

05 December 2017
Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)

The Board of Directors (BoD) of OANA came together on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at the Shoal Creek Saloon for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. BoD members in attendance were Charles Peveto, Bill Schnell, Ray Canfield, Ted Siff, Austin Stowell, Michael Portman, Diana Zuniga, Katie Jackson and Blake Tollett. Advisory Council member Kathy Marcus also was present.

Our first order of business was the adoption of the minutes from our November meeting, and on motion from Bill with Austin seconding, they were unanimously adopted.

Moving on to Action Items, our annual General Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday 30 January 2018 at the Shoal Creek Saloon from 5:30 to 7; light refreshments and socializing followed by a brief business meeting and election of directors. This cycle BoD members up are Michael, Charles, Austin, Perry Horton, Ray and Ted. Blake was tasked was compiling a summary of actions taken by the BoD this last year as reflected in our minutes. Bill was tasked with getting the word out on social media through an electronic newsletter blast and Katie volunteered to also use social media to get the information out to the residential properties. Katie and Michael will set up a Venmo account linked to our Wells Fargo account so we can take memberships at the door.

Under New Business, Ted reported that he has been in contact with a new organization of hospitality proprietors, the West 6th Street Association. They have reached out to us and our sister neighborhood association, Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA), in part as an opening of lines of communication, in part because the City is reviewing their Outdoors Music Venue (OMV) permits and has asked affected neighborhood associations to weigh in. Below is a recent letter agreement between OANA and the Star Bar that resulted from this contact:

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Brian Block
Economic Development Department, Entertainment Services Manager
City of Austin, 505 Barton Springs Boulevard
Austin, TX 78704

RE: application for renewing Outdoor Music Venue Permit

Letter Agreement

Dear Mr. Block:

The following is an agreement between the Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA) and the Star Bar regarding commitments The Ranch is making in exchange for OANA's support of the renewal of its application for a City of Austin Outdoor Music Venue Permit (OMV) from December __, 2017 to December __, 2018. Those commitments are:

1. Star Bar and OANA will use as a guide in developing mutually agreeable good neighbor policies and practices, the San Francisco Entertainment Commission's Good Neighbor Policy, with the expectation that the City of Austin will develop its own Good Neighbor Policy within the term of this agreement.
2. Star Bar will be responsible for the regular emptying and maintenance of its and any public garbage can(s) and dumpster(s) within or next to its property as well as a daily sweeping and cleaning of the sidewalk in front of its entrance.
3. Star Bar will make a good faith effort to incorporate automated sound level monitoring accessible remotely through an app or Internet based reporting service during the term of this agreement.
4. Star Bar will work with the night and weekend Entertainment Services staff person who will be seeking compliance with its Sound Impact Plan as required by City of Austin's Sound Ordinance (Chapter 9-2 of the Austin City Code).

In exchange, OANA supports Star Bar's request for the renewal of its Outdoor Music Venue Permit for the hours:
 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Sunday – Thursday; and, 10:00 a.m. to Midnight – Fridays & Saturdays.

Agreed to by:



Ted Siff, President
 Old Austin Neighborhood Association (OANA)

_____, for Star Bar

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These letters of understanding are beneficial to all parties and are to be encouraged.

We then discussed the proposal of locating a Major League Soccer (MLS) stadium in the Butler Shores Field behind the Zach Scott Theater. Even though the proposed site is not within OANA's boundaries, its selection would have an impact on our quality of life due to a lack of infrastructure and the nuisance factor of light and sound trespass. There is also an underlying question of whether this is an alienation or taking of public parkland without a vote; the proposed use of a concession contract to cover the building of this permanent structure is being questioned. The programming of the stadium for events other than soccer such as music events can also be cause for concern. We talked about feasible alternatives for a central city location, but this is speculation at this point. There is also a good chance that the owners of the franchise are using the discussion to get concessions from the city where the team is currently located.

Proceeding on to Old Business, Updates and Status Reports:

- Blake reported that the Gilfillan House rezoning request is on postponement in front of the Historic Landmark Commission.
- The proposal to update our webpage is being firmed up and Katie will be working with Grayson on this. They will in turn loop in Chris Riley to update and expand the historic section of the site.
- The proposed neighborhood tour, the 12th Street Esplanade and the exploration of a parking benefits district were all deferred.
- Pedestrian movement and safety around the new library was discussed and work on that will be rolled into the addressing of the same concerns around the intersection of W. 3rd and Bowie Streets. Charles, Katie and Kathy will work on a document to send to the City that outlines our concerns.

Under news from the Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC), Ted reported that a new initiative called Cypress and Shoal (Cypress being the original name for W. 3rd Street) has been formed to bring stakeholders together in a unified effort to solicit grant funding.

Having come to the end of our allotted time, we adjourned until Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Blake Tollett, Secretary
OANA