

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 | 6:30 PM

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2541728972> Zoom ID: 254 172 8972

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	P	Cara Breton, Member
P	Allen Hah, Treasurer	A	Jeri Spence, Member
P	Sharon Lynch, Secretary	P	Brandy Savarese, Member
P	Girard Kinney, Member	A	Matt Harriger, Member
A	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
P	Adam Packer, Member		Adam Sparks, Member (?)
A	Unji Udeshi, Member	V	Dave Westenbarger
V	Kamila Forson		

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

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m.
2. The agenda was submitted prior to the meeting for additions and adoption. There were no additions.
3. Citizen Communication (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers):
 - a. Dave W. attended to ask about the special meeting on issues related to homeless members of the neighborhood. The meeting was recorded and is available for listening: <https://www.cherrywood.org/homelessness>
4. The minutes of the two previous SC meetings were reviewed. Brandy S. moved to and Girard K seconded approval of the March minutes. At this time, there was discussion of moving mailboxes as the Hyde Park PO is closing. Adam and Allen will look at options that are closer than Northcross, such as St. John's or 34th Street.
5. Community Presenters: none scheduled.
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
 - a. Allen Hah presented the Treasurer's Report. The net position is \$3780.14 and the cash balance is \$3896.14. The cash balance is strong and we are catching up on deferred payments. The Flea continues to run about \$800 to \$900 per issue.

- b. JW: Land Use/Transportation Committee report:
 - i. I-35 / NCINC3 planning: Austin reconnect is involved, get an engineer involved to explain what TXDOT plans/needs, there is some cooling off on the plan that TXDOT proposes. Cherrywood wants to seize the wheel regarding the use of the frontage road to guide design.
 - ii. Bikeways Project will start soon
 - iii. Demolitions / Tree Removals: Removal of a heritage tree on Werner led to a developer being fined. Discussion included how to use our trees as a social engagement tool and to encourage property owners to document heritage trees and do what we can to preserve the trees even as property changes. A tree walk to identify neighborhood trees was proposed; we can do a walking tree survey but is there a way to tag trees on private property?
 - iv. Historic Survey / District Updates on pause. This survey includes more than historic property, it includes affordability.
 - c. Communications Committee
 - i. Welcome new volunteers: Kamila who responded to call for Flea, Soc Media, website Brandy S: the Communications Committee goal is to streamline and strategize how to reach as many members as possible.
 - d. Nominating Committee
 - i. There remains one vacancy on the Steering Committee
 - e. Jim Walker reported UBC Update has not met in more than 2 years, JW is pulling the stakeholders together to meet in the next month or two. UBC is one of many groups that sets out visions and directions for neighborhood plans and is more formal than neighborhood associates. Neighborhood plan teams are called sub districts by the City.
 - f. ANC Update: none
7. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Recap of special meeting regarding unhoused population in and around Cherrywood: what is the role of a NA? Why were parks considered as a solution for the homeless? Some attendees were concerned that the Steering Committee was trying to push a position.
 - b. City Updates regarding camping ban is punted. Some parks are off the table. Dolly W talked of Community First and perhaps we could support buying houses for the homeless. Girard K favors urban solutions like buying up hotels, etc.
8. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Pharr Tennis Center / Art in Public Places: we are in support of this.

- b. Eastside Cafe new owner and demo / construction plans: opening is slated for early 2021. The history of Eastside Cafe may be a Flea article.
- 9. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date
 - a. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday, July 14.
 - b. Next General CNA Meeting: Wednesday, August 18
 - i. Planning for I-35 Frontage Road Charrette
 - ii. Unhoused population in Cherrywood discussion, possible action
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.