

OWANA General Membership Meeting Minutes- September 07, 2010

7:35- Call to Order-Paul S.

Marion C.-Parks Update-introduced 1st draft of parks plan, gave status update on Mary Baylor (splash pad open, project complete, season extended thru mid-October) and West Austin (back on track for mid-September project continuation-state of disrepair had been photographed by bob Wynn. Currently useable, at least).

Brian Ott from TBG Partners presented details of plan draft. Said that 75 % of WAP works well. The remaining 25% is the opportunity area and may include a terraced garden where the tennis court was, amphitheater area, relocated basketball court (to where swings currently are), french drain for dog park runoff. The city has already relocated one dog park gate away from the middle of the park open space area.

Next FOWAP meeting will be on Sunday, sept. 19 at 4 pm-location TBD

Matthews Elem. Fundraiser-selling grocery cards to Randall's and HEB at 6% discount. Order online or get forms from Kurt S.

5th and 6th St. Corridor-Laura P.- gave overview of work underway by zoning sub-committee (10-15 people)to develop OWANA's vision to share with the city and developers for this corridor-one goal is to slow traffic and preserve/enhance walkability, may incorporate a "vertical mixed use" vision from several years ago (Jean has a copy)

Mike is still working to have the new Managed Lane on MOPAC feed onto Caesar Chavez rather than 5th.

No issues with new light at Campbell from OWANA although the City is receiving complaints from commuters

Neighborhood contact Team-Jean voted in as new Team member

ACL Ticket Drawing-won by Christine-Congrats to her!

Committee Reports:

Zoning-Larry Owl has updated info. including:

1315 W. 6th-back to Council for adjustment

Castle Hill LHD-passed at 1st reading with one opponent-goes back for 2nd and 3rd readings on Sept. 23

701, 802 Blanco-partial demo permits both denied-may be revised and reconsidered

1501 & 1503 Enfield-trying to flip the zoning between the 2 properties-going to Planning Commission

AT&T-no change

13th and Shelly-haven't submitted

Vacant lot on W. Lynn currently has a posted sign (developer David Minter)-previous historic home on the site had been torn down

Parks-Marion- nothing additional (see parks update)

Historic Preservation-Maureen-Hyde Park LHD also approved. City is cancelling Historic Property Tax Abatement (commercial and residential) for this calendar year. Will revisit next year.

Transportation-Mike- reverse angle parking on 6th-success to be seen. Not difficult but different. Wiggy's has experienced a 20% drop in sales.

Affordable Housing-Christine-funds use in progress-will have update on how to spend the Affordable Housing funds at Dec. meeting

Membership-Maureen-356 residents (down over the past 2 yrs), 105 business-renewal notices to be sent in Jan.- Sarah K. is moving and this committee will need a replacement

National Night Out-Christine-Sat. Oct. 2- Matthews, OWANA, UT Apt. complexes and police-event typically draws several hundred people-need volunteers, art supplies, etc.

Bylaws-nothing

Treasurey-Maureen-57 K (down-may need fundraiser soon), 3 K for Mary Baylor Park has not been transferred yet-awaiting authorization

Website-Chris-needs email addresses to save on newsletter print costs (all that can be emailed, currently are-others are printed)-may ask for email addresses with membership renewals

Minutes from June Meeting- approved (thanks John)

Reminder: Approval of new Steering Committee in December-need names of those interested-Mike and John are heading effort to develop slate of candidates

Note: Mike S. just retired after 37 yrs with the AFD. Congratulations!!

