

**OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, January 9, 2006**

Present: Richard McCown (Chairperson), Laura Morrison, Chris Schorre, Jean Stevens, Paul Seals, Susanne Doell, Brooke Bailey, Dan Grappe, Rosemary Merriam, Karen Schwitters, Beverly Dunn, David Art

Guests: Linda MacNeilage, Saralyn Stewart

I Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II Meeting Minutes

No minutes were reviewed.

III Variance request on 1111 W 7th St.

-1111 W 7th St zoning variance requested. Due to previous subdivision splitting lot in two, the alley side lot is unusable w/o a variance. Request is for a variance from the requirement that developments must abut a dedicated street. The following motion was passed 8 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining: "Recognizing Mr. Tuttle's cooperation in past neighborhood planning, the OWANA Steering Committee supports a variance (exempting 1111 W. 7th's rear lot from the requirement that developments must abut a dedicated street) conditionally upon support of adjacent business and neighbors. OWANA will revisit our ability to support this as soon as feedback is received from nearby neighbors and businesses."

IV WEAA Meeting Report

No report due to no meeting last month. Laura and Linda will meet with Whole Foods next week to discuss the noise ordinance.

V OWA NP Contact Team Report (Laura Morrison)

Our neighborhood plan is rated favorably in comparison to the status of other neighborhood plans.

VI Austin Neighborhoods Council Report (Linda McNeilage)

No report due to no meeting last month. A successful Christmas Party was enjoyed in lieu of a meeting.

VII Committee Reports

A motion was passed for the Steering Committee to endorse a consensus position for Denial of the Gables development package.

A motion was passed approving the 2006 committee chairs including Jean Stevens/Zoning, Saralyn Stewart/Membership & Fundraising, Rosemary Merriam/Historical Preservation.

Zoning (Jean Stevens, Laura Morrison, Linda MacNeilage)

Discussions regarding status of the following projects took place:

-1200 Lorrain – Demo permit applied and approved by S Sadowsky was reported.
-5th & Pressler – 150+ units, on site parking, 60’ height limit, and rental residential planned.

-1111 W 7th – A formal adoption of a previously negotiated restrictive covenant between OWANA & the Tuttle was acted on by a unanimous approval to a motion to accept.

1009-1011 Baylor – historic houses are planned to be moved by owner
12th & Elm Brownstones – next phase of the planned build out is being initiated w/ possible reduced height.

504 Oakland – owners would like to meet w/ the steering committee to discuss project plans and were referred to the Zoning Committee.

Membership and Fundraising Committee (Saralyn Stewart)

Chris Schorre proposed that membership billing to switch from monthly to annual membership dues. The issue was discussed and will be reviewed future, off line between Jeane and Saralyn.

218 members & 44 business members were reported.

A live auction vs. a silent auction was discussed. A fundraising auction party event subcommittee was appointed including Brooke, Linda, Dan, Susanne, Chris & Saralyn, chair TBD.

Historic Preservation Committee (Rosemary Merriam)

A motion that the steering committee endorse the letter sent by the OWANA Historic Subcommittee Chair dated 12-21-05 was passed unanimously.

Traffic and Safety Committee

Parking problems were reported in the 12th & Blanco area.

VIII Administrative and Organizational Issues

Treasurer’s Report (Jean Stevens)

Jean Stevens reported that there is a balance of \$20,102.08 in the Fundraising account and a balance of \$6,070.18 in the General Funds account, and \$7,817.09 remaining in the Z Tejas fund for zoning issues.

IX Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.