

OWANA Steering Committee Meeting

October 6, 2003

Clarksville Community Development Center

1. Margaret Bruch called the meeting to order at 7 P.M., due to establishing a quorum late.
2. Zoning Committee Report:
 - a) Shurgard: MOTION: (passed) to oppose conditional use waiver
 - b) Lamar Reconstruction: Melissa Gonzales has had conversations, and reports agreement from City to have crosswalks be texture-dyed concrete at 5th and 6th.
 - c) Encinal Condos: Update. Question as to whether Melton West had applied for the demolition permit before the 28th, as required by City inspector.
 - d) 609 & 611 W. Lynn: Contract pending - no information on price, or intent of buyer.
 - e) 1208 W. 9th: Neighbors question height, apparent subjectivity regarding how height is measured: Need identified to be more vigilant about site plans in order to identify discrepancies early.
 - f) Current Whole Foods Site: Developers report they are currently planning to proceed with CS zoning: report they plan to have shared parking with GSD&M, and plan to increase bicycle parking.
 - g) Strategy re: historic zoning: (a) MOTION (passed unanimously) to have Mark Stine draft a letter on behalf of the SC to send to the Statesman responding to the issue of the Task Force, noting view that properties of modest to grand stature, and everything in between, should be considered for historic zoning, and that the Land Development Code required satisfaction of only 1 criteria. (b) Margaret Bruch stated her view of need for the matter of property tax and historic zoning to be separate.
 - h) Question of rezoning of bar on 5th Street to CS-1: NP supports CS, but CS-1 is not addressed: MOTION (passed unanimously) to oppose zoning change until more information is obtained. Part of rationale being the possible conflict with Austin High's position, no support in the NP, and traffic concerns. Concerns expressed re: a nightclub district like 4th St. being replicated on 5th St.

- i) 6th and Patterson: No action on sidewalk/curb, no agreement from owner to complete. Need to keep up the pressure for sidewalks, as expressed in the NP. Jake Billingsley noted his view that the NP is regarded as having no weight by City officials.
 - j) 1804 W. 11th St: Dr. Leggett: no information; ZC to call her.
3. Parks: Update on passage of referendum in favor of making the off-leash area permanent. Margaret Bruch to follow up with the City on next steps, and write a letter expressing concerns if the City does not plan to honor the outcome of the vote. Marjorie Moore updated all on the status of obtaining the Parks Foundation grant. MOTION (passed unanimously) to support commitment from City to respect the process, as it has been successful. Also discussion of continued work with Evan Tanaguchi on the parks project, and of possible fundraising, such as a parks Tee-shirt.
 4. Ticketing of cars parked on the wrong direction on curb. Margaret Bruch to contact new district representative to determine how best to resolve the issue.
 5. Code of Conduct: Mark Stine to put something together. Will bring back previously agreed upon Code for further discussion.
 6. Fire fighters letter: Mark Stine will draft a letter on behalf of the SC to thank firefighters for not taking a raise, and for helping to save the station on Blanco.
 7. Margaret Bruch committed to complete the recommendations of the Bylaws Committee for presentation at the next General membership meeting.
 8. Saralyn Stewart reported that there are 190 household memberships, and 29 lapsed. Saralyn plans to have tables at Fresh Plus and at Sweetish Hill on the 18th from 10-3.
 9. Jake Billingsley requested that a motion from July or August regarding first available \$2,000. after completion of the NRHD application process go to a garden at the Haskell House be brought before the December General Membership meeting for a vote. Deliberation and debate followed.
 10. Meeting adjourned by Margaret Bruch.

Minutes taken by Linda MacNeilage, SC member, then drafted by Margaret Bruch, SC Co-Chair, and reviewed by Linda MacNeilage.