

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 | 6:30 PM

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

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	A	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
P	Jules Vieau, Member	P	Sean Griffin, Member
A	Adam Packer, Member	A	Unji Udeshi, Member
V	Dave Westenberger	V	Ben Leffer
G	Charles Loosen, COA Homeless Services	V	Mari Russ
V	Kevin Koch	V	Kristy Gregg
?	Rachel C		

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

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was submitted prior to the meeting for additions and adoption and there were no edits or additions.
3. Citizen Communication (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers):
4. The minutes of the previous SC meeting was reviewed and Sean moved to accept the minutes and Brandy seconded. The minutes were approved.
5. Community Presenters:
 - a. City of Austin Staff (Charles Loosen) regarding use of the Days Inn on frontage road as supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - i. COA was moving forward with the Days Inn but late-breaking was a decision to open another, better place in a City owned property farther north that is already used as a bridge shelter.
 1. They will not move forward with the Days Inn facility used as a bridge shelter but it may be used as an isolation facility for

persons who have or have been exposed to COVID. This is used mostly for healthcare workers and teachers who need to isolate and cannot do this safely at home.

2. While there were concerns expressed by proximity to Escuelita del Alma that affected the decision, the other facility is better. We expressed that in general the neighborhood was NOT opposed to using this to assist homeless neighbors.
 3. There was discussion of the homeless camps and enforcement of Prop B, specifically the Hancock Encampment. There is inadequate shelter space and the response of APD to enforcing the homeless ban is not known.
 4. Volunteerism: not an option at the isolation facility but may be at the Northbridge shelter in St. John's Area. Hopefully a volunteer effort will be coming.
- b. Requested an APD Representative to discuss the fatal shooting at 1400 E. 38½ Street. They could not come tonight but will be at the General Meeting.
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees
- a. Allen Hah presented the Treasurer's Report. August Flea ad space was all filled. Cash: \$4381.14 and net is \$4418.95; \$580 greater than last quarter.
 - b. Girard Kinney/Brandy Savarese presented the report of the Land Use/Transportation Committee:
 - i. Manor Road/Cherrywood Road intersection: the very rapid changes, the lack of notice and impact of changes in bus stops led Cherrywood, Blackland and St. David's to contact the City.
 1. Next step: meet to see if there are opportunities to make some changes such as, perhaps, eliminating the dedicated R turn lane at the NW corner of Manor and Cherrywood.
 2. What data will be collected and analyzed to determine what is working and what does not?
 - ii. Discussion of current plans of TXDoT plans for I-35. Alternative 1 is off the table, even though it is most popular among neighborhoods. Alt 2 and 3 are what is on the table and they have negative impacts on our neighborhood. The City can, but has not, exercised their power to exert influence to change these plans. There is a small window to make changes as decisions will be made in fall of 2022.

- c. Communications Committee:
 - i. We need volunteers, especially in Instagram, InDesign, and event coordination.
 - d. Nominating Committee, there are two vacancies on the SC, please reach out to neighbors and friends.
 - e. Jim Walker reported UBC Update: we can appoint two more members and an alternate. DM Jim W. if you want to participate.
 - f. Jules Vieau reported on the ANC Update: nomination of new leader, Justin Irving was re-elected.
7. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Days Inn conversion to a Bridge Shelter/Isolation facility (this will not move forward).
 - b. Pharr Tennis Center Art in Public Places: engagement meeting on 8/29 with the artists.
8. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Affordability Initiatives: a committee that could include any interested neighbors. Vouchers for apartments? Rental strategies, an ownership strategy such as a CW land trust.
9. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Date
- a. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday, September 8th to be an open house, Sen. Eckert will come, maybe K. Tovo and a design expert.
 - i. People need to know what is proposed and make comments.
 - ii. Share information, weigh in and focus on City involvement.
 - b. Next General CNA Meeting: Wednesday, August 18th
 - i. Plans for I-35 Frontage Road Open House
 - ii. Days Inn Conversion
 - iii. Open up for discussion.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.