**Minutes for…**

**June 2019 General Membership Meeting
June 4, 2019, 7:00pm-9:00pm**
**Mathews School Cafeteria (906 West Lynn at West 9th)**

**7:10 call to order**

**7:12 Minutes Approved**

**7:14 Treasurer’s Report**

Renae gave a brief overview of the accounts and budget.

Chris asked about whether the steering committee has considered investing the money we have. The money is currently in a money market account.

**7:16 Renaming: Volma Overton Sr. Shores**

The steering committee has recommended that we rename Lamar Beach to Volma Overton Sr. Shores.

Coral Hawkins (friend of Volma) spoke on behalf of this proposal. Volma helped desegregate Austin Schools, organized sit-ins, and ran a Credit Union. Carol also spoke to Volma’s modesty, and his involvement in their church, where he was asked to become a Deacon. When offered to have a school named after him, he chose an elementary school.

Mike mentioned that we will have to reach out to all of the various stakeholders of Lamar Beach, including AISD, the YMCA, WAYA, Texas rowing, etc. We might want to wait until we contact them before making a formal recommendation to the city.

Motion to amend, to reach out first, before writing various letters in support. Passed.

Amended motion passes.

**7:25: Committee Reports: Nominating Committee**

Mike’s committee nominated Amy Bodle to fill Orlo Castillo’s slot.

Motion passes.

**7:27: Committee Reports: Housing**

Marissa reminded people that we have affordable housing funding, and encouraged people to apply, and/or to pass on this information to others who might apply. You can apply from the OWANA website.

**7:29: Committee Reports: Events**

Ted reminded people of the 3 upcoming events:

1. 4th of July Parade
2. Mid Summer Party at Nightcap on July 18th (funded by Kim Overton, her generous family, and other neighborhood folks)
3. Fall concert at West Austin Park on Sept. 27th.

**7:30: Committee Reports: Membership**

Yay new members!

**7:31: Committee Reports: Parks**

Ted discussed the proposal to make an amphitheater in West Austin Park. Details are in the OWL. This was an effort by OWANA and Friends of West Austin Park. This proposal is already in front of the city. This is a multi year process, so be patient!

**7:32: Committee reports: Technology**

No update

**7:32: Committee Reports: Transportation**

Mike: no update

**7:33: Committee Reports: Zoning**

There is a written Zoning report in the OWL.

9th st

The 9th st condo project behind the dog park presented final plans: They will build 22 units, they will keep 3 historic homes on the property. They received approval from the HLC for the new construction.

11th st

1115 W 11th is proposing to demo a house and put up two condos. This was approved by HLC.

Teresa Rezoning

1804-1808 W 6th (corner of Teresa). Their proposed rezoning along 6th will go before city council later this week. These are currently three SF3 properties, and they want upzoning for commercial use. The nearby neighbors have worked hard to find a compromise, but have not yet.

Paul Seals (a nearby neighbor) spoke. Two of the properties are part of the residential core of the neighborhood. One property is along 6th, and that can be rezoned to commercial, but with restrictions to ensure that it does not impinge on the residential properties. Right now the owner (who has a developer interested) has not provided information about how he would comply with these restrictions. The neighbors are very concerned with the alley behind Teresa, which provides the sole access to the property, and has kids riding bikes etc. Neighbors were open to higher density residential, but did not want more nearby commercial properties. Paul wants OWANA to oppose the proposed upzoning, and supports more conversations with the developers.

Miguel Rivera (a nearby neighbor and zoning committee member) also spoke. They have about 30 signatures from the near neighbors (approximately 90% of them) opposing the zoning change. The owner is currently not willing to keep the properties residential. The owner wants mixed use, offices and homes. But when you alter the zoning, there is no way to limit the use to have some percentage residential, and the owner could do 100% commercial. They propose access for residences through the alley, and access to the commercial section off the busy 6th st intersection.

The zoning committee recommends opposing any zoning change that would allow commercial use, and recommends that the owner work with the neighbors on residential uses, including options for higher density residential uses.

Motion Passes.

1400 West Lynn (across from the St Luke Church).

Currently this is a duplex.

Colby Denison, the developer, presented his proposal. His primary work is large apartment buildings (80-244 units) for seniors and for affordable housing, largely in the suburbs of Austin. He sent 1200 invitations to neighbors to talk about the project, and now he’s here to talk more. Thanks Colby!

The proposal is to develop the lot into a three story modern building with 5 studio apartments (about 500 sq ft each, with mini-kitchens and bathrooms) with a large common area on the second floor. One would be subsidized as affordable housing. The units would probably be rented with one year leases. It will have automated underground parking.

There has been a lot of concern that this will turn into short term rentals, but that is not his intent.

Many people did not think that the modern design is in keeping with the neighborhood’s housing style. He argued that affordable housing is part of the larger history of Clarksville, and that one aspect of the project at least is in keeping with history.

Colby is deciding whether to move forward with his plan, wants OWANA’s opinion and support for a zoning change that allows 1) three floors and 2) more density than is currently allowed, which is a duplex.

Rosemary mentioned that this is a contributing structure in our historic district, and she does not want it demolished.

Zoning committee voted unanimously to oppose any demolition.

Motion to oppose demo because it’s a contributing structure. Passed.

**Adjourn: 8:20**