

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | 6:30 PM

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

FINAL DRAFT

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	P	Cara Bertron, 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	V	Greg Gotimer
G	Matthew Mejia, UT Student	G	Courtney Banker, UT Student
G	Kaileen McHugh, UT Student	G	Seung Jun Choi, UT Student
V	Ben Leffler	V	Jordan Gentry
V	Rich Heyman	V	Dave Westenberger
G	Elizabeth Mueller, UT Professor		

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

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. There is a quorum.
2. The agenda was submitted prior to the meeting for adoption and no additions or edits were submitted.
3. The minutes of the previous SC meeting were reviewed. The meeting was recorded. Gerard moves to approve and Brandy seconds. Minutes are approved with two edits which have been made to the final version.
4. Citizen Communication (3 min speaker, up to 5 speakers):
 - a. Ben Leffler, resident of Werner Avenue, introduces himself and states he has filed papers to run for City Council next year in Tovo's position.
 - b. The Chair states that the Steering Committee does not make endorsements of individual candidates but thanks him for the information.
5. Community Presenters, up to 30 minutes:

- a. UT graduate students did a study on affordability issues in Austin, and specifically in our neighborhood looked at the possibility of a Community Land Trust and presented their findings. They presented on issues related to historical racial segregation, racial covenants, deed restrictions, etc., that are relevant to our neighborhood. Despite covenants and restrictions being struck down, the effects of them linger in that Cherrywood is predominately white and not financially accessible to POC. Community Land Trusts (CLT) makes homes more affordable. The CLT owns the land, the individual owns the home. Financing options include donations, block grants, governmental agency funding, local housing trust fees, foundations, etc. A voluntary financing fund is also a consideration.
 - b. This presentation will be part of our discussion at the next general meeting. Questions requested:
 - i. Sean Griffin:
 - 1. What is the operation budget referred to?
 - 2. What are the benefits to persons who may wish to donate property?
 - 3. Can we work with other entities on this or do we start from scratch?
 - ii. Greg Gotimer:
 - 1. Houses in Cherrywood are selling for a lot of money (up to \$1M.) What is the incentive for people to sell/donate?
 - c. The slides accompanying the presentation can be accessed [here](#): using passcode Fn8Q*jq^ The slides begin at 8:47.
6. Reports/Discussion/Action from Officers and Committees up to 30 minutes
- a. Allen Hah, Treasurer's Report:
 - i. Cash: \$2900.75
 - ii. Net: \$4384.75
 - iii. There is a net balance to use on projects.
 - iv. We have a positive balance due to no need to pay for facilities during the pandemic. We can consider having a party.
 - b. Brandy Savarese: Land Use and Transportation Committee (gone on hiatus).
 - i. What is the future of the LUT? Does it continue to meet monthly? The momentum, and the loss of institutional knowledge with Gerard Kinney stepping down will make it hard to maintain the LUT. GK has wanted someone to take over this role for more than 5 years.
 - ii. I-35 planning: takes a lot of energy. But on hold now as TXDoT evaluates feedback.

- iii. GK: Sidewalk Master Plan: work starting on the Edgewood sidewalk. This was not a priority sidewalk and work on non-priority walks at a time when priority sidewalks are not finished is frustrating. City departments do not speak to each other.
 - c. Communications Committee
 - i. New Flea Editor: Gabbi Williams
 - ii. A virtual Flea has been proposed to save money and labor. This is up for discussion but some members prefer to keep a paper edition.
 - d. Nominating Committee
 - i. 2 current vacancies, we need volunteers to step forward.
 - ii. 4 incumbents at end of term: plan to continue
 - iii. Need someone to represent the Grayson/Banyon area.
 - e. UBC Update: None
 - f. ANC Update: None
- 7. Updates on CNA Programs and Projects (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. No updates discussed
- 8. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. No old business discussed.
- 9. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Cherrywood Land Acknowledgement initiative needs not to be performative. Preference is for clear and simple statements.
 - b. Housekeeping and forgotten issues we need to remember: announce if there is some area of concern that is at risk of being abandoned.
 - c. Cara: A Thanksgiving fundraiser such as we did last year? Jim and Cara ad hoc committee to promote the idea of a TG donation. Email SC members.
- 10. Recommendations for Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
 - a. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday 12/8/2021
 - b. Next General CNA Meeting: Cherrywood Coffee House at 6:30pm on Wednesday 11/15/2021
 - i. I35 plan updates
 - ii. Holiday gathering
 - iii. SC members
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Appendices: None