

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association General Meeting  
 Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Zoom ID: 254 172 8972  
 (participation will be moderated)

Attendees:

Jim Walker, Chair	Matt Harriger, SC Member
Jules Vieau, SC Member	Hugh Yasumoto
Sean Griffin, SC Member	Jessica Yasumoto
Sharon Lynch, Secretary	Priscilla Ebersole
Adam Sparks, SC Member	Jim McKay
Brandy Savarese, SC Member	Truddie Redding
Girard Kinney, SC Member	Karen Paup

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order 6:35. There is not a quorum present.
2. The minutes of the November General Meeting were reviewed. They are posted on the website. The approval of the minutes was deferred due to lack of a quorum.
3. General Announcements (3 min per speaker)
  - a. Group check-in regarding post-freeze issues, neighborhood needs and the response of neighbors. Cherrywood Neighborhood is well resourced and there was a great deal of assistance and concern demonstrated. People checked in on neighbors and shared food, water, supplies and expertise. Jim and Jules will contact apartment building managers to ask if they have water. In the future Flea we may mention businesses that stepped up to help out such as Dai Due, Vic and Al's, the Vortex and Batch Brewing.
4. Community Presentation
  - a. The presentation by the City of Austin staff regarding the [Cherrywood Bikeways](#) project with specific focus on changes to Scheiffer & Cherrywood intersection has been postponed until the March 10th SC meeting.
    - i. There was discussion of and questions about the design: how is it most effective, what should it do and how can it be done right? Jules notes that the residents of SWB will be more affected than CW residents. We would like to hear from SWB but the City is not soliciting approval from the CNA. The City believes they have gathered pertinent feedback and the design they propose was based on that feedback. Priscilla E. says it is not a great design for the Schieffer intersection at Cherrywood. She wonders why it is called Cherrywood Bikeway and is concerned about how parking at Patterson Park will be affected. Questions about pretesting were met with resistance at the City level saying pretesting will not work but there is opinion that pretesting will raise awareness of design flaws.
5. Steering Committee Reports
  - a. Chair Report: nothing to add, see actions since last meeting.

- b. Treasurer Report: not available but we are in a good financial position.
  - c. Flea Report
    - i. We are searching for a new Flea Editor: Jennifer Potter-Miller has done a great deal of various jobs for the Flea for years but now needs to pass the torch.
    - ii. Please contact Jim Walker if you know someone who could step in.
    - iii. Brandy S notes that the Flea has an established format and the role of editor is cat herding, getting content, etc. The person needs to be organized, project management skills more important than editorial skills.
  - d. Actions taken by the Steering Committee since the last general meeting:
    - i. The SC submitted a letter to TXDoT regarding changes to IH35. Brandy S notes that TXDoT has postponed public scoping to the period from 3/11 to 4/9/2021. More time is needed and hopefully the time frame may be doubled.
    - ii. The SC proposed to invite TXDoT to discuss ideas for the frontage road adjacent to the CN as we need to be proactive. Sean G. believes our efforts are best focused on the frontage roads and crossing. Notices will be forwarded to the listserve. Perhaps the environmental impact statement from TXDoT could be an article in the next Flea.
6. Committee Reports and Neighborhood Projects
- a. Land Use/Transportation Committee
    - i. I-35 updates/NCINC
    - ii. City Land Development code process development continues in central Austin
  - b. Green Space Update: no updates
  - c. HEB project: a pedestrian path will connect the CW, SWB and Hancock neighborhoods to an HEB renovation and greenspace. This will benefit all three neighborhoods.
7. Old Business
- a. Hancock Golf Course future will be discussed at the 3/10/2021 SC meeting. This is not a straightforward issue but, within our guidelines, we can give weight to issues that affect our quality of life even if they are outside our boundaries.
  - b. Adam S notes that there will be a joint meeting Tuesday, March 2nd, between Hancock Conservancy and Anthony Segura of PARD. Discussion topics include the park proposals and the conservancy's desire to not have a driving range, the have more time for input and planning, request for information about golf vendors to prevent a closed bidding process (an RFI rather than a RFP) and the desire to restore the riparian area along Waller Creek by creating a grow zone.
8. New Business:
- a. There is growing concern for the welfare of unhoused persons living under the overpass by Nature's Treasures. The question is, how can we support unhoused neighbors in a formal, sustainable way? It has been suggested that we could annex this area to our CNA. Priscilla notes that annexing territory that is not in CW is unpopular and may lead to resentment, Girard K says that overlapping neighborhood areas can have the effect of more people working together.
  - b. Sean G asks, why annex? Girard states it is a psychological tactic that could trigger automatic notifications. It was decided that the best way to help is to partner with groups already working with the unhoused population rather than start a new initiative.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.