

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 | 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom ID:

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	P	Cara Breton, Member
A	Allen Hah, Treasurer		Jeri Spence, Member
P	Sharon Lynch, Secretary	P	Brandy Savarese, Member
P	Girard Kinney, Member	P	Matt Harriger, Member
P	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
P	Adam Packer, Member	P	Adam Sparks, Member
G	Dylan Johnstone, Austin Motion	V	Unji Udeshi
G	Laura Dierenfield, Austin Motion	V	Dave Westenberger
G	John Walthour	V	Priscilla Ebersole
G	Bart Whatley, HNA		

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

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m., there is a quorum.
2. The agenda was submitted prior to the meeting for additions and adoption,
3. Citizen Communication (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers):
4. The minutes of the previous SC meeting were reviewed; Girard mentioned a format correction, Brandy moves to approve with correction and Girard seconds. Majority approved.
5. Community Presenters:
  - a. Dylan Johnstone and Laura Dierenfield from the City of Austin Motion presented on the Cherrywood Bikeways project. They discussed key project features and timelines. More information at [AustinTexas.gov/CherrywoodBikeways](http://AustinTexas.gov/CherrywoodBikeways). There was a Q&A session related to the processes used to make decisions. There are concerns that there is not enough awareness among residents of the plans. Could there be a demonstration of the change? The goal is to increase bicycle connectivity N-S and E-W and to protect water quality. SC will include this issue in the next edition of the Flea; there are lots of opinions, concerns, issues, worries about how such a significant change will affect residents and motorists.
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
  - a. Allen Hah presented the Treasurer's Report by email. The CNA cash balance as of 3/10/21 is at \$4,492.73 and including payment for the Flea and credits/debits for prepaid/unpaid ads, our net position is \$3,590.54. We're down \$9 this month due to fees paid to our credit card processor. Our position is solid.

- b. Girard Kinney/Brandy Savarese presented issues being reviewed by the Land Use/Transportation Committee:
  - i. Cherrywood Bikeways Project (nothing additional).
  - ii. I-35/NCINC3 planning: Brandy S wrote a vision document that may be provided to the neighborhood.
    - 1. Phase 2 of TXDoT scoping period feedback; extended comment period denied. Comment period runs from 3/11 to 4/11/2021 and goes live on 3/11: Brandy will post the link on groups.io. Comments should be individual and at a neighborhood level.
    - 2. Frontage road principles (no additional information).
  - iii. Hancock Center HEB expansion (nothing new).
- c. Communications Committee
  - i. Recruitment of new Flea editor
  - ii. May content for Flea/articles/ideas for Flea
    - 1. Neighborhood storm stars
    - 2. Vaccinations
    - 3. Maplewood
    - 4. I-35
    - 5. City projects list/notices: Jim W proposes a section on city updates: demolition notices, changes such as CW Bikeways, etc., to ensure that we are providing as much information as possible about changes that affect our neighborhood.
    - 6. Enhance our social media presence: Instagram, TicToc
  - iii. Nominating Committee
    - 1. No chair for this committee
    - 2. We are, by the by-laws, a 13 body organization.
    - 3. Appoint Unji Udeshi to one of two vacant SC seats. Brandy S reached out to her directly to invite her to be on the committee. We will confirm for the interim and confirm at the next general meeting. This passed with a majority.
- d. Jim Walker reported UBC Update: None, they have not met.
- e. Jules Vieau reported on the ANC Update: None, they have not met.
- 7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a. IH-35 / NCINC3 planning
- 8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
  - a. Hancock Golf Course: we will wait until the Hancock Neighborhood Association takes a stand. Bart W discussed issues HNA has had with the City. There is a shortfall of funds for the golf concession but all City golf courses have had an uptick in revenues since Covid. PARD is releasing a survey and will report to PARD in April.
  - b. Affirmation of Standing Committees: nothing to add to the document released at the last meeting.
    - i. Land Use/Transportation
    - ii. Nominating
    - iii. Communications
- 9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Letter in support of COA using Days Inn on IH-35 for homeless transition services: Matt, Brandy and Girard will work with Jim W to draft this letter and it will be posted to a public neighborhood forum.
  - b. Vaccination support and outreach
10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date
- a. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday 4/14/2021
  - b. Next General CNA Meeting: Wednesday, 5/19/2021
11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15