

**SLNA MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES**

DATE 10/20/2005

OFFICERS PRESENT: Carol Gibbs, Nancy Maclaine, Roberta Leahy, Don Ewalt, Kevin Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE / SIGNED IN: 19 /

**7:08 = CALL TO ORDER****INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERSHIP****VISITORS :**

John Gillum – Austin Public Library:

The 1998 bond election set aside \$ for 7 libraries. The 2003 economy went down, funds decreased. The city was able to purchase the land for the 7 new libraries. The New branch of the Twin Oaks Library (currently at the Twin Oaks shopping center, NE corner of S. Congress & Oltorf) will be at W. Mary and S. Fifth, where the old Post Office was. Current plan is to knock down the existing building.

There will be a series of design input meetings at the existing building, the former P.O. at W. Mary. The trend in other new libraries is to copy bookstore's layout with a coffee shop on the side and comfortable chairs in the library.

Briefly lobbied for the City Bond package to fund the construction of a new Central Library

**SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2006: (Nominating Committee, Nancy Maclaine)**

President (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Carol Gibbs
Vice President (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Nancy Maclaine
Treasurer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Don Ewalt
ANC / SCC Rep. (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Kevin Lewis
Secretary	John Bissell

No nominations from the floor, entire slate was elected for 2006.

**APD District Representative, Robert Barboza –**

- Burglary Prevention: APD Officer Barboza checked all the cars in the parking lot and pointed out items that were left in plain sight such as personal mail, cell phones, cameras, etc. that would tempt a thief. Car robberies are one of the most frequently occurring crimes. To report a crime no longer in progress, call 311.
- APD Resource Manual -- available online, Carol has some hard copies.

- o Code Compliance coordination w/ SWS (Matt Christianson, S. Austin Supervisor)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS :

### 1. Treasurer / Membership Report: **Don Ewalt**

SLNA has \$556.97 in checking, \$2000 in CDs at TELCO CU.

### 2. South Central Coalition / Austin Neighborhoods Council: **Kevin Lewis, Rep.**

- a. Travis County bond election (Nov 2005)
- b. City of Austin bond election process (May 2006)
- c. Spring condominium tower at 3rd St. & Bowie: This would be the second tallest building in Austin (400'). The membership voted to abstain from taking a position on this project because it didn't seem to affect our neighborhood, and not enough people were familiar with the details.
- d. Pfluger Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge extension: A drawing was displayed which showed several different options for placement of the extension.
- e. New Development around Paggi House at Lamar & Riverside

### 3. Neighborhood Planning: **Bill Stoughton, NP Chair**

- a. NEW Zoning requests will be on hold for at least 6 months, or until Neighborhood Planning is done.
- b. Next meeting will be Mon. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at the S. Austin Recreational Center at S. 5<sup>th</sup> & Cumberland.
- c. Need help with taking neighborhood inventories. We have 13 sections of the neighborhood mapped out, and we need people to walk each section to inventory land use, infrastructure problems, etc. Talk to Bill after the meeting to choose your section.

### 4. Keep Austin Beautiful: **Chad Hymel** -- next cleanup will be Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Watch email for details.

### 5. SLNA Newsletter: Carol is retiring from being the Distribution Coordinator, so asked for volunteers or suggestions for newsletter's future...contact her if you are

interested in helping.

6. Development Projects in SLNA: **Carol**

- a. Walgreens / Taco Xpress / Bluebonnet Lane – latest from Jason Linahan:
- b. “Spaces 2525” –Restrictive Covenant finalized, pending Letter of Credit. Will go back for Council’s 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Readings as soon as it is signed by Carol and the developers.
- c. 1804 Fortview – LR to LO-MU (with SF-4A proposed use) – goes to Council Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- d. 2211 Thornton – subdivision w/variance to develop in Critical Water Quality Zone – to ZAP Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> .
- e. “Corners II” at Manchaca & Lightsey: LO+LR to all LR - ZAP recommended, SLNA not opposed, goes to Council Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f. “Bouldin Meadows” (&Greenbelt?): This proposed development is partially on a flood-prone site on the east (Galindo) side of the railroad tracks (near trailer park). Galindo Neighborhood is opposed to this project, and is lobbying for it to become parkland that could extend along Bouldin Creek from the S. Austin Rec. Center. Just south of this parcel, Austin Energy has recently transferred approx 15 acres to Watershed Protection Dept, for biofiltration ponds and greenspace.

NOTE: If you’ve seen houses flooded in that area on either side of the tracks, even years ago, call 311 to get it added to the City’s permanent record of flooding complaints.

7. December meeting will be a party rather than a meeting:

- a. Need a committee/coordinator...
- b. Florence Castle agreed to play the Piano for those wanting to sing carols

**Announcements:**

- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> = Arts and Crafts Show at Unity Church. Call Teny @ 447-7772 for more info.
- Lighthouse for the Blind has completely moved out of the buildings that Unity has bought at Manchaca & Lightsey; but before Unity moves in, they have donated the space

for Brown Santa to use through December. Anyone wanting to volunteer with Brown Santa, right here near home, can find out more about it at <http://www.brownsanta.org/html/volunteer.html> or call/go by:

**Brown Santa HQ**  
**2831 Manchaca Road**  
**Austin, TX 78704**  
Phone: (512) 24-SANTA [247-2682]

- Ruth Powers has set up a Native Plants Exchange group. Carol can put you in touch if you are interested in participating.

**9:15 = ADJOURN**