

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom ID: 254 172 8972

Attendees

Jim Walker, Chair	Brandy Savarese
Allen Hah, Treasurer	Jules Vieau
Sharon Lynch, Secretary	Matt Harriger
Sean Griffin	Allen Hah
Girard Kinney	Cara Breton

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. Adoption of Agenda: the agenda was distributed before the meeting and there were some additions made by the chair in new business.
3. Citizen Communication: none
4. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes: the minutes were reviewed but will defer approval until December to allow some members to review.
5. Community Presenters: none
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
 - a. Treasurer Report: Allen Hah reports the cash balance is \$3216.01 and net balance is \$3853.82. We are up about \$370 from last month and we are in a good position with funds available for projects.
 - b. Land Use/Transportation Committee:
 - i. Girard Kinney reports two Breeze Terrace properties have a new buyer who want to move both existing properties to another site and build two new larger properties. We prefer they keep the existing structures and we will communicate with them.
 - ii. There is a demolition permit for a property at 3003 block of French Place; this is not an historic property and staff have recommended the demolition permit be released. This makes three properties that will likely be lost signaling to developers that our neighborhood is poised for development and likely affordability will not be a priority.

- iii. Discussion has occurred about Sheiffer-Willowbrook intersection. Girard has requested but not been unable to obtain plans.
 - iv. The sidewalk master plan has not been updated sufficiently to vote on at the GM. No update on traffic beacons on Manor Road.
 - c. Flea Report: Jim W. reports the November issue complete and distributed. There is still ongoing work to refine the production schedule.
 - d. UBC Update: Jim Walker reports there have not been meetings held since the pandemic began.
 - e. ANC Update: Jules Vieau reports no updates are available.
- 7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. IH-35 / NCINC3 planning
 - i. Next steps on the TXDoT scoping period: meetings will be held, NCINC requests an extension of the comment period from 30 day to 60-90 days to allow meaningful and informed input from NCINC and member Neighborhood Associations.
 - ii. Brandy S. suggests that we plan for 30 days beginning 11/12/2020 as an extension may not be honored.
 - iii. Jim W. suggests members of SC form a subcommittee to meet weekly and be liaison with planners of TXDoT revisions.
 - 1. Goal: we create a letter forwarding our ideals, so we have a face with TXDoT to have input about large issues such as land use for affordability, sound barriers, east-west connectivity, etc.
 - 2. Soon check into residents of Robinson Ave. to learn their preferences. Web surveys or handouts may be good ways to engage residents.
 - 3. Ask: how do people feel about an aggressive campaign to express solidarity with NCINC. Jim W. suggested Brandy S and Girard K be the members. Girard cannot but Jules Vieau could.
 - 4. This topic will be the main issue for the General Meeting. We will get a Google number for messages. (Edit: Allen got a Google number on 11/12/2020. It is 512-655-3041 and sends a transcription and audio file to Allen's email. This can be used as the official Cherrywood number in general or for the I35 feedback number specifically.
 - 5. LDC rewrite revisit: no updates.
 - b. CNA Annual General Meeting is next Wednesday 11/18.
 - i. Steering Committee vacancies, Sean Griffin will run for a seat.
 - ii. Susan Fraser, TXDoT representative, and neighbor Tom Wald of PUMA have been invited to present in a moderated forum.
- 8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. NeighborNet phased out and migrated to groups.io and the old Yahoo platform will stop working on 12/15/2020.
 - b. Deed restriction update initiative: Matt says there are 125 lots in the original Willowbrook plat. Texas law does not extend unconstitutional restrictions so the

restrictions in our deeds are not legal or enforceable. To actually change we would need $\frac{3}{4}$ or 92 people to sign on to a petition to change the title. Matt would pay the filing fee and when a home is sold the title would be changed. We recognize this is symbolic. Jim says he can reach out to the Austin Justice Coalition to see how to make this more than symbolic. This is not an official CNA activity but something we are exploring ways to have a substantive conversation.

- c. Steering Committee vacancies and nominations
9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. LU/T
 - b. Austin Mutual Aid requests help in distributing bread and other foods rescued from grocery stores.
 - c. Hancock Golf Course meetings with PARD, Jules, Sharon and Matt are interested in going.
 - d. Hoover of Hoover's restaurant is stressed as are many businesses. Thanksgiving is a big money maker for him. Jim suggests we as CNA buys Thanksgiving boxes to distribute to the residents of Blacklands. The boxes are \$125 for a six-person meal. It helps the community and helps Hoover's. The SC may contribute \$25 toward the first 10 purchases. Action item: approval to launch an email campaign with CNA matching \$25 to each \$100 dollars raised up to \$1000. Cara seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Jim W has communicated with Blacklands and will get back with logistical details.
10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date
 - a. SC: 12/9/2020 and 1/13/2021; next GM: 11/18/2020
 - b. General Meeting presentation – IH-35 and equity issues
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes approved 12/9/2020