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The members of the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Original Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) came together for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting just after 3 PM on the second Tuesday of the month, this month that being the 13th of April 2010. BoD members in attendance were JuanPablo, Blake, Kevin, Rick, Albert, Mark, John and our President Ted. Perry had informed Ted that he couldn't attend the meeting. Visitors (and all are welcome at our meetings) included Jim Terry and Whitney Hueber, both representing the Allan House at 1104 San Antonio Street.

Our first order of business was the approval of last month's meeting minutes. John asked that they reflect that he is a member of the advisory board of the Downtown Austin Alliance, and as so amended, Albert moved and John seconded their adoption. Unanimous vote recorded.

Ted then thanked Mark for the idea implementing prior to meetings a submittal from Committee Chairs of their committee reports. It is anticipated that the opportunity, prior to our meeting, to review the reports will hopefully save us some time at the actual meeting. The reports submitted this month are:

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Government Relations Committee Report

Original Austin Neighborhood Association

Date: April 8, 2010

Submitted by: John Horton, Chair

On March 18th Ted and I met with Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe. This was an opportunity to introduce ourselves as directors of OANA and as our neighborhood association's Government Relations Committee. Ted and Judge Biscoe go way back so the meeting was relaxed and cordial.

We expressed (as we had with Commissioner Eckhardt our support for the county purchasing the 700 Lavaca building and how that acquisition will support the office needs for the county for many years to come.

We asked the Judge about his and the county's position on the "Bike Boulevard" proposal in the neighborhood and he was not really familiar with the issue but he thought other county departments were.

We asked about the latest on the County's Campus Master Plan. Judge Biscoe anticipates a county bond election next year and the primary issue at this point is where to locate a new civil courts building and a bond election to fund the building. There are significant Capitol View Corridor issues with many of the land parcels in the courthouse complex so finding an appropriate site is a challenge for the county.

We asked him whether he was aware of the proposed future changes in the Capitol Metro bus routes and transfers in downtown. He was not really involved but he had been briefed by Charlie Betts of the DAA and Leslie Stricklan in TC planning is informed. We mentioned that a possible proposal of a Transit Transfer Facility on the county's property along the Guadalupe/Lavaca corridor may be desired by Capitol Metro. He wants to be kept apprised of the issue.

That concluded our meeting.

Membership & Marketing Committee Report

Original Austin Neighborhood Association

Date: April 9, 2010

Submitted by: Mark Holzbach, Chair

I haven't yet taken any action since receiving an extensive database of OANA residents from the City of Austin. I am thinking of creating a postcard mailing inviting OANA residents to become members and participate in an event in Wooldridge Square Park as soon as the bandstand is restored.

Parks and Open Space Committee Report

Original Austin Neighborhood Association

Date: April 9, 2010

Submitted by: Mark Holzbach, Chair

I have not taken much action since our last OANA meeting due to other priorities. I have been in dialog with Michael McGill regarding Wooldridge Square Park and the other parks within OANA boundaries. I believe each OANA park should have its own committee member spearheading activities in their respective parks. I have ideas of possible Duncan Square park proponents, and would like suggestions regarding who might be good to approach regarding the other parks (Republic Square, Shoal Creek greenway, Ladybird Lake frontage, and House Park). The Austin Parks Foundation has been trying to clarify a number of issues regarding roles and timelines, and I will share that information at our next OANA board meeting. Progress is expected soon on the water system and renovation of the bandstand in Wooldridge Square Park.

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Concerning the **Government Relations Committee Report** John was asked if there were discussions of the County's Airport Boulevard expansion plans that were recently reported on in the Austin American Statesman. He reported that yes they had discussed this with Judge Briscoe. The County apparently is dividing their governmental functions between those that need to remain in close proximity to the courthouses and others, with the others beginning to be segregated to the satellite Airport campus. This makes sense in that the downtown campus is restricted geographically through private ownership of surrounding land and the underlying land values of properties in that area. The recent proposed acquisition by the County of the 700 Lavaca Street property dovetails nicely with this agenda and OANA applauds the proposal.

Planning and Zoning Report, Chair Albert Stowell

1) Albert has been very involved in working with the City to formulate a plan for a bicycle facility acceptable to most if not all of the identified stakeholders of the proposed **Bicycle Boulevard**. Albert reports that the City's revised plan, as it specifically applies to Rio Grande Street, is very close to the suggested proposal unanimously supported by the BoD of OANA. The City's proposed plan also envisions Nueces Street being part of the bicycle facility, and it is the future implementation of this aspect of the plan that specifically calls for a reduction of on street parking that concerns members of the BoD. A general discussion ensued. Albert asked for direction from the board as he was to attend an Urban Transportation Committee at the City this evening (the 13th of April) and anticipated being asked for a position statement from OANA on the City's latest proposal. By unanimous vote the BoD of OANA supports the Rio Grande Street proposal of the bicycle facility, but cannot support the Nueces Street aspect of the plan due to the proposed taking of on street parking. The board anticipates further discussion amongst the stakeholders in this issue as the work progresses. Thank you Albert for your work on this for the neighborhood.

2) **ACC Master Plan and the Campus Advisory Committee (CAC)**, Ted and Albert, liaisons. The Rio Grande campus has been envisioned by the ACC folks as a magnet "Arts" campus. Albert questioned restricting the future use too specifically since the Rio Grande campus is located in the central city and is well served by the mass transit grid. There would seem to be an opportunity to do continuing education for state employees (and for those whose private sector jobs also require ongoing education) at the campus given the proximity of their office complexes. There was also encouragement to the college to preserve and retain the neighborhood's historic fabric.

Quality of Life/Social Order-Chair Kevin Williamson

Kevin reports that the recently City authorized outdoors sound permits obtained by his establishments, the 616 Restaurant and Bar and the Star Bar, track the permit given to Little Woodrow's Bar. All three permits voluntarily limit the hours of operation and limit allowable off property sound levels below what would be allowed under the ordinance. Kevin took the initiative on this matter and was congratulated by the board. Dialogue between the neighborhood residents and entertainment venue operators are necessary to achieve these kind of acceptable to all operational parameters. A general discussion of that area of west 6th Street, that two new bar/restaurant uses are slated for the area (including the site of the recently closed Thai Tara restaurant), and that not all of the entertainment venues can be classified as neighborhood friendly. Kevin again reported that he can stand on his balcony at the Regency and not only hear the music from some of the clubs but also distinctly understand the lyrics. This area is rapidly becoming an entertainment destination.

Membership & Marketing-Chair Mark Holzbach

Our membership enrollment is fairly stagnant right now and all members are again asked to step up recruiting efforts. We made an executive decision that all memberships expire at the end of the calendar year (although if you joined in 2009 your membership expires at the end of 2010-early bird special) and we will start sending out requests for renewals in the fall. Due to financial

constraints, an additional mass mailing to neighborhood property owners and residents will be pushed to coincide with this renewal program. Kevin and Ted very generously volunteered to host a “Happy Hour” at the newly renovated Star Bar later this spring. Rick suggested that we put together an electronic newsletter to be sent out to those we have e-addresses for to keep interest up in the organization.

The Allan House at 1104 San Antonio Street

The neighborhood association is currently pursuing an appeal of the Outdoor Music Venue Permit (OMVP) and the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) that allows the temporary conditional use of the property for outdoor entertainments. The initial basis for the appeals was that the impact the uses have on the neighbors and neighborhood were not fully evaluated by the City before the permits were issued. By subsequent City communication we have learned that when the Allan House’s site plan application (SPC-2009-0070A) expired earlier this year, the property also lost an off site parking variance. Our understanding is that the TUP was granted partially based upon there being Land Development Code (LDC) required parking at the site to accommodate the uses contemplated, and the OMVP issuance was predicated on there being a valid TUP at the property. Very possibly, any use of the property, conditional or temporary, may be in jeopardy due to the loss of the off site parking variance. The parking available on site is very limited. By unanimous resolution the BoD has directed Blake to go forward in trying to determine if a valid permit exists for the current uses at the Allan House, and if there are no valid permits in effect, to try and determine how they are operating.

JuanPablo Wright informs us that he and his wife are relocating out of the neighborhood and will have to resign his board membership. The board is authorized by the By-Laws to replace resigning members, and we discussed how best to do this. A decision will be forthcoming next month as JuanPablo will be with us at least through mid-May. We will probably at that time discuss attendance requirements and other standards for board members.

Board member John Horton advises us that he seeking a rezoning on his property at **904 San Antonio Street** from its current zoning district of MF-4 to a DMU zoning district. After discussion the board voted unanimously to support the rezoning request.

Ted discussed with us the City’s appointed **Mobility Bond Task Force** committee on which board member Perry Lorenz has a seat. Bond money is going to be requested from voters for projects involving streets and pedestrian sidewalks, bike facilities and trails. The City staff will bring projects forward and the task force will vet them prior to the package going before Council. One proposed project in our neighborhood is \$2.7mm for improvements to Shoal Creek Trail.

To close out this very busy meeting, Mark reported that he and Charles Peveto along with Bridgette Bienecke have met very informally to discuss a survey of potentially historic structures in the neighborhood. Albert cautioned us all that doing a “survey” of any type in the neighborhood could be construed by some as the first step in a possible infringement of property rights and asks that before OANA officially becomes involved with such a project that all the benefits and negatives incumbent thereto be explored. After discussion it was decided that an

expansion of the historically significant properties featured on our website might be the proper way to approach this. Chris's efforts (current City Councilmember Chris Riley) have drawn nothing but praise from those who have viewed the site, and this is a logical place to showcase the neighborhood's historic fabric.

After this discussion we adjourned.

Blake Tollett-Secretary