

Old Austin NA Board Meeting Minutes
Tues, August 9th, 2016
4:00-5:30 pm
Regency Apartments
601 West 11th Street Austin, TX 78701

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm. Attending were board members Ted Siff, Charles Peveto, Diana Zuniga, Perry Horton, Austin Stowell, and Bill Schnell as well as guests John Horton and Burt Meador. Board members not in attendance were Perry Lorenz, Paul Isham, Blake Tollett, and Ray Canfield. The members and guests were introduced. An explanation of meeting procedures followed.

The first order of business was to review and approve the July 2016 board meeting minutes. Diana moved approval of the July minutes and Michael Portman seconded and it was passed by acclamation. During discussion Charles Peveto suggested that the Advisory Board be named Advisory Council. Ted Siff Agreed. Advisory Council was discussed. OANA is currently targeting W and 360 for new members. Diana Zuniga will send 360 representative's name to Michael Portman.

We next turned to current news and action items for consideration and vote. The current news is as follows:

- Charles Peveto reported on status of planning on Woolridge Park. Two options are being presented. The next level of planning will allow stake holder to tweak concepts. John Horton, former board member and neighbor, stated that he is concerned about some issues and brought up the following points:
 - Civic Event Plaza
 - Causes traffic flow issues during events
 - Going north on San Antonio from 9th Street would be a dead end
 - Could 10th between Nueces and San Antonio be turned back into two-way to accommodate?
 - How does Travis Co. weight in?
 - This could be a major access issue for 904 San Antonio
 - Parking Lost
 - Concept A loses 10 to 11 spaces in front of AHC 7 to 8 spaces in front of TCC
 - Concept B loses maybe up to 25 spaces depending on the Plaza configuration
 - Loss of parking is a non-starter because Travis County does not provide public parking for the courthouse complex.
 - Speed Table
 - Not necessary because this is a one block street with a three way stop on one end and a traffic light on the other.
 - This would be a daily car jarring event that is unnecessary.

- Charles asked why is a “preliminary plan” going to boards and commissions? He would like the OANA Board to authorize John and Charles to represent OANA on this matter.
- John Horton will draft a letter from OANA stating that there shall be no hearing before boards and commissions before issues are worked out.
- Ted Siff moved that a letter be drafted to submit to PARD as part of Woolridge stake holders. Perry Horton seconded and it was passed unanimously.
- Transportation Bonds:
 - \$720M broken into three categories
 - \$101M Regional Mobility – 360 and 620
 - \$482M Major Arterials (Smart Corridor Plan)
 - \$137M Local Mobility – Sidewalks, urban trails, and bike lanes
 - Biggest transportation bond ever considered
 - Ted Siff asking board to endorse the bond.
 - Michael Portman made a motion that OANA support the \$720M transportation bond. Charles Peveto Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Ted Siff disclosed that he is co-chair of “Move Austin Forward” with Gary Farmer
 - Ted Siff will circulate a draft of a PAC endorsement letter.
- Tree Mitigation:
 - Neighborhood association negotiated with owner of 906-908 Nueces Street to have developer donate \$6,100 of money to plant trees. Have not had much response from property owners. OANA wants to have the city use the trees on public land. Charles Peveto suggested they be planted on 12th Street in median.
- Travis County Civil Courthouse/ECHO:
 - Diana Zuniga reported that she and Ted Siff met with Ann Howard executive director of Echo (Ending Community Homelessness Coalition) to discuss Echo’s interest in the US Courthouse. Ann explained that the process gives priority to organizations whose mission it is to provide assistance and services to the homeless, therefore Echo’s bid for the courthouse would trump a bid from Travis County. There is currently a feasibility study being done for Echo which encompasses a conversion of the space to housing units, office and meeting space. Echo’s bid is due in mid-September. It was agreed that at this point all OANA can do is wait to see if Echo submits a bid.

We then discussed Committee reports and possible action items which included the following:

- A. Michael Portman first discussed the financial report. The PayPal account was cleaned out and moved to a checking account. Michael reported finances remain healthy and the bank balance unchanged from June. Membership was up one member for the month of July. The discussion then moved to how to expand membership. Diana Zuniga suggested having board meetings at

different condominiums with social hour immediately afterward. The group decided that September's meeting on the 12th will be at either 4:00pm at Regency or 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Seaholm with reception afterward. The group also decided that the members should encourage friends to join. Diana Zuniga proposed that the meeting on October 11th be at Spring. She will talk to the Social Committee Chair of Spring, Carolyn Metzger.

- B. Bill Schnell asked for news and members made a few suggestions.
- C. Shoal Creek Conservancy got a \$48,000 grant plus a matching grant for \$78,000 total for 6th and Shoal Creek bridge. Money will be used for the architecture. Ted Siff recommends everyone go to the Shoal Creek Conservancy website for full report.
- D. On August 16th at 4:00pm there will be a tour of Rise. We will meet at 8th and Nueces for the private tour.
- E. John Horton then asked about the Austin History Center. Charles Peveto said the History Center will take control of Faulk building (existing library) in March when the new library opens. The homeless problems at the History Center were then discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th at a time and place to be confirmed.