

NOVEMBER OWANA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 1, 2010
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
Pauline Brown/Clarksville Neighborhood Center
1807 W. 11TH Street

1. Call to Order at 7:05pm

Attendees: Steering committee members – Paul Seals, Veryan Thompson, John Teinert, Larry Halford, Mike Sullivan, Maureen Metteauer, Christine Buendel, Laura Porcaro, Anne Bertholf, Richard McCown

Others: Jean Stevens, David Newton, Tina Contros, Amanda Harding, John-Michael Seeber, Roya Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Lydia Francine Munro

Apologies received from : Chris Rankin, Margie Hook

2. Discussion of 1501 & 1503 Enfield Road

1501 is currently zoned MF3 and 1503 is zoned NO. The new owner, Laura Gottesman, has requested up-zoning for 1501 to NO, and down-zoning for 1503 to MF3. Off-street parking would be provided for up to 15 cars and an application for historic landmark designation will be submitted for 1501.

Roya Johnson, Jerry Johnson, and Lydia Francine Munro, who live on Marshal, spoke against the zoning change on the basis of expected increase in traffic and parking problems, and setting a precedent for businesses on Enfield Road. Roya Johnson presented a new petition signed by neighbors against the zoning change, the petition had not been verified by the City. David Newton, another neighbor, spoke in favor of the zoning change, feeling that the real estate office traffic would not create a problem.

Tina Contros, architect for the owner, stated that Mr. Travis who was not present at the meeting and lives adjacent to, and behind 1501, is supporting the zoning changes, and has entered into a restricted covenant with the property owner which limits it to 4,000 sq ft., with the erection of a privacy wall with landscaping, and limits 1503 to three residential units, Jean Stevens said that the NO zoning only applies to that one property. Jean also said that if anything, a precedent was set for the Shelter and administrative offices on that property in the 1980s when the Childrens' Shelter went in. She added that most of the parking problems on Marshal are due to students driving into the neighborhood and leaving their cars there so they can catch the shuttle bus on Enfield. Cut-through traffic and shortage of parking spaces has become a problem for the entire neighborhood, especially on streets close to bus stops and businesses.

Maureen Metteauer suggested the residents could look into resident permit parking to solve their problem, it has been very successful on two other streets in the OWANA neighborhood. Chair, Paul Seals stated in the past OWANA has supported a valid petition.

In the absence of a motion, no vote was taken. The City Council will hear the case this week on November 4th and OWANA's position has not changed and will remain to not oppose the zoning changes.

3. Update on 5th/6th Streets Corridor – Laura Porcaro

A group of 18–20 neighbors and interested business owners have been meeting regularly every two weeks. They are developing a survey to send out to the neighborhood soon and there is now a website named “<http://takeawalkonthewestside.weebly.com>” for information. The results will be incorporated into the updated Neighborhood Plan when it is revised. A question about noise was raised, Laura said that an alliance of business owners called The Texas Bar and Nightclub Alliance is working to alleviate problems and it is better to contact them rather than calling 911 which just results in a warning.

4. Report on Nominating Committee – Mike Sullivan

The committee has been working very hard to find new members to fill upcoming vacancies. A slate will be ready for the December OWL and to present to the December General Membership meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report – Maureen Metteauer

Checking account balance	\$ 2,079.11
Money market account	\$52,675.45
PayPal account	-
Total funds	\$54,754.56

Funds available for specific uses

General funds	\$ 7,878.97
Branding fund	\$ 5,059.19
Parks fund	\$ 2,471.74
Zoning	\$39,344.66

Total sub accounts \$54,754.56

6. Committee Reports

A. Zoning and Land Use
1501 and 1503 Enfield

Larry Halford said it had already been discussed tonight (see above). Laura Pocaro said if a Steering Committee member wanted to change that position they could make a motion now or before the end of the meeting. No motion was made,

See report below for the rest:

OWANA Zoning Report - November 2010

1315 W. 6th Street – Notice of Application for Conditional Use Permit was mailed out on Oct 27th where the applicant is proposing to construct a restaurant and food prep use and proposed offsite parking with associated improvements. Evan Williams leased her 8 offsite spots next door. It has to go before the Planning Commission this month. Owner hired a contractor and is moving forward and is shooting for a March/April opening.

1501 and 1503 Enfield – New owner, has requested a zoning change on both properties to allow an office use for 1501 Enfield and Multi-family on 1503. Project would consist of renovation of the existing contributing structure for office use for a residential real estate firm. 1501 Enfield will also submit Historic Zoning application. 1503 would become residential zoning SF3 and stated intent is to demolish the ranch style home and construct two to three residential condo units. Applicant requested and received non-opposition letters from OWANA, CCDC and WEEA to support their zoning request. Planning Commission voted in favor 7-0 and City Staff is recommending the zoning changes to City Council as well. Council postponed hearing at request of applicant and neighborhood and is rescheduled for Nov 4. Applicant is expected to present at Nov 1 SC meeting.

1211 Lorrain St - Applicant went before BOA Oct 11th for the three variance requests; 1) decrease minimum front street setback from 20 to 15 feet in order to construct a covered porch, 2) decrease minimum side street setback from 15 to 10 feet in order to construct a second story addition to a single family residence, and 3) from 15 to 11'-9 in order to construct an accessory building (carport with guest house deck above). BOA requested the applicant come back to the Nov 8th hearing with additional views of the current and proposed structure.

804 Pressler - Case was presented before HLC Sept 27th for a building permit for new construction of single family home with pool and pool house. Passed on consent with no comments from the HLC. – **case is closed**

1204 W. 9th – Case was presented before HLC Sept 27th for a building permit for an addition to a historic structure. No vote taken just advisory comments since they are building within Austin City Code. – **case is closed.**

B. Parks – Laura Porcaro

The pool at West Austin Park will be finished mid-December.

C. Affordable Housing – Christine Buendel

Rose Gabriel, property manager for CDDC, is looking into possible work projects that Life Works and other groups could help with.

D. Historic Preservation – no report

E. Traffic and Safety – Mike Sullivan

There is still no decision on the exit ramps for the proposed Mopac toll lanes.

F. Membership – no report

G. Community Events – no report

H. Bylaws – no report

I. Newsletter/Website – the next newsletter will come out mid-December

7. Other Business and Announcements

Christine Buendel attended the ANC meeting and reported that the Comprehensive Planning project is being discontinued for the time being.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7th.

8. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the October minutes, it was seconded and approved.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm