker, Member	Dave Westenbarger, Visitor
Jules Vieau, Member	Dolly Ensley, Visitor
Evie Kling, Member	Amanda Swor and Colleague, Presenters
Girard Kinney, Member	

1. Jim Reed called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. There were no citizen communication speakers.
4. Approval of previous meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.
5. Community Presenters:
 - a. Amanda Swor presented the project plans for 3201 Merrie Lynn Avenue. This is the NE corner of Merrie Lynn and Manor Road. The Drenner Group, which owns the property across the street at 3200 Merrie Lynn, has purchased the property at 3201. They seek an amendment to the FLUM with a zoning change from MF-4-NP to LO-MU-NP. They do not plan to make any significant changes to or to demolish the property. Similar changes to the property across the street, to allow small office use, generated a lot of interest and they want to do the same at the new property. They are presenting to us because they are going out of cycle and they wish to maintain transparency. There were no objections to the plan or to going out of cycle. Jim Walker will present the CNA positive position to UBC and, if needed, a letter of support may be written by Jim Reed.
 - b. Jennifer Potter-Miller presented on the status of green spaces in the neighborhood. The scope of work for the \$50K grant from Austin Parks Foundation has been completed. This was a major upgrade in playscapes and amenities. Money from the Neighborhood Park Program has been released and will be used to upgrade furniture and trash receptacles and to install recycling containers in the park. Future plans include trail improvements, shade tree planting and tree-identification trail markers. Jennifer noted that Austin Parks Foundation has small rolling grants (\$5K or less) that might be used for improvements to Cherrywood Green. She cannot lead this effort. Girard said he would work with Mike Damal to identify projects that could be funded with this

money and bench replacement, water fountain repair and a handrail for the steps to the creek were mentioned as needs.

6. Officer and SC Program Reports:

- a. Jim Reed reported on the Flea. More help is needed! An assistant layout editor, content editor and managing editor are needed. There is no redundancy in the Flea committee and that is a risk. Jim will publicize the need for help in the next edition of the Flea.
- b. Allen Hah, Treasurer, sent a report by email as he was unable to attend the meeting. Jim R. reported that our net position at \$2267.09 is good.

7. Reports of Committee and Neighborhood Projects

- a. Jeremy K. reported on CherryWoodstock. Last year, this was a success and that may have been, in part, due to it coinciding with E.A.S.T. If we want to again do it in conjunction with E.A.S.T the deadline is 8/1/2019. Jeremy will be moving out of the neighborhood but will still work on CWS this year however he will need to hand off most of the work after this year. It was decided to hold CWS again this year with a date TBD and to reassess afterwards if we will continue this. The next edition of the Flea will contain an ask for CWS help.
- b. Jules V. reported on ANC's plan to become a 501C3 for tax purposes and to allow them to endorse political candidates. They will vote on this next meeting. The ANC is also proposing a requirement for all buildings older than certain years to have a lead and/or asbestos assessment done by an EPA license holder prior to requesting a demolition permit.
- c. LUT report: Girard Kinney reported on various items. Several are addressed elsewhere in these minutes (3201 Merrie Lynn Ave, Green Spaces grants, truck traffic on E. 38 ½ St.). Additional items discussed by the LUT include CNA Sidewalk Plan, CVS project at Manor Rd/Airport Blvd, and Reconnect Austin.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. Dolly Ensley discussed the issue of truck and trailers using E. 38 ½ Street as an east-west traffic corridor from Airport Blvd. to IH-35 during school hours. This traffic passes by Maplewood Elementary School and is in violation of signs posted prohibiting through truck traffic.
- b. Jim Walker agreed to write a letter requesting a partnership with the Safe Routes to School Program with the goal of increasing protection to children and families and to enforce re-routing of traffic on this section of e. 38 ½ St.

10. There were no requests for future agenda items.

11. The meeting was adjourned.