

SLNA General Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2008

This meeting was held at the Skyline Terrace. The meeting was called to order by SLNA President Nancy Maclaine at 7:08PM. SLNA officers present: Maclaine, Gibbs, Bissell.

1) John Bissell presented the Treasurer's report:

Checking Account Balance:	\$1033.22
Undeposited:	\$ 0.00
Savings Account Balance:	\$1262.35
Two CDs Balance:	\$2280.97
Total Funds:	\$4576.54

Membership as of 8/21/08:	35
Membership at end of 2007:	64

2) A new bakery, Moonlight, has opened across S. Lamar next to Batteries Plus. Samples were provided at the meeting. Stop by and pick up some delicious baked goods!

3) Carol Gibbs spoke about an upcoming event, "South Austin in Jeopardy," for the South Austin Culture Club (<http://southaustinculture.org/>). The event will be held on September 3rd from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Alamo Drafthouse South. Featured guests will be City Manager Marc Ott and Police Chief Art Acevedo. Stop by and have some fun.

Carol made a motion that SLNA help as a sponsor of this event by contributing \$100. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4) We were expecting a speaker to discuss the proposed single-member redistricting plan for city council. However, the speaker did not show up. We discussed the proposal while waiting for the next presenter to arrive. Since this initiative did not make the deadline for inclusion on the November ballot and might not reappear until 2010, I will not post the discussion. If you are interested in a brief history of single-member districts, see <http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Issue/column?oid=oid%3A663324>.

5) Jim Ross of Talisman Group, Inc. presented a proposal for redeveloping the properties he owns at S. Lamar and Bluebonnet across from Walgreen's. These tracts currently contain a car lot, the old Precision Tune building, and an undeveloped single family parcel behind the car lot. The front parcels are zoned Commercial Service (CS) and he wants to lower that zoning to General Retail (GR). He would accept an additional Conditional Overlay (CO) to further limit the types of businesses that could go in the development. In exchange, he wants to upzone the portions of the property that are currently Single Family (SF-3) to Limited Office (LO).

Mr. Ross' presentation has been uploaded to the Files section of the SLNA Yahoo! Group and can also be found at http://www.southlamar.org/docs/Lamar_Bluebonnet_Rezoning_8-21-08.pdf

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

- John Bissell for David Ansel