

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting
 October 14, 2020 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Zoom format

In attendance:

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| Jim Walker, Chair | Karen Paup |
| Allen Hah, Treasurer | Rachel Van Hover |
| Sharon Lynch, Secretary | Kathy Goodwin |
| Girard Kinney, Committee Member | Brendan Wittstruck |
| Adam Packer, Member | Dave Westerberger |
| Brandy Savarese, Member | Robert Moore |
| Jules Vieau, Member | JT Burgess |
| Matt Harringer, Member | Jeri Spence |
| Sean Griffin | Jennifer Potter-Miller |
| Tom Wald | 2 Guest Speakers |

1. The meeting was called to order. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was provided and approved prior to the meeting.
3. There were no citizen communications.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. An edit was presented regarding the number of bounced emails from the change in hosting for our list-serve. The correct number is 400 not 40. Girard Kinney moved to accept the minutes, Allen Hah seconded.
5. Jim Walker moderated a discussion by John Michel Cortez who presents in support of Prop A and Roger Falk who presents in opposition to Prop A. Each speaker was given 8 minutes to present their case, uninterrupted and allowed a 4 minute rebuttal. Prop A is on the ballot November 3rd and would increase property taxes in order to fund expansion of public transportation in Austin--including new routes, traffic hubs, light rail services and rapid transit.
 - a. Mr. Cortez states that this is a long overdue solution to traffic problems and that it will serve essential workers, address issues of climate change, equity and affordability. Property taxes would increase about 4%.

- b. Mr. Falk states that this is the largest debt and tax increase in Austin's history. His opposition is toward train transit which is very expensive and will be used by only 1% of the population. He proposes looking at mobility hubs and micro-mobility.
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
- a. Treasurer Report: Our net position is \$3481.01 cash. Our cash position is \$2156.01 We are down from last month by \$155.88 as we had to pay the annual website hosting fees. Invoices were sent out last week, all advertisers due for renewal have renewed their contracts; we have lost no advertisers.
 - b. Land Use/Transportation Committee: Girard Kinney reports that the project to rebuild and reinforce the staircase at the Cherrywood Green (CWG) is proceeding. Lars Stanley will build a handrail. There was a successful annual neighborhood tree planting project. The pedestrian crossing on Manor Road will happen but exactly where is still undecided. Kathy Tovo's office prefers the crossing to be at Walnut. X on Manor rd will happen, KT pushing for this at Walnut. Funding for a crossing at Alexander and Manor is pending There are some projects on Breeze Terrace that may result in destruction of currently available affordable housing with an ADU.
 - c. Flea Report: Jennifer Potter-Miller An article on the IH-35 expansion project is planned for the front page. Other ideas include an article on Hoover's and a "Kids Corner" to engage more young neighbors. This quarter the Flea will be full-sized. Again there was discussion about how the duties and responsibilities of Flea production could be shared so that all of the burden does not continue to fall on Jennifer. Jeri Spence noted that an online product is a popular option and may reach more people than a paper product.
 - d. UBC Update: none.
 - e. ANC Update: Jules Vieau reported that the ANC had held a meeting. The meeting was contentious. A lot of housing is being proposed but it is not in areas where affordable housing is needed nor is it affordable. There have been some leadership changes as a result.
7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. IH-35 / NCINC3 Brendan Wittstruck discussed planning activities for Our Future 35. TXDoT Environmental Impact Studies will begin in November.
 - b. LDC rewrite revisit and preparation: no discussion
 - c. CNA Annual General Meeting: will be virtual.
8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. NeighborNet phase out: one more month for transition to completely be to new platform.
 - b. Website update ideas: appeal in Flea for help.

- c. Removal of racist deed restrictions initiative issue with white savorism, reach out to John _____ about this.
- 9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Reaffirm position on digital billboards (DBB): we are against all billboards but especially DBB. We will send a letter reaffirming our opposition. Jeri moves, Brandy seconds. Contact City Council members to protest the multitude of new BB and DBB. Matt H abstains from vote on DBB. 8 for, 1 abstention.
 - b. Taking positions on neighborhood issues outside CNA boundaries: no discussion.
- 10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting D
 - a. SC meeting: November 11th and December 9th. Next General Meeting: Wednesday, November 18th
 - b. SC November presentation:
 - c. General Meeting presentation: IH-35 and equity issues proposed.
- 11. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were approved 12/9/2020