

**OWANA MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tuesday, March 2,
2010
Mathews School Cafeteria (906 West Lynn)**

1. Call to Order -- Paul Seals (7:00 PM)

2. Schlosser Development

Alice Glasco gave a review of the proposed development at Bowie and 5th/6th Streets. They are asking for a height variance on the tower to offset space they lost due to new flood plain borders. Questions were asked about traffic impact, money for the hike and bike trail, channeling Shoal Creek, and comparative heights of other high-rises. No position was taken by OWANA for or against their 350ft. height request.

3. Discussion of Castle Hill Local Historic District

Laura Kelso of Blanco St. gave a detailed presentation of the proposed LHD with maps and answers to FAQs, she also answered questions from the floor. Susan Villareal-Kirby is the City case manager for the LHD and she gave further clarification of the application process, tax benefits for renovations, and code requirements. The Landmark Commission will hold a hearing on March 22nd.

4. Discussion of 5th/6th St. Corridor – vision for future development

Members were asked to give their ideas of what they would like this corridor to look like. Suggestions included: a calmer, quieter, smaller scale, no buildings higher than 3 storeys, trees and other plantings, crosswalks Concerns were raised about drunk drivers from the increasing number of bars in the area.

5. Committee Reports

A. Parks and Green Spaces – Laura Porcaro and Brooke Bailey

The splash pad at Mary Baylor Park and converted pool at West Austin Park should both be ready by June 1st. A grant is being applied for to help with the cost of a shade structure near the splash pad. The tennis court at West Austin Park has been demolished and will be planted with Bermuda grass till permanent plans are decided on.

My Park Day – March 6th. Volunteers are needed in the three parks in our neighborhood: Mary Baylor, West Austin, and the Palma Plaza Triangle. People are asked to weed and clear trash on their own street if they can't help at the parks.

B. Public Safety and Transportation

Richard McCown announced that the website krimelabb.com is available to get a list of crimes with their dates and locations. Another similar site is crimespot.com

C. Zoning – Laura Porcaro and Larry Halford

West End Bistro, 1315 W.6th Street. The Planning Commission recommended by consent to change zoning from LO-V-NP, to GR-V-CO-NP. The uses proposed under GR zoning could include:

(12) BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES use is the use of a site for sale, rental, or repair of equipment or supplies used by office, professional, or service establishments, but excludes automotive, construction, and farm equipment.

(29) FINANCIAL SERVICES use is the use of a site for the provision of financial and banking services.

(30) FOOD PREPARATION use is the use of a site for the production of prepared food for wholesale distribution in a structure with not more than 5,000 square feet of gross floor area.

(31) FOOD SALES use is the use of a site for the retail sale of food or household products for home consumption.

(33) GENERAL RETAIL SALES (CONVENIENCE) use is the use of a site for the sale or rental of commonly used goods and merchandise for personal or household use, but excludes uses classified more specifically in this section.

(34) GENERAL RETAIL SALES (GENERAL) use is the use of a site for the sale or rental of commonly used goods for personal or household use, but excludes uses classified more specifically in this section.

(48) PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES use is the use of a site for the provision of informational, instructional, personal improvement, and similar services of a nonprofessional nature.

(49) PERSONAL SERVICES use is the use of a site for the provision of periodically needed services of a personal nature.

(60) RESTAURANT (GENERAL) use is the use of a site for the preparation and retail sale of food and beverages and includes the sale and on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages as an accessory use.

(61) RESTAURANT (LIMITED) use is the use of a site for the preparation and retail sale of food and beverages and excludes the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption.

507 Pressler - Taco and Tequila

After a lengthy meeting with the owner of T&T, he agreed to postpone the after- hours alcohol permit application request for 90

days after opening their doors in order to work with the neighborhood on potential operational issues (parking, noise, etc.). The zoning committee believes this to be the best approach and will meet with the owner 30-60 days after opening to continue the conversation.

1212 W. 9th Street

HLC approved request for Demolition permit 4 to 0. OWANA did not oppose the demo nor did any of the adjacent residents. Owner requested to be allowed to demolish due to economic hardship and has indicated their desire to sale the property as opposed to redeveloping it themselves. HLC indicated any new or remodel permit would trigger another hearing of the HLC since it is in a National Historic District.

610 Harthan

The HLC granted the certificate of appropriateness on 4 out of 9 improvements to the property. Applicant needs to show photo of house in original state to prove stairs were present in order for them to build stairs off the front porch. The applicant has 4 months to relocate the back shed or the city will release the demolition permit if unsuccessful.

1412 W. 9th Street

Request for historic zoning was approved by the HLC.

802 Winflo

Zoning Committee members met with Nick Mehl, architect; to review plans for a new residence on a vacant lot. Committee suggested some minor changes to exterior materials be considered but otherwise design appears to meet codes and no variances are anticipated at this time.

D. Affordable Housing

Christine Buendel had met with a representative from The Gables and is in the process of establishing goals and guidelines.

E. Membership

George Warmingham reported that there are 311 current members, plus a few more who had joined this evening. He has compiled a database of all members and their history.

F. Community Events

Christine Buendel reminded people of My Parks Day and how they could help, and asked for volunteers for the Good Times event on May 1st.

G. Byelaws – no report

6. Austin Neighborhoods Council Meeting Report – Paul Seals

Paul reported that the topic for the January ANC meeting topic was property appraisals, and the February one was an update on the Comprehensive Plan, a vision for the future of Austin.

7. Administrative and Organization Issues

A. Treasurer's report – Maureen Matteauer

\$15,000 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Parks account as voted on at the Dec. General Membership meeting.

Total funds amount to \$70,501.22

B. OWANA website update – Chris Rankin

Chris was praised for his hard work and excellent layout of the current OWANA OWL

Other Business

A motion was made, and carried, to approve the minutes from the December 1st and December 15th general membership meetings.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm