

South Lamar Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: February 19, 2015

Vice President Bruce Evans called the meeting to order at 7:02

Introductions

All attendees were invited to join the association.

Item 1 - District 5 Council Representative Ann Kitchen was welcomed and presented an update on activities of the 10-1 Council and her office.

District 5 Staff

Handouts were provided showing the staff contacts and opportunities for participation

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Newsletter

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the District 5 newsletter. A sign up sheet was provided.

Key Council items underway

- New structure of committees
- Committee assignments
- Creation of Affordability Committee
- Boards and Commission opportunities will be available after June. Residents are encouraged if they want to participate.

Additional Kitchen office Initiatives

- Lightsey 2 development
- Zilker Park use

Upcoming Events/Questions

- Next Friday February 27, 2015 People's Gallery Open House District 5 artists displayed at City Hall Ann Kitchen's office
- Town Hall Meetings to be scheduled April 11th Ann Richards 10AM Sat
- Coffees to talk about budget in Summer
- You can view Online Message Board at <http://austincouncilforum.org/>
- Planning and Zoning operations Review process from Paul Zucker under review by staff.

Item 2 - Presentation by Austin Code Compliance Staff

Code Enforcement Overview

SLNA is in the South District for code enforcement

Code enforcement officer Michelle Stark and Supervisor Jerry Reynolds

Key items

- Call 311 Provide exact address time of day of violation this will ensure that issues that happen on specific days are followed up on.
- If following up ask for the name of the Inspector name assigned you can follow up with them directly. Since they are often in the field please leave a message.
- SXSX activities will impact response times through March 2015. Code team is split to cover nighttime events and are included as part of the PACE team (Public Assembly Code Enforcement)
- Residents are encouraged to combine multiple or similar requests through SLNA association and SLNA can work with Supervisor in addition to Inspector for a case specific review.
- Noise violations for loud music can be reported to 911
- Austin 311 app is available to report violations.

Item 3 - Parks Committee

Bruce Evans has been informally handling park issues and would request SLNA members to sign up to be on the Parks Committee – The goal of this committee would be to handle events like “Its My Park Day” access to the message board and other issues. To Sign up contact any SLNA board member.

Item 4 - PSW Lightsey II Update

BONA representatives Steve Wood and Brad Rockwell; led a discussion about updates to the Lightsey II zoning case. SLNA representatives Bryan King, Vic Ramirez, and Antonio Gonzalez have been working with BONA on this effort. The history of the development and plan for the extension of Aldwyche Road through to Lightsey Road creating a cut through path for cars was reviewed. Preliminary Application approved in October and presentations have continued to be made to Planning commission relating to their ability to approve or not approve the development.

Meetings have been facilitated by District 5 Council Rep Ann Kitchen to try to find alternative solution. City Transportation department, Neighborhood reps and PSW have been meeting and a tentative plan to put a “crash gate “ allowing emergency vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, but not cars to use the new Aldwyche road. The City of Austin Transportation department is designing the crash gate options. This gate could be at one of three locations that would affect how traffic exits the Lightsey II development. The preferred option is in the middle of the development, however that is considered not likely due to the space required for Waste Management vehicle turnarounds. The second option would be placed at

Lightsey Road causing vehicles to exit south via Aldwyche. The final option would be at the south edge of the development causing traffic to exit via Lightsey.

Bruce Evans asked for an informal sense of the Association as to whether any version of the “crash gate” was preferred to a through street. Those present agreed.

Other case related activities. Landmark commission meets Monday regarding the historic designation of house on the property. Planning Commission Tuesday Night. SLNA expressed concern that the heritage tree and landmark designations should still be important and contested.

Other alternatives discussed including lawsuit and final Planning Commission review.

Item 5 – Zoning Committee Report Nancy Maclaine

- Zoning 2712 Del Curto Zoned SF3 Proposed SF6 plan to 15 units plus parking plus over-retention in perpetuity density 7.2 units per acre bedroom dependent parking of more than 3 spots per unit.
- 2505-07 Bluebonnet issues relating to parking 18 units with 40 spaces 12 apartments 6 garden homes. 4 parking places in setback
- Chick Fil A – discussions still pending regarding sidewalk construction.
- Discussion of 2700 S Lamar Foundation Communities. Concern expressed regarding potential deviation from planned use and whether written covenants would exist. They were urged to contact Walter Moreau.

BK motion to adjourn 9 PM