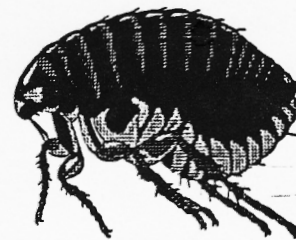


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Herrick Elected President for '96

Dear Neighbor,

The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association (CNA) held a meeting on January 25 at the Discovery Incubator Multimedia Cafe. Approximately 80 neighbors attended the meeting and elected Chuck Herrick President of the CNA and Buzz Avery Vice-President. Stephen Kreger and Jim Walker had already been elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, at the previous meeting. In the space of just six months, the CNA has risen from the ashes and reestablished itself as a viable framework for gauging neighborhood opinion and protecting neighborhood interests. Congratulations, Cherrywood!

Proceedings of the January 25 Meeting

1. Election of a President and Vice-President for 1996

Presidential candidates Chuck Herrick and Buzz Avery each gave a five-minute election speech and answered questions before voting took place.

Chuck emphasized his experience in neighborhood issues, giving examples of his leadership in urging the city to act on the "Howeth Houses" on Robinson Avenue and in organizing a distribution network for *The Flea*. He stated that if elected he would push for stop signs on every corner of Lafayette, limits to UT employee parking along Dancy Street, an annual neighborhood block party, and an NCCD (Neighborhood Conservation and Combining District) to enable Cherrywood to protect its unique and historic character.

Buzz spoke about his experience with the city. He has served on the Environmental Board, worked on the BCCP, and helped to put together the city's ozone and urban watershed ordinances. Within the neighborhood, Buzz lobbied Fiesta to build a filtration pond to collect run-off. He stated his neighborhood priorities as putting speed humps on Lafayette

and completing an NCCD.

Both Chuck and Buzz stressed the importance of grass-roots neighborhood activism as the best way to formulate and protect neighborhood interests.

The vote was 44 for Chuck and 37 for Buzz. After Chuck's election, Buzz was elected vice-president by a unanimous show of hands.

2. Revision of the Bylaws

The CNA bylaws were proposed by Gordon Bennett at the November meeting. They were approved under the condition that a committee would examine them and suggest revisions. At the January meeting Gordon presented the committee's suggestions, which were passed overwhelmingly. Important features of these newly revised bylaws include the following:

- (1) All residents 18 or older living in Cherrywood are members.
- (2) Membership dues are optional.
- (3) The voting quorum at meetings is 20 members.
- (4) At the request of 25% of members present at a meeting, any vote may be postponed once to the next regular or special meeting.
- (5) Officers include a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

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(6) Four regular meetings will be held each year, and special meetings may be called to deal with urgent issues.

3. Formation of Subcommittees/ Interest Groups

Once Chuck had taken the floor as President, he invited neighbors to help set the agenda of the CNA by expressing their interests and concerns. The result was the formation of the following subcommittees/ interest groups which will meet to discuss relevant issues and provide updates at meetings. Please notify the contact person listed if you would like to get involved.

NCCD

Chris Wilson (480-0310)

Parking Situation on South Side

Catherine Wilson (469-9156)

Hike and Bike Trail System

Michael McClendon (482-0016)

Speed Humps on Lafayette

Gordon Bennett (477-5973)

Neighborhood Crime and Safety

Stephen Kreger (477-4216)

Community Gardens

Katherine Beisner (708-9407)

Willowbrook Greenbelt Preservation

Gale Greenleaf (474-6245)

Thanks to the Discovery Incubator

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The CNA would like to thank Brad Kittel for making the Discovery Incubator available for association meetings. No other neighborhood association has met in such exotic surroundings. Thanks, Brad!

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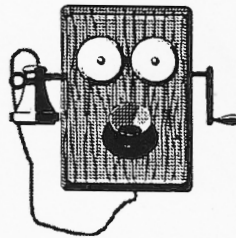
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Design a CNA T-shirt

Show your pride and creativity by designing a T-shirt for the CNA. Bring your design to the May meeting, and if it is the members' favorite and inspires a financial commitment, you may find it one day adorning the buff bods of Cherrywood residents.

The shirts should have "Cherrywood Neighborhood Association" somewhere on them, but other than that, let your creative juices flow.

A little tip: designs incorporating the beloved (or alternatively despised) *Flea* icon, even if just on the sleeve, will win big points with Chuck Herrick, who as President is promoting it as the unique and immediately recognizable symbol of the CNA.



Helpful Phone Numbers

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Toxic Waste Pickup	499-0526
Abandoned Cars	280-5121
Dead Animal Collection	472-0500
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Neighborhood News Briefs

1. Airport Update

The Airport Redevelopment Task Force, chaired by our own Girard Kinney (see Girard's picture on the front page of the 3/19/96 *Statesman*)

and including Gordon Bennett as well, has completed its work and issued a report outlining 75 goals for redevelopment of the Mueller site.

The crux of the report is to recommend "a compact, pedestrian-oriented alternative to typical automobile-oriented suburban development." Toward the realization of this goal, the report urges the immediate creation by the city of a management entity to begin the redevelopment process by initiating a master plan.

The report has been fully endorsed by the Planning Commission and will be up before the City Council for action probably in April. For more information call Girard at 478-5042. If you would like a copy of the report, call Carol Barrett at 495-7541.

2. A Welcome Addition

A gorgeous house has recently been moved to 3717 Werner. Notice the welcoming front porch, the architectural detail, and the absence of a behemoth garage dominating the structure. Houses like this sustain beautiful neighborhoods like our own. Builders take note and try to learn something.

3. The Harder They Fall

Thanks to the persistence of Chuck Herrick and other residents of Robinson Avenue, the city has demolished the decrepit "Howeth house" on the corner of Robinson and

Concordia, cleared the lot, and filed an approximately \$18,000 lien on the property. The city also continues to press Mr. Howeth to act on the two remaining deteriorating structures he owns on Robinson.

As for the now vacant lot, Chuck envisions a vegetative barrier of cherry laurel buffering it from I-35. Anyone who would like to donate money for this project (\$5.95 a plant) should call Chuck at 480-0757.

4. Dirty Deeds

The CNA sent a letter to the Crazy Lady encouraging it to clean up the trash on its lot. If you think that a local business is doing a poor job of controlling litter, call Chuck (480-0757) or Buzz (476-1889) and get the backing of the CNA behind your complaint.

5. Take Me to the River

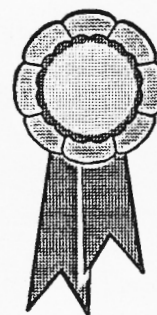
The CNA intends to send a letter in support of the Boggy Creek Trail Enhancement Project. This project, part of the system of trails envisioned by the Austin Metropolitan Trails Council, would create a hike and bike trail from 12th street to Town Lake. The current goal of the CNA is one day to get the trail extended through Cherrywood and thus give our residents direct trail access to Town Lake and the Colorado River.

A Tribute to Gordon Bennett

The revival of the CNA as a functioning association follows years of inactivity. During this time, one man single-handedly kept the spirit of the CNA alive.

Serving as *de facto* President for the greater part of the last decade, Gordon Bennett closely monitored issues affecting the neighborhood and called meetings whenever necessary. Without Gordon's commitment, there would have been no CNA to revive. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

Thank you, Gordon.



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**May 2:
 Regular Meeting
 and Home Protection Seminar**

The CNA will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 2, 1996 in the

Maplewood Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

A home protection seminar conducted by the Austin Police Department will highlight the agenda. Burglaries remain at an unacceptably high level in our neighborhood, and preventative measures and information sharing should help reduce the problem.

Other agenda items include CNA T-shirt designs, subcommittee reports, and perhaps planning for a summer block party.

Mark Your Calendar




**April 13:
 Meet the City Council Candidates**

The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association will have a joint meeting with the Windsor Park and

Wilshire Woods Neighborhood Associations on Saturday, April 13, in the Theater-Arts Building Auditorium at Reagan High School at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to meet and question candidates for the upcoming city council elections. CNA representatives will be asking questions (such as whether the candidates would support the airport redevelopment task force's recommendations), but all residents are encouraged to attend and bring their own questions.

This meeting should provide an opportunity to meet and interrogate future leaders of the city before power corrupts them.



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