

**Old West Austin Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2004
Clarksville Community Neighborhood Center
Minutes**

Next Meeting May 3, CCNC, 6:45 p.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions

SC ATTENDING (11; quorum = 7): Robin Carter, Steve Colburn, Paula Gruber, Jim Kaighin, Linda MacNeilage (presiding), Chris Schoerre, Karen Schwitters, Kammi Siemens, Saralyn Stewart, Sarah Uribe, Gene Waugh

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Red Wassenmich

SC NOT ATTENDING (2): Jake Billingsley, Greg Leitich,

OTHERS (8): Randy Brown, Margaret Bruch, Barbara Stroud, Nancy Toelle, Katie O'Neill, Laura Morrison, Mark Stine.

Call to order by Linda MacNeilage at 6:45.

2) Presentation regarding "System Integrity" (Randy Brown)

OWANA member Randy Brown presented a draft of a letter to the City to ask for the creation of a task force to monitor "System Integrity", particularly with regard to zoning and land use issues.

MOTION: (Approved unanimously) "The OWANA Steering Committee approves the draft of "System Integrity" for presentation to ANC and ANCs response to go forward with the request to the City for a Task Force to enforce integrity relating to ordinance compliance."

3) Membership Committee (Saralyn Stewart)

Saralyn reported that the committee met on Saturday, April 3rd, to discuss the business membership campaign. The committee volunteers plan to follow up with businesses that responded as "maybes". OWANA has received \$1450 in business membership dues since the March newsletter was sent out. A residential membership campaign will take place between April 15th through May 31st and OWANA members will be encouraged to bring neighbors to the next meeting. Signs to bolster membership will be posted in strategic places within OWANA boundaries; creative ideas for an OWANA logo and for signage and neighborhood branding are encouraged.

4) Zoning and Land Use Committee Report (Steve Colburn)

Steve reported that Historic designation has been denied for the three railway 'section' houses.

MOTION: (passed unanimously) "OWANA will thank Steve Sadowsky for efforts on OWANA's behalf to preserve the three railway 'section' houses which were denied Historic designation at the City Council hearing, so that they may be moved from their present site.

A variance may be requested to decrease the minimum side yard setback was requested for residential property being built as Shelley Park Flats.

MOTION (passed unanimously) "OWANA SC opposes any waivers or variances of City Code for the property on 91/2 St. known as Shelly Park Flats."

Encinal Condominium compatibility standards struggle continues: Attorney Brad Greenblum may or may not be representing owner Melton West.

The Design Committee (Bob Renfro) and ZC have reviewed the remodeling plans for Robert Floyd's Encinal Condominium #103, which appear fine.

MOTION (approved unanimously) "OWANA SC will thank Encinal condominium owner Robert Floyd for the opportunity to review his plans for remodeling unit #103, state that they appear to be fine, and stress that the SC supports compliance with the compatibility standards of the City Land Development Code "

5) Committee Appointments (Steve Colburn)

Linda MacNeilage addressed changes to special committees, and reiterated the need for making those changes. Katy O'Neill asked whether the SC had received notice from a group of members requesting the calling of a special GM meeting to address five motions, two regarding the contract with Preservation Central, and three others regarding committees: specifically, concerning the question of the reinstatement of a Calendar Committee, the reappointment of special committee chairs from 2003 who wish to continue in their positions, and the suggestion of a workshop to address committee restructuring. Sarah Uribe indicated that OWANAs Bylaws state that the SC appoints the chairs of all special committees. Margaret Bruch argued that while the Bylaws specify that it is the SCs responsibility and right to appoint the chairs of special committees in the past committee chairs who have wished to continue to maintain their positions have done so and so she expressed support of Katy's request that the GM should decide on the appointment of special committee chair positions rather than the SC. Nancy Toelle inquired about exactly how the SC would appoint the chairs of the special committees and Linda MacNeilage said that the decisions would be made by a secret ballot vote by the members of the SC.

MOTION (passed, 7 in favor and 3 opposed) by Sarah Uribe to follow the agenda, as set, and to vote tonight to appoint chairs to OWANA committees.

MOTION (passed, 7 in favor and 3 opposed) by Robin Carter to accept the roles of committee chairs as defined by Steve Colburn's recommendations for committee structuring and communications. Some discussion arose concerning whether Steve's recommendations existed in writing, and whether the SC had been able to review his suggestions and recommendations relating to more communication both within and between subcommittees..

MOTION: (passed, 8 in favor and 2 abstaining) "The OWANA SC votes to approve the appointment of all committee chairs that are unopposed."

MOTION: By secret ballot Rosemary Merriam was elected Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee (7 to Rosemary Merriam, 2 to Katy O'Neill, 1 to Margaret Bruch, 1 abstention).

MOTION: By secret ballot Red Wassenich was elected Chair of the Bylaws Committee (6 to Red Wassenich, 3 to Saralyn Stewart, 2 to Margaret Bruch)

MOTION: (passed unanimously) "OWANA SC will post in the OWANA newsletter the names of committees and of their chairs, and ask for volunteers to chair those committees which as yet do not have a chair appointed."

MOTION (approved unanimously) to hold the next 2 SC meetings at CCNC.

6) NHRD Contract Discussion and Finalization

MOTION (approved unanimously) to authorize signing the NHRD contract with Preservation Central and to send a letter to the City of Austin to authorize that Phase One (completed before the signing of the contract) be paid out of the Neighborhood Plan funds.

7) Special General Membership Meeting Discussion

A group of members (Margaret Bruch, Billy Pope, Katy O'Neill, Michael Mullen, Marjorie Moore, Steven Moore, Dick Ryan, Alison Ryan, Tere O'Connell, Nancy Toelle, Barbara Stroud, David Smith), and neighborhood resident Frances Barton requested via email this morning before 7 A.M. the calling of a special GM meeting. The OWANA membership must be notified of the date, time, place, and agenda of a specially called meeting not less than 7 nor more than 30 days prior to the meeting date. The SC decided to set the special GM meeting for Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 at Mathews Elementary School, if available.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Submitted by Kammi Siemens, Secretary.