

Minutes of Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee (CNA SC)
December 11, 2019
Fannie Mae Stewart Conservancy, 1902 E. 22nd Street, Austin, TX

Present:

Jim Walker, Interim Chair	Jules Vieau, Member
Allen Hah, Treasurer	Girard Kinney, Member
Sharon Lynch, Secretary	Matt Harriger, Member
Cara Bertron, Member	Lindsey Olinde, Guest

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was provided prior to the meeting via email and is accepted.
3. Introductions were made for the benefit of new member, Cara Bertron.
4. The minutes of the previous SC Meeting reviewed. Girard moved to accept them, and Matt seconded the motion.
5. There were no Community Presenters.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Allen Hah gave the Treasurer's report. Our cash balance is \$3757.33; our net balance is \$2667.33. We continue to net about \$100 per month. Mr. Hah has received three new advertiser inquiries. One is from Planet K. There was discussion regarding the appropriateness of advertising an adult-oriented business and the record will reflect that currently there are no filters, positive or negative, applied to individual advertisers.
 - b. Girard Kinney gave an update on the Land Use and Transportation (LUT) Committee. The committee did not meet this month. Some committee members attended a meeting held by Randy Clark, CEO of Capital Metro regarding Project Connect.
 - c. Jim Walker reported on the Flea. Next edition is in February. Editorial leadership is still an unresolved issue.
 - d. Jim Walker gave an update on Upper Boggy Creek (UBC) NA. They will meet in January. UBC will weigh in on the Merrie Lynn project.
 - e. Jules Vieau reported on Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC.) They will meet in early 2020. Justin Irving, a Cherrywood resident, will be the new ANC president.

- i. Mr. Kinney requests that someone attend meetings of ANC East to represent Cherrywood Neighborhood. Mr. Vieau will consider but did not commit to attending.

7. Updates on CNA Projects:

a. Land Development Code (LDC) Rewrite.

- i. The SC proposes a proactive approach to the LDC rewrite currently preliminarily approved by the City Council; a second reading scheduled for January. We welcome change, recognize its inevitability but want to have a say in how this change looks in and how it will affect our neighborhood. We support density and affordability, but we want good design and note that density does not equal affordability. Jim Walker has created a list of guiding principles as a starting point for discussion and planning (Appendix A). Neutral language will be favored over emotionally laden wording. We want to see good stewardship of the neighborhood and preservation of existing housing stock. Ms. Bertron noted that historic districts are a method to preserve housing stock and affordability.
- ii. A special meeting will be called for December 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cherrywood Coffeehouse to begin to discuss our approach and to plan additional special meetings.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on AISD closures and consolidations. CNA backs the PTA and Campus Advisory Committee positions. Jim Walker proposed inviting Stephanie Perone of Maplewood Elementary PTA to our next SC meeting to discuss creating a bridge between the Maplewood and Campbell Elementary School communities in order to create a stronger position with regard to AISD plans which currently are not fully known.
- b. 3201 Merrie Lynn: CNA rescinded a letter of support for this project which has resulted in a deferment of decision from the City until 1/23/2020. The developers will meet with neighbors per our process.

9. New Business:

- a. Jim Reed, former chair, requests reimbursement for filing fees on a court document related to a development on Werner. Going forward, any potential fiscal impact and requests for reimbursement related to a project proposed to the SC will be presented during the request for consideration. Mr. Kinney moved to reimburse Mr. Reed for the expenses and to require disclosure of related costs to the SC to be part of the approval process and Mr. Harriger seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

10. Agenda items for the next SC meeting: none proposed.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.