

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 12/9/2020 - 6:30 PM

Zoom ID: 254 172 8972

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	P	Cara Breton, Member
A	Allen Hah, Treasurer	P	Jeri Spence, Member
P	Sharon Lynch, Secretary	P	Brandy Savarese, Member
A	Girard Kinney, Member	P	Matt Harriger, Member
A	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
P	Adam Packer, Member	V	Adam Sparks
G	Priscilla Ebersole, SWNA	V	Dave Westenberger
V	Jimmy McKay		

P = Present A = Absent V = Visitor (resident) G = Guest

1. Call to Order at 6:32. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was adopted prior to the meeting via email.
3. Citizen Communication:
  - a. Adam Sparks is a Cherrywood resident and member of Hancock Conservancy that wants to keep the Hancock Golf Course site as a green space. HC has yet to call a vote due to various issues. HC supports the entire 45 acres to be held as parkland, they will likely vote on this resolution in January. PARD will solicit RFP to have some golf concession in April or May.
    - i. Priscilla E asks about the status of the HC. It is not a 501c entity, they are able to be a sub-entity under PARD. HC will need to raise money but cannot do that until the City Council says this could be a park. PARD wants to turn a negative to a positive on their balance sheet, annual shortfall is \$150,000 but this is due to recent cost cutting measures as it used to lose about a million dollars.
    - ii. Jim W: the City can create special taxing districts which may cover the \$150K loss.
    - iii. Cara B: what would it look like to have affordable housing on some portion of the land? Density and affordability in a high-priced area are important.
4. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes: Matt approved, Cara seconded. Minutes were approved with a correction to a misspelling of Matt's name.

5. Community Presenters: none
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
  - a. Treasurer Report: Allen Hah submitted his report via email. As of December 9, 2020, the CNA SC has \$2,776.82 in its cash account, and making the usual adjustment for credits/debits, the net position is \$3,436.04, which is \$417.78 lower than what it was last month. That's primarily because of the cost of the I-35 survey printing (\$75.78), the annual payment for the PO Box (\$92), and the donor matching for the Maplewood and Campbell Elementary Schools holiday fundraiser (\$400). Payments are continuing to come in as expected for advertisers, and there remains a small waitlist for new advertisers, so our financial position remains solid. The fundraising was a success. \$2000 was raised to benefit local businesses and community members.
  - b. Land Use/Transportation Committee: No update from Girard. Cara B mentioned that substantially the LCR process is on hold until the determination of the pending lawsuit.
  - c. Flea Report: Jim W: Next edition is February. In January the SC will discuss the management/leadership of the Flea.
  - d. UBC Update (JW): No meeting, therefore no update.
  - e. ANC Update (JV): No update.
7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a. IH-35 / NCINC3 planning
    - i. Robinson Avenue Survey: Brandy S thanks Cara B for help with the survey. She needs help to distribute the surveys. NCINC3 website was recently relaunched. 12/20 is the deadline to respond to the survey. While the survey is geared to Robinson Ave residents and frontage road businesses, should we expand the digital survey to other neighborhoods? Sean G and Jim W support sending to all CW residents. Next steps: distribute surveys and collect/analyze data.
    - ii. CNA letter structure and timing to TXDOT. Need a special, short meeting to discuss the letter that will be sent: Tuesday 12/29 at 6:30 to review and approve the letter. Need 5 members to vote on an NCINC3-aligned letter that will be previously distributed. Brandy S requests info on how frontage roads may be considered an urban road rather than a quasi-highway in other TX communities. See NCINC.org for more info.
  - b. Cherrywood holiday fundraising campaign summary: see Treasurer Report.
8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a. NeighborNet phase out: December 15: all Yahoo groups will be shut off. Groups.io is working well.
  - b. Deed restriction update initiative: reach out to Austin Justice Coalition to determine what we can do to align with other initiatives to ensure we are not doing just some proforma activity. Perhaps a tax increase to create a housing fund that could be used as part of a portfolio of affordable housing.
9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date
  - a. SC: 1/13/21, 2/10/21 and next GM: 2/17/21

- b. Agenda items suggested: 1/13: election of officers, front page Flea article. Consider terms for the Flea Editor. The Flea is an important means of communication and the SC needs some control of it to ensure production and to protect the volunteer members from burnout. This is a change, but a necessary conversation. BS calls for a neighborhood graphic designer.

11. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.