

Old Austin NA Board Meeting Minutes
Tues, August 11th, 2015
4:00-5:30 pm
Regency Apartments
601 West 11th Street Austin, TX 78701

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm by Ted Siff. Attending were Diana Zuniga, Bill Schnell, Michael Portman, John Horton, Ted Siff, Albert Stowell, Perry Lorenz and Charles Peveto. The members and guests were introduced. An explanation of meeting procedures followed.

The first order of business was to review and approve the July 2015 board meeting minutes. Diana moved approval of the July minutes and John Horton seconded. During discussion there was a motion proposed by Ted Siff about the correction of the sentences "We then turned to the Flood Mitigation Task Force (FMTF) authorized by the City Council to look into ways to try and contain Shoal Creek. They will get together in early September with a report due in April of next year." It was corrected to "We then turned to the Flood Mitigation Task Force (FMTF) authorized by the City Council to look into ways to try mitigate the risk of flooding in each of Austin's watersheds. They will get together sometime in September with a report due in April of next year." It was seconded by Perry Lorenz.

There was a second amendment motioned by Ted Siff to delete the sentence "Specifically FAN is on record previously as advocating for the roll back of the Residential Design Compatibility ordinance (AKA "McMansion"). This was seconded by Diana Zuniga. All motions passed unanimously and the minutes were approved as corrected.

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

- Rene Campos and Eureka Holdings bought the Gilfillan House. They plan to develop it into an office and event center with no outdoor entertainment.
- They are applying for DMU-H and seek OANA support.
- The Gap project which will complete the Shoal Creek trail between West Ave and 5th Street has started. It is expected to be completed in September of 2016.
- The Travis County Civil Courthouse bond campaign has begun. The vote will be November 3rd. John Horton will find out what DAA's position is.
- The Bowie Street underpass is an ongoing project that is anticipated to proceed.
- The Flood Mitigation Task Force (FMTF) and Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC) plan to host stakeholders meetings to discuss and hear from experts about what flood mitigation choice exist throughout the city and particularly in Shoal Creek. The SCC has high hopes that there will be new policy as a result of energy put into the matter by Flood Mitigation Task Force. The FMTF should be finished by April, 2016.

For the discussion and potential action items whether OANA should join the Friends of Austin Neighborhoods (FAN) was discussed.. Perry Lorenz moved that the vote be postponed and Albert Stowell made a friendly amendment to postpone it until next month. This was seconded by Bill Schnell. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Schnell discussed the next newsletter which will include the following:

- The headline and big story will be flood, response and policy changes
- Court House bond campaign updates
- Bowie Street underpass

There was a discussion about new retail including The Grove and Steampunk.

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

- Albert Stowell reported that there was a beginning balance of \$4,226 in the operating account. There was a check written to SCC in the amount of \$500 bringing the current balance to \$3,726.
- Planning, zoning, historic preservation and the status of pending and new developments were discussed next.
- The land at 208 Nueces is owned by Bob Kuhn. A Long term land lease was negotiated by Cielo Partners. They are developing a 36 story office building that is expected to begin building in January.
- There was no news regarding the tree mitigation fund resulting from the 10th and Nueces project.
- Bill Schnell discussed that Cirrus Logic is renovating its 7th street properties and turning them into amenity center. SCC will have offices in the space.
- Bill also spoke about the marketing and membership of OANA. The new goals are on the website. Ted Siff and Perry Lorenz spoke about the member database. Albert, Bill, Ted and Clara Haynes had a meeting about how to create and manage the database that could be used to contact current and potential members. We expect a further report at the next meeting.
- John Horton discussed government relations and social order. He saw the Community First Village. It will be a real model of community outreach for chronically homeless. Charles Peveto recommends touring it.
- The committee then spoke of the parks, trails and opens space in Austin.
 - Perry Lorenz and Ted Siff spoke of the 3rd Street trestle. Cielo Partners (Austin Music Hall Site) and Independent both looked at Trestle. SCC hosted a meeting between the two for purposes of discussing redevelopment of the trestle as a gathering spot and transportation node. There is potential for a lot of publicly accessible non-vehicle space.
 - Charles Peveto discussed Woodridge Square Park. The planning phase is beginning this fall. Charles is concerned about the watering of the park. He reported that Friends of Wooldridge Square (FOWS) and PARD agreed to pay for new watering hoses and FOWS will organize a volunteer base to hand water the Square between scheduled sprinkler days. FOWS and OANA have a great partnership with PARD in maintaining historic Wooldridge Square as the final planning phase for the Square begins with landscape architects dwg., FOWS, OANA and PARD.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th possibly at the Mitte House.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

