

JUNE 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2011 - 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM
Mathews School Cafeteria (906 West Lynn at West 9th)

Registration and Social Gathering (6:45 – 7:00)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Paul Seals.
Steering committee members present: Paul Seals, Brooke Bailey, Christine Buendel, Scott Marks, Larry Halford, Veryan Thompson, Kurt Sauer, Mike Sullivan, Marion Cimbala, George Warmingham, Chris Rankin.
- II. Update on MoPac: Managed Lanes and Direct Connect
Mike Sullivan introduced representatives from Tx.Dot and Mobility Authority who displayed posters of proposed managed lanes on Mopac and possible sound barriers to mitigate noise from the elevated sections. There would be no toll booths, and entry would be monitored by electronic tags. Entry would be from Cesar Chavez, and exit would be to either 5th Street or Cesar Chavez. Questions were raised about: safety if traffic has to cross two lanes to exit to 5th Street, landscaping, design of access points, anti-graffiti measures, and the time-line. There will be a sound wall workshop on 6/23/11 at O'Henry Middle School.
- III. Update on OWANA affordable housing funds and proposed disposition
Scott Marks, Christine Buendel, and Kelly Weiss (People Trust, People Fund) \$30,000 is available for affordable housing from the Gables of Pressler condo project. Kelly Weiss from People Trust was asked to develop a plan for it's use. She explained how People Trust functions as a mortgage lender while People Fund acts as a non-profit lender, leveraging local dollars with federal dollars. These loans have to be paid back. There is an administrative fee of 5%.
Rose Gabriel, property manager for Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) requested \$15,000 for their proposal to remodel two vacant units at 1720 W.11th Street into a house, and for repairs to other houses in their stock. Discussion followed on gifts versus loans.
- IV. Discussion of 5th/6th St. Corridor Initiative
Laura Porcaro talked about the Vision committee which is designing a plan to slow traffic on 5th and 6th Streets, to add more traffic lights and pedestrian crossings, to make it safer and more pedestrian friendly. They will ask for neighborhood input when their design is completed.
- V. Austin Neighborhood Council Update and Consideration of any ANC Resolutions – no report
- VI. Consideration of use of OWANA Zoning Funds to provide fee assistance for downzoning properties from MF3 to SF3
Brooke Bailey reported that the zoning fund has \$39,344.66 in it at the moment.

Laura Porcaro brought up the possibility of using some of the fund to help home owners who want to change from MF to SF with the \$1,000 fee if it was felt to be a hardship. No decision was made.

VII. Committee Presentations and Reports

A. Zoning Committee Report - Larry Halford

1007 Blanco

Proposal is to waive the Castle Hill Local Historic District Design Standards to allow garage at front of new structure. Staff recommendation is to approve the waiver contingent upon HLC review of final design. We asked Dick Clark the applicant to postpone so the city could send out proper notification of public hearing and the zoning committee could meet with him for review of plans.

708 Patterson Buass House Historic Landmark C14H-1978-0047 Proposal to demolish the rear addition, construct a new addition, rehabilitate the original structure. Staff recommendation is to approve the application as proposed with the recommendation that existing window sashes be repaired when possible. Zoning and nearby neighbors met the architect at the property to review plans. All comments favorable and in support of the project. Neighbors asked to move the carport to West side of property and architect will incorporate suggestion into the site plan. HLC approved on consent on 5/23/11.

Third Base

Owners applied for an Outside Music Venue Permit to make them compliant with new regulations on outdoor TV speakers. Four years ago a Restrictive Covenant with OWANA stated outside TVs were allowed in lieu of late night hours. Third Base has now applied for a LATE NIGHT BEVERAGE PERMIT which would allow alcohol sales until 2AM Thursday-Saturday and until midnight Sunday-Wednesday. Nearby neighbors met with owner to discuss options to mitigate noise impact to neighborhood. Still negotiating terms to see if a compromise could be reached before moving forward with opposition.

1204 W. 9th Street C15-2011-0022

The owner and the applicant came together with zoning committee on the night of April 11th at the BOA. Owner offered a 15 ft front yard and backyard setback regardless of the outcome as long as the applicant opposing dropped any future appeal. All parties agreed, the BOA voted to pass the appeal and stated the city was incorrect in their assessment of the front and rear addresses. The city may appeal the BOAs decision, but win win for the neighborhood.

711 Brownlee Circle (West Line) NRD-2010-0115

Construct a new single-family house and relocate the existing ca. 1951 house. The relocation permit was approved by the HLC on 4/25/11 and the commission previously reviewed the replacement structure plans in 2010.

1603 Enfield – Pleiades Condo – Pease Place

Zoning Committee met with developer and architects to review site plan. No variances are needed and the 25 unit MF condos are expected to be completed in October. Total building is 35,000 sq feet, 40 feet in height, stucco, native stone, grey metal exterior. They imagine an intimate, quaint MF project that is semi-urban lifestyle with a sense of neighborhood targeting 30-70s no kids. Green building project with recycled carpets and bamboo floors. \$150K-\$395K for studios to 2 bedrooms. They will wrap sidewalk around Pease Rd side so neighbors can walk to Enfield.

1108 W. 9th Street

C14H-1978-0051 – Brass-Goddard House, Proposal: Construct a new garage addition; remodel the rear addition; construct a screened porch. HLC Granted the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed.

801 Highland Avenue C14H-2008-0019 – Blondie Pharr House Proposal: Raise the house 28”, demolish the existing garage and rear addition; construct a new rear garage addition; replace windows; construct an elevated front porch; construct a new chimney. HLC granted the Certificate

of Appropriateness with the recommendation that the applicant consider a brick chimney for greater compatibility with the historic character of the house.

802 Blanco Street LHD-2011-0004 –Castle Hill Local Historic District Proposal: Construct an addition to the rear of the 2nd story of the porte-cochere. HLC granted the Certificate of Appropriateness with the recommendation that the applicant incorporate a vertical board or other visual separation between the new and existing construction per the Castle Hill Local Historic District Design Standards.

1716 Palma Plaza NRD-2011-0017 (Old West Austin) Proposal: Construct a new full- width addition across the back of the house. HLC accepted staff recommendation to delineate between the original house and the addition.

700 Oakland Ave

Demolition completed of burned out duplex from fire in 2007. MF3 structure was a boarded up for 3 years, so neighbors are inquiring. Property is under new ownership and indicated they will apply for building permit to construct a single family craftsman style home instead of multi family structure that previous owner proposed.

1315 W. 6th Street West End Bistro Site plan approved but project may not go forward.

1211 Lorrain St NRD-2010-0162 (Contributing, MF3) Add a second story and construct a new guest house in the rear. Project under construction.

B. Parks and Greenspaces – Marion Cimbala

The splash pad is now open at Mary Baylor Park and is being well-used. The shade structure over the splash pad will be installed soon. Friday night soccer is popular, as is Saturday evening handball.

The West Austin playground pool will open on 6/11 and there will be a Splash Day celebration with water games and an aquatic presentation by Mathews' mothers. A grant proposal has been submitted requesting \$17,500 for the bathroom building to be repaired with a new roof, paint, and lights. The tennis court has been removed and is grassed over and the playscape has been repaired.

A motion was made, and carried, to reimburse Marion Cimbala \$28.00 which she paid to keep the pool open an extra hour on 6/11. Another motion carried to buy a \$75.00 gift certificate to Jeffreys for the architect who designed the shade structure for the Mary Baylor splash pad pro bono.

C. Historic Preservation

Teri Taylor offered to be in charge of historic preservation, thank you Teri.

D. Public Safety and Transportation Mike Sullivan and Jean Stevens met with Laura Morrison a week ago about the entrance and exit to and from the proposed managed Mopac lanes. They were assured that 6th street in not being considered for an entrance. Mike reiterated that it would be dangerous to allow traffic to exit the high speed lanes to 5th Street as they would have to cross three lanes of traffic, exiting to Cesar Chavez would be a safer alternative.

Mike also met with Meredith Powell and representatives from Randi Shade and Chris Riley's offices about the closing of streets for next year's City Art Festival.

They are still anticipating closing the same streets as this year, which caused immense traffic chaos. Mike is going to meet Charlie Betts from the Downtown Alliance later this week to discuss the issue with him.

E. Affordable Housing
See above update.

F. Membership – George Warmingham
There are currently 220 residential members and 38 business members.

G. Community Events
Christine Buendel is planning a July 4th event in West Austin Park which will also be a fund-raiser. A motion was made, and carried, to allow her up to \$500.00 to pay the City to keep the pool open later that day and for refreshments.

H. Bylaws – Kurt Sauer reviewed proposed changes involving sign-in sheets and posting of notices to be voted on at the next General Membership meeting.

Approval of minutes
The minutes from the General Membership meeting on 3/1/11 were approved.

VIII. Administrative and Organization Issues

A. Treasure's Report – Brooke Bailey

Checking acct. balance	\$	9,545.56
Money Market acct.	\$	52,809.22
PayPal acct.	\$	585.41
Total Funds	\$	62,940.19

Funds Available for Specific Uses

General funds	\$	14,824.60
Park donations	\$	20.00
Branding fund	\$	5,059.19
Parks fund	\$	3,691.74
Zoning	\$	39,344.66
Total sub accounts	\$	62,940.19

B. OWANA Website Update - no report

C. Other Administrative and Organizational Business - none

IX. Other Business and Announcements - none

X. The meeting adjourned at 9.26pm