

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association

Steering Committee Notes

Wed, May 10, 2023 @ 6:30 PM - Bobo's Snack Bar

Present: Jim Walker, Rich Heyman (facilitator), Cara Bertron, Scott Boone, Julio Carreon-Reyes, Matt Harriger, Girard Kinney, Adam Packer

Absent: Sean Griffin, Allen Hah, Brandy Savarese, Jeri Spence, Jules Vieau

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda – Motion by Jim, seconded by Matt (vote: 8-0)
3. Approval of Previous SC Meeting Minutes with the changes below – Motion by Matt, seconded by Cara (vote: 8-0)
 - Change (G) [guest] to (R) [resident]
 - Fix “CAN SC” typo in 8.a(iii)
4. Public Communication – None 3 min each
5. Community Presenters up to 30 min
 - a. None scheduled
6. Reports from Officers and Standing Committees up to 30 min
 - a. Chair Report
 - Flea is out
 - General meeting on May 17
 - b. Treasurer Report (AH)
 - i. Investigating 501c3 status
 - ii. Update from Allen via email:

Our checking account balance is currently at \$2,897.56, and when adjusting for prepaid or unpaid ads, our current net position is \$3,247.56, which is about \$170 higher than our last meeting in April. This is due primarily to the publication of the May edition of the Flea, which typically results in a \$144 increase in our position (advertising revenue less printing cost), and the approval of \$100 for new signage for the neighborhood yard sale... We remain in a healthy position and on pace from a budget standpoint. 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, \$100 for the yard sale signage, and on top of that I think we may exceed our budget for the rental of the community center (I had budgeted \$240 for the year, but I anticipate that it may actually be closer to \$300 if we have 3 events (May, August, November) at the center), leaving very little for the rest of the year. That being said, we had 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.
 - c. Land Use/Transportation – No meeting last week
 - d. Communications Committee – Not meeting
 - e. UBC Update (JW) – No meeting
 - f. ANC Update (JV) – No update

7. Ongoing Business (Discussion and Possible Action) up to 15 min
- a. I-35 Capital Express Project
 - Jim and Scott met with Michelle Marx from the City’s Capital Projects Office
 - TxDOT not being flexible on ramps
 - Cap length of more than 300 feet requires fan, which adds vertical height
 - **Action item:** Draft CNA letter by June meeting addressed to elected officials and reiterating our priorities, including (but not limited to) the cap, removal of 32nd Street turnaround, and minimization of disruption due to construction staging
 - **To track:** UT/TxDOT agreement, downtown cap, activity by Rethink and other groups
 - b. Manor Rd properties
 - Restaurant changing zoning from SF
 - c. Mr. G’s
 - Single-family house with commercial use was demolished
 - New development: 2 condo units, 3 stories each
 - Disagreement over easement/access point behind Haymaker
 - **Action item:** Invite developer to next LUT meeting
 - d. Listserv guidelines – discussed; no changes proposed
 - e. Land acknowledgment
 - Short piece in Flea
 - Good to acknowledge layers of land history
 - Concern: Land acknowledgment by a largely white neighborhood/organization can be performative; pair with more substantive action
 - Idea: Invite Native speakers to participate in a panel? It could be online, and they would be compensated.
 - Idea: Future educational event about historical and continuing racist policies like deed restrictions that impacted/shaped Cherrywood
 - Definitely continue discussions
 - **Action item:** Add new “Land history” page on website (or similar title)
 - **Action item:** Rich will talk to UT Native American and Indigenous Studies contacts for guidance in outreach and additional resources/steps we should take first
 - f. May 17 general meeting planning
 - Invite Michelle
 - g. Billboard update
 - 3 bills in Texas Legislature aimed at overturning local ban on digital billboards
8. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)
- a. Development updates
 - House demolished on 34th
 - New construction on Werner Avenue after heritage tree cut down—Jim will ask Jim Reed if he wants to follow up
 - Cara will explore Austin Build + Connect auto-notice for active permits in the neighborhood
 - Cherrywood porch ordinance still MIA
9. Future SC Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

- a. Next General Meeting – Wed, May 17 (in-person @ Cherrywood Center)
 - No general presenter
 - ETOD by City Planning Department?
 - Council Member Zo Qadri?
 - Ask Sarah Eckhardt to present in August
 - b. Next Steering Committee – Wed, June 14
 - Invite Michelle Marx and other City staff to update on I-35
10. Adjourn – Motion by Matt, Jim seconds (vote: 8-0)