

OWANA Steering Committee Meeting January 11, 2000 Barbara Day's 7-9

Members: Myrna, Thom, Eric, Charles, David, Dave, Marjorie, Pauline, Denise, Barbara
Guests: David Bole, Margaret Bruch

1. David Bole opened the meeting as outgoing chair. David agreed to meet with the elected chair to go over all files.
2. David's only agenda item to be addressed is the approval of the parking permit system to be followed from 8a-8p as suggested by city staff and okayed by neighbors requesting the permits. Jay Willems is ready to go and is addressing the 1200 block of Baylor. The traffic/transportation committee will form a subcommittee to handle the permit process with the city. The committee will be composed of neighbors on the streets requesting permits. David Smith will complete the paperwork as required by the city so that the first requested block could proceed. It was moved and approved to go forward as stated at the General meeting in December.
3. Nominations were taken for secretary; treasurer, vice-chair and chair. Red Wassenich was nominated for secretary and elected unanimously; Barbara Day was nominated for treasurer, unanimous approval; Thom Person was nominated and selected unanimously for vice chair; David Smith was nominated and elected unanimously as chair.
4. David Smith took over presiding over the meeting and moved to approve the minutes from December; approved unanimously.
5. David updated all that Mr. Minter had been given the names of those wishing to meet in follow up to the December meeting. Mr. Minter has met with the adjacent neighbors, Sarah Kanright and Standish Meachum. The meeting was cordial; concerns were expressed including property tax concerns, as the 5 units off 11th are to be valued at 800,000 to 1,000,000. Test drilling will begin soon. David stated there was no new update on the Austin Marketplace; Lorenz; Williams or Gorley properties.
6. David Smith discussed his goal of addressing property taxes this year and acknowledged that legislation may be required to change the system for assessing taxes. David would like to see OWANA deal with individuals on fixed incomes with no plan to sale or rent as well as limiting gentrification. He discussed a tax plan referred to as TIF. David feel that the Neighborhood plan needs to address taxation of OWANA and the lack of \$ coming back into the area to support and maintain the infrastructure. Barbara recommended that the issue be addressed at the General meeting prior to work on behalf of OWANA.
7. All were updated on the pending sale of the Bed and Breakfast' on Blanco. Asking prices are 795,000 and 590,000. The family plans to remain living in the original Southard House. All agreed to ask Jim for clarification of the B&B ordinance and whether or not any waivers granted would transfer to the new owners.
8. Meetings were discussed and all agreed to move all meeting to Tuesdays; General meetings will remain 7-9 at Mathews; steering committee meetings will be from 5:30-7. Thom Person agreed to confirm the times and arrangements with Mathews. All agreed that the price of \$45.00 per meeting was appropriate.

9. David Smith agreed to take over the task of picking up and distributing the mail...zoning mail to zoning chair; checks to Barbara, etc.
10. Recommendations made for all members to get a set of bylaws; and a full membership list. Margaret agreed to distribute with minutes; steering committee list and meeting schedule.
11. Charles will coordinate the redistribution of the assignments for passing out the newsletters.
12. Illegal residential business were addressed and Dave agreed to determine what the city can and will do in regard to following up on complaints, including parking complaints.
13. Myrna, Dave and Charles reported briefly on a meeting that occurred with the assistant city manager in regard to various topics including; sidewalks; traffic calming; West Austin Park; Illegal home offices; traffic at 9th and Lamar. Apparently after walking the neighborhood with Karen Aiken, Toby Futrell held a follow up meeting to discuss the issues identified. A memo was sent to Karen Aiken. IN the meeting Toby mapped out the funding streams and stated there was no \$ for residential sidewalks. Myrna agreed to summarize the discussion and distribute. Dave reminded all that our district representative with APD, Jim Atkinson, will come to a general meeting at any time.
14. All were asked to state preferences and volunteer for standing committees.
Traffic/Transportation: Myrna; Zoning: Marjorie and Dave; Quality/Preservation; Eric, Pauline, Dave and Denise; Communication: Red; Membership: Charles
15. An update was given on the December mail out. 2500 mailings were sent based on utility bills and only 33 were returned as undeliverable. The membership list is now approximately 300.
16. Dave provided an update on the Neighborhood Plan survey. There was a 12% response rate. The results are being prepared by the city. A workshop is planned for 2/26 at Mathews beginning at 10am. The workshop will include panel discussions of the issues. Out of the workshop a plan will be written; a general meeting will vote to approve or not; the plan will be sent again to the 2500 initial neighbors surveyed; the outcome to go the planning commission and a public hearing; finally the city council will approve or not.
17. Barbara passed out the treasurer's report and discussed the possibility of raising dues; Dave also mentioned the possibility of a fundraiser. The December mailing was expensive and reduced the account to 1652.91.
18. David discussed one last item to inform all that there was an ongoing coalition of neighborhood associations that are lobbying for \$ to mitigate noise from Mopac.
19. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8th 5:30pm
Denise Younger's Home
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