

**OLD WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005**

Present: Robin Carter, Linda MacNeilage, Richard McCown (Chairperson), Laura Morrison, Chris Schorre, Karen Schwitters, Jean Stevens, Gene Waugh, David Art, Kathleen Deaver, Alison Ryan, Dick Ryan,

I Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

II Novare Project

The Novare residential project will be reviewed by the City of Austin this week. The steering council passed the following motion unanimously: OWANA supports the Novare Project and is supportive of residential densification with in the Central Business District.

III Shelly Park Flats Project

Variance requesting retaining a room encroaching on property setback is allowed to remain, providing a visual screen to the mechanical equipment, was reviewed. Laura noted that the stated hardship due to mistakes by the city is erroneous because the burden to comply with the code exists regardless of approvals. Additionally, the set back enforcement happening after the C of O is also false, as this was referenced in correspondence previous to the C of O approval. Steering Committee agreed that OWANA would make no endorsement or opposition to this proposed set back variance. Laura read a proposed letter to the city and a motion was passed unanimously, approving the letter to be edited with language concerning a) comments from two neighbors, and b) Brian Pape's suggested addition of "This lack of opposition, in no way lessens OWANA's ongoing objections to the remaining code violations and continued occupancy" or something similar.

III Spring Condos Project

Spring Condos Project is scheduled for a city council vote on Thursday 11/3. Motion was passed unanimously, to allocate up to \$2,000 of zoning funds for expression of our opposition to the Spring Project Zoning change, and additionally, that this opposition is not against densification in accordance with the Neighborhood Plan, but encroachment of the CBD like project with in the transition zone between CBD and the OWANA neighborhood.

IX Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.