

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Agenda
Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Bobo's Snack Bar

Attendees:

P	Jim Walker, Chair	P	Matt Harriger
P	Cara Bertron, Co-Vice-Chair	P	Girard Kinney
P	Rich Heyman, Co-Vice-Chair	P	Adam Packer
A	Allen Hah, Treasurer	A	Brandy Savarese
P	Sean Griffin, Secretary	A	Jeri Spence
A	Scott Boone	A	Jules Vieau
A	Julio Carreon-Reyes	G	Mark Armstrong
		G	Miriam Schoenfield

P = Present; A = Absent R = Resident; G = Guest

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at approximately 6:44pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Two additions:
 - i. Manor Road property
 - ii. 3204 Lafayette property
3. Approval of Previous Steering Committee Minutes
 - a. Jim laid out and reviewed Cara's minutes from the previous meeting.
 - b. At 6:48pm, Girard moves approval. Adam seconds.
 - c. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Citizen Communications – None.
5. Community Presenters – None.
6. Reports
 - a. Chair Report issued at 6:49pm.
 - i. Jim previewed the full I-35 discussion to be conducted later in the meeting.
 - b. Treasurer Report issued at 6:51pm.
 - i. Jim reported via previous email from Allen.
 1. Our checking account balance is currently at \$3,382.17, and when adjusting for prepaid or unpaid ads, our current net position is \$3,077.17, which is about \$320 lower than our last meeting in March. This is due primarily to the extension of an extra quarterly ad (\$40 value) to an advertiser in exchange for

- Flea content for the year, and there is an uncashed check for \$250 for Maplewood from our holiday fundraiser. The rest is from Square fees.
2. We remain in a healthy position and on pace from a budget standpoint.
 3. As a reminder we did not have a lot of margin in this year's budget (\$200 for holiday fundraising and \$309 for community events), for which we have already spent \$250 in support for Patterson Park, leaving very little for the rest of the year.
 4. That being said, we have close to \$4,000 of savings from prior years for strategic use as needed. I have also started to relay that advertising fees will likely go up year to select advertisers, and they have all been understanding so far.
- ii. Jim reported on various efforts to analyze whether CNA should seek 501(c)(3). Next step is to seek assistance from a neighbor in June.
- c. Land Use/Transportation Report issued at 6:49pm.
 - i. Update on 3204 Lafayette
 1. There was a neighbor concern about the potential to change the designation of the units on the lot to leverage the use of an STR.
 2. In response, applicant agreed to address with a deed restriction.
 3. Resolved in this case, but an issue to monitor for the future.
 4. The case spurred a general conversation on how CNA recommendations on property redevelopment are handled.
 5. Girard recommended placing approval of an ADU policy position at the May General Meeting.
 6. Possible Flea Article in support of ADUs as a solution to density.
 - ii. Manor Road 2800 Block, discussion at 6:59pm.
 1. Adam presented: 2808 NE corner Manor/Randolph filed expedited review allegedly for a bar, but it was rejected.
 2. It's zoned appropriately, so perhaps there is no action available to impact next steps.
 3. Jim suggested we reach out to owner and ask for update.
 4. Girard concurred, adding we should have them come back and tell us what they're doing.
 5. Adam relayed that neighbor reaction is mixed, some happy about food trucks, some concerned about parking, unsure on bar.
 6. Jim compared this to the example of Thunderbird: don't want overdeveloped lot sitting idle. Knowing about parking shortage, this could lead to a lot paved for parking.
 - iii. Mr. G's former barber shop, discussion at 7:06pm.
 1. Jim explained. Mixed use planned initially, but needed access from easement across Haymaker lot and that was not granted.

- 2. Neighborhood position was to keep the easement valid as a future bargaining chip for future development plans, however it seems like the easement was revoked
 - iv. Other items: not much info regarding the stalled development/abandoned lot.
 - d. Communications Committee, discussed at 7:13pm.
 - i. Flea underway
 - ii. Ideas for articles?
 - 1. Girard: can't find ordinance re three sided porches built within 15ft of property line.
 - 2. Seeking cover article.
 - 3. Will have articles on:
 - a. 1-35 update
 - b. Ryan McElroy, Thunderbird, interview
 - c. Dolly's pet corner
 - 4. Cara recommended a future interview with Richard Johnson
 - a. Jim suggested a standing business owner interview is a good idea
 - e. UBC Update – No update
 - f. ANC Update – No update
7. Ongoing Business
 - a. I-35 Capitol Express Project
 - i. Our letter went out.
 - ii. Caps still actively discussed, but unclear on extent.
 - iii. Hearing consultants, city staff, et all discussing more caping through 38 ½ Street.
 - iv. Aesthetic meeting showed caps “around 32nd” and around “airport.”
 - v. Cara suggested we ask for a meeting via Qadri office with city corridor office staff.
 - vi. Jim proposed to invite Zo and Corridor staff to May 17 meeting.
 - vii. Note that consideration of ramps intertwined with cap discussion, there are various discussions re possibilities with ramps, west-east traffic, hospital access, etc.
 - viii. Per Miriam, we expect there will be a push for a new public comment period justified by significant changes.
 - 1. Suspect TxDOT to push for a Record of Decision and FEIS final environmental impact study at same time to expedite process.
 - 2. Discussion of possibility of some issue causing a hard stop and providing another opportunity to shape the design positively
 - b. Duplex Nation Power Outage Letter
 - i. Jim explained the ongoing problem with low voltage after power outage restoration.
 - ii. CNA SC conducted a neighbor survey that indicated problems
 - iii. We don't know if it's the distribution network, can't identify problem, letter to Austin Energy asking them to look into; will hold until we find

out if Cherrywood Coffeehouse and Maplewood Elementary have same issue, and then take next steps accordingly.

8. New Business

- a. Matt introduced recent inquiries regarding the shipping container office on a residential lot at Cherrywood/40th.
 - i. Per Jim et al, appears to be in a flood plain and likely city property.
 - ii. Several have called 311.
 - iii. Our CAN SC obligation is to communicate concerns to property owner, allow code enforcement to do it's thing, not for neighborhood to police aesthetics.
- b. Cara discussed possibility and desirability of buttons promoting position on I-35.

9. Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

- a. Next General Meeting – Wed, May 17, in-person at Cherrywood Center
- b. Next Steering Committee Meeting – Wed, May 10, TBD

10. Adjourn 7:55pm