

**Cherrywood Neighborhood Association**  
**Steering Committee Agenda**  
 Wed, Apr 13, 2022 @ 6:30 PM  
 Bobo's Snack Bar

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	P	Cara Bertron, Member
P	Allen Hah, Treasurer	P	Jeri Spence, Member
P	Brandy Savarese, Vice Chair	P	Girard Kinney, Member
A	Sharon Lynch, Secretary	A	Matt Harriger, Member
P	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
A	Adam Packer, Member	P	Rich Heyman, Member
P	Julio Carreon-Reyes		
G	Tom Wald	G	Priscilla Ebersole

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

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was previously emailed to the committee. Not additions were requested.
3. Approval of minutes: deferred.
4. Citizen Communication:  
 Tom Wald introduced himself as a neighbor and a candidate for the District 9 open council seat. He shared his experience working on transportation, housing and other concerns as well as how to work with agency staff. Expressed his recognition that I 35 is hot issue.
5. Community Presenters, up to 30 minutes: None
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees up to 30 minutes
  - a) Allen Hah, Treasurer's Report:  
 Balance \$3058.60, Net \$3653.60  
 Vibe will be replaced as Flea advertiser if not caught up. If someone knows, please reach out to Allen.
  - b) Land Use and Transportation Committee
    - I. Revisited discussion of Austin Strategic Mobility Change proposed changes to street designations in Cherrywood and our understanding that a change in designation does not indicate intent by the City to expand ROW or street configuration. Some discussion of how Austin Walk Bike, and Roll initiatives are also included in ASMP. Will discuss more at May General Meeting.
    - II. Discussed the completion of the intersection improvements at Cherrywood / Manor. The final improvements reflect the City's stated design and outcome,

but the process of neighborhood engagement before and during the project was highly lacking.

- III. Long discussion of legal and safe street parking. Girard to draft article for next Flea and is considering a flyer to place on windshields of vehicles improperly parked.
- IV. Discussion of latest I-35 drawings showing a new crossing connecting Wilshire Blvd on the east with 41<sup>st</sup> St. on the west at grade. Pros and cons. Concerns about inducement of cut-through traffic from the west through Wilshire Woods and Scheiffer-Willowbrook.

c) Communications Committee

I. Flea Content:

- 1. Hate speech message (list serve guidelines went out) Upper boggy wants more explicit statement on hate speech
- 2. Red Swing anniversary - recognize. Will reach out to Andrew Danzinger (Flea article for xxx)
- 3. TxDOT schedule for year
- 4. Asking steering committee members to write one article once a year. Will publish a calendar on the website and in Flea as a blurb with the calendar and invite.

d) UBC update

- I. Meetings have started again. Might be effort to pivot/expand the UBC focus from land use to other common issues such as supporting Maplewood and Campbell Elementary schools. The effort to connect the two neighborhoods is ongoing. Misael Ramos and Jim working together.

e) ANC update

- I. Also discussing the ASMP and starting to host candidates for various Council seats and Mayor.

7. Ongoing Business

a) I-35 Capital Express Project

- I. Brandy reports on the TxDoT Voice meeting volunteer opportunity focused on pedestrians and bike, potentially a diversion from some of the more fundamental design and ramp issues/problems. Noting the new connection at 41<sup>st</sup> St. represented in Alt 3 Mod option that TxDoT may be strategically playing neighborhoods against each other. Action is needed to get perspectives directly from other neighborhoods.
- II. New focus for Cherrywood is coalescing. Want to concentrate efforts on a big idea. Will include in the meeting for May. Then again at August general meeting and lay out our vision for a land bridge at grade, follow example of Klyde Warren best practice. Use the Mayor's race to garner energy for this idea. Write another letter with our position, that acknowledges concessions made and narrow ask to focus on Cherrywood with something significant between 38th and 32nd. Important for all the new multifamily in recent years and coming in future years after the I-35 renovation is complete.
  - 1. Focus on a new iconic 'deck' between 32<sup>nd</sup> and 38 ½th St
  - 2. Present idea at May General Meeting
  - 3. Fall schedule with candidate forums to get City to share our vision

- III. In discussion, Girard brings up idea of using the parking garage on west side as part of a new deck. Need to think about the long term evolution. Acknowledge the financing (capital and maintenance) issue but we don't need to solve for right now. Idea is to have TxDOT explore options. The point is to not preclude the option of an at-grade deck. Using an open election cycle to create excitement. Jim is trying to get with St Davids to verify what St David's needs for highway access, they might be an ally. Cara agrees and suggests to see if City of Austin Parks Department can be an ally. Human uses: could be housing or green spaces.
- b) Cherrywood history initiative
  - I. Julio suggests another meeting. OG residents as an interview subject. The effort is in line with Matts' historical deed restrictions initiative. Get another meeting on the books.
- c) Affordability initiative
  - I. Jim apologized for not organizing another meeting yet
- 8. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a) none
- 9. Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
  - a) Next General Meeting – Wed, May 18 (in-person or hybrid)
    - I. I-35
    - II. ASMP
  - b) Next Steering Committee – Wed, May 11
- 10. Adjourn