

## Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Virtual Zoom meeting

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda: the meeting called to order at 6:30. The agenda was shared and adopted.
2. Approval of August General Meeting minutes: the minutes were briefly reviewed but approval was deferred for a later date to allow members to have more time to review.
3. General Announcements (3 minutes per speaker)
  - a. Adam Sparks from the Hancock Conservancy discussed their work. The Hancock Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to the transformation of Hancock Golf Course into a green space and public park and it opposes the City of Austin (COA) plan to lease the land to a private golf developer. The organization supports turning the golf course, which is not financially sustainable in its current state to a green space because as Austin grows the opportunity to claim 45 acres of green space in the center of the city will not come around again. They are pro-park/green space and are opposed to privatization of a golf course or development of the land. Visit <https://www.hancockconservancy.org> for more information and to sign their petition. The CNA is an ally of the Hancock Neighborhood Association and generally supports the decisions they make for their neighborhood.
4. Community Presenters pertaining to the I-35 project, moderated by Jim Walker:
  - a. North Central Interstate Neighborhoods Coalition (NCINC). Brendan Wittstruck presented. There are eleven neighborhood associations in the coalition in and surrounding Cherrywood. The goal of NCINC is to align TXDOT I35 goals with the COA goals of improving equity, east-west connectivity, quality of life for residents, and safe and vibrant city streets bordering I35. NCINC was recognized as a stakeholder in 2014. For more information: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncinc2/community/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ncinc2/community/?ref=page_internal)
  - b. Susan Fraser from TXDOT presented the history, goals and plans of Mobility35/I-35 Capital Express Central Project. There are three separate projects in this plan. The virtual Public Scoping Meeting is available until 12/12/2020 at <https://my35capex.com> Comments should be presented via the website to officially register them..
  - c. Emily Risinger presented the opinion of the Downtown Austin Alliance which began in August 2020. Austinites have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform the I-35 corridor through the heart of our city by investing in our community, improving all forms of transportation, and creating community parks, bridges and other amenities where the highway stands now. To take advantage of this opportunity, the Downtown Austin Alliance, in collaboration with a diverse group of Austin leaders, aims to support a community-driven vision for the future of the I-35 corridor in central Austin. They say

we have an opportunity and an obligation to do things better than in the past that results in the current state of E-W racial and ethnic segregation. Visit

<https://www.ourfuture35.org>

- d. Yasmine Smith presented the opinion of People United for Mobility Action (PUMA) where the goal is to put the person before the project by matching transportation with lived experience. They are dedicated to ensuring that every person has access to safe, convenient, affordable transportation that meets their daily needs. They want to ensure that changes bring equity and that new transportation hubs do result in communities being adversely affected and residents don't get displaced. They stress: do no harm and stabilize neighborhoods and communities so they benefit from new transportation options. Look at this as a social environment, not just laying down concrete. Visit: <https://www.puma-atx.org>
  - e. There was a Q&A session and it was asked if ROW purchases will be required and, if so, how much feedback will be required. Susan Fraser said at this point the planning is still at a high level and there is no current plan to extend the feedback period beyond the current 30 days.
5. Steering Committee Report
    - a. Chair Report: Jim Walker discussed the election of Steering Committee Members this meeting and discussed various initiatives in the neighborhood.
    - b. Treasurer Report: Allen Hah gave our cash balance and net balance as \$3216.01 and \$3850.02. We are doing fine.
    - c. Flea Report: Flea was distributed last week.
    - d. Actions taken since last General meeting: no update.
  6. Committee Reports and Neighborhood Projects: Girard Kinney had to leave the meeting before giving a report but there has not been much new activity with the committee during COVID restrictions.
    - a. Land Use/Transportation Committee
      - i. Recent demolition notices: we do want to learn of these to try to align with neighborhood design principles
      - ii. Intersection improvements
      - iii. Sidewalk Master Plan
      - iv. Hancock Golf Course planning
      - v. Green Space Update: we have a grant for the renovation of the steps at the Cherrywood Green.
  7. Steering Committee Annual Election (Action)
    - a. Declaration of nominees
      - i. Incumbents for another term
        1. Allan Hah
        2. Matt Harriger

3. Girard Kinney
4. Jules Vieau
5. Jim Walker
6. Sharon Lynch
- ii. Open seats
  1. Sean Griffin
  2. Vacant
  3. Vacant
- b. Jim Walker called for nominations from the floor: there were none but Sharon Lynch offered to serve a second term, absent additional members and this was approved by Jim Walker.
- c. Vote of membership on slate of nominees: At 7:50 p.m. the members voted unanimously to approve all members.
8. Old Business
  - a. The City of Austin Land Development Code process needs to be revisited in near future.
9. New Business: no new business was reported.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. Notes recorded by Sharon Lynch

Attendees:

Jim Walker	Brandy Savarese	Connie Klose
DR Dailey	Sara Behunek	Carolyn Bottler
Jess Halonen	Rich Heyman	Louanne Jones
Amanda Assadi	Sharon Lynch	Seve Barrutia
Abbey White	Malcolm White	Mark Rogers
Allen Hah	Abbie Daskovsky Utt	"Robinson Avenue"
Matt Harringer	Gerard Kinney	Sarah Sweeney
Cara Breton	SG Goodman	

Guests: Adam Sparks, Yasmine Smith, Susan Fraser, Emily Risinger, Brendan Wittstruck