

Minutes for SLNA general membership meeting, March 18, 2010

SLNA officers in attendance: Amy Zamarripa, Acting President; Sally Merritt, Treasurer; Bill Stoughton, Secretary.

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Amy. First order of business was to consider support of three resolutions (see attached) to be voted upon at the Austin Neighborhoods Council's March 24 meeting. Background information on the amendments was given by Carol Gibbs. After discussion, the votes on the amendments were as follows:

Motion for SLNA to support Resolution for a Prostitution Initiative Austin and Travis County (motion by Sally, seconded by Deanne) —in favor, 13; against, 1; abstaining, 1. Motion carried.

Motion for SLNA to support Resolution Concerning TX Applications for Gravel Pits in Eastern Travis County (motion by Nancy Maclaine, seconded by Bob Thompson)—in favor, 14; against, 0; abstaining, 0. Motion carried.

Motion for SLNA to abstain on vote in regards to Resolution Concerning Austin Police Use of Arbitrary and Excessive Force (motion by Bill Stoughton, seconded by Nancy Maclaine)—in favor, 14; against, 0; abstaining, 1. Motion carried.

- Carol Gibbs then read a statement from Bryan King, who did not attend the meeting, offering to serve as SLNA's representative to the South Central Coalition, as Thomas Bleich has agreed to fill the Vice President position if Amy serves as President. Mr. King's statement also mentioned that Nancy Maclaine had expressed willingness to serve as SLNA's representative to the Austin Neighborhoods Council; Nancy confirmed this. Carol Gibbs made a motion, seconded by Julie, that the membership ratify the following people to serve as SLNA's board of directors for the remainder of 2010:

Amy Zamarripa: President

Thomas Bleich: Vice President

Sally Merritt: Treasurer

Bill Stoughton: Secretary

Nancy Maclaine: ANC Representative

Bryan King: SCC Representative

The vote to ratify was unanimous.

- Next was a presentation by Ron Thrower of Thrower Design, who is acting as developer agent for the property at 2807 Del Curto Rd. Here is a synopsis of the information given during his presentation:

- The agent is filing for a zoning change to SF-6, but limiting the site development standards to SF-5. The adjoining property is SF-5. City standards don't allow for adjoining SF-5 zoning, hence the SF-6 request.
- The developer wishes to build 22 units on the site. The site has 2.2 acres that are buildable. Compatibility standards require 35' setback from the adjoining property, Mr. Thrower indicated they would be asking for a variance.
- The developer wishes to build condos on the site, with a block of two story units next to the southeast border, and a block of three story units to the north.
- Part of property lies with a flood plain, but much of it is shallow. Mr. Thrower suggested that some earth moving would reduce the flood plain area.
- The developer currently does not have a tree survey that covers the entire property, but he did show a tree survey of the flood plain. There are several trees on the property.

Mr. Thrower's presentation was intended to provide information to the neighbors before he started the application process; he was not seeking SLNA input at this time.

- Next was discussion on the neighborhood park development, with Deanne from Austin Parks and Recreation attending to interact with the neighbors. Amy mentioned that Adria McCuag has volunteered to organize a cleanup of the park property, which prompted Carol Gibbs to announce that the annual Clean Sweep citywide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, and she suggested that SLNA plan the park cleanup for this date. There was general agreement on this date, with a suggestion that Sunday, April 11 also be used for a cleanup. The discussion concluded with talking about the community garden planned for the park.
- There was a discussion about the place and time of membership meetings. Amy Zamarripa announced the next meeting would be in May, but Bill Stoughton pointed out that a motion to meet in April was approved at the February meeting. A motion to move the April meeting to May was made by Sally Merritt, seconded by Julia. Friendly amendments by Nancy Maclaine and Carol Gibbs to permanently move the meetings to third Thursdays of odd months at the EcoSchool were accepted. The motion with amendments was approved unanimously.
- Bob Thompson suggested having a pamphlet made to give to neighbors putting up lost pet flyers telling them how to use SLNA email list to get the word out. Amy followed by recommending that SLNA hand out flyers door to door to publicize the neighborhood association and its resources. Carol Gibbs suggested that the executive committee meet to discuss developing and distributing these flyers.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.