

## SLNA general meeting minutes—October 18, 2007

Following normal call to order and the treasurer's report (we are solvent!) the presentations began.

1. Presentation by David Ansel on the possible improvements to Thornton Road. To deal with heavy traffic, danger to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, John Bissell and David Ansel have come up with some suggested improvements. They propose remedies ranging from striping, parking limitations, traffic calming, sidewalks, etc. They want neighborhood feedback before going to the city. David will post the details on the yahoo group to see who else might be interested in working to fix the street. His email address is [david@souppeddler.com](mailto:david@souppeddler.com) and John's email is [john@jmbissell.com](mailto:john@jmbissell.com).

2. Presentation by Kathie Tovo who is a member of the Community Committee on Neighborhoods and Schools. This group is working with AISD to try to get some process and policy to deal with "campus change". Campus change is any decision by the school administration to close a school or re-purpose a school or change the boundaries. In the past some parents and other stakeholders have been impacted by decisions that appear too abrupt. Sometimes it is not so much that the decision is taken too quickly but that the impacted population are not apprised early enough. This committee is trying to collect ideas from the community for what changes they would like to see in the policies and processes. You can take a survey online at [www.austinisd.org/tellaisd](http://www.austinisd.org/tellaisd). And you can email Kathie at [kbtovo@earthlink.net](mailto:kbtovo@earthlink.net) to give her your ideas or possibly get a copy of the questions she asked our group. Her committee is collecting feedback through Tuesday October 23 so don't dilly-dally if you are going to be a part of this!

3. Elections of officers for 2008. The slate of candidates was proposed and elected by unanimous acclamation:

President: Nancy Maclaine

Vice-President: Krista Umscheid

Treasurer: John Bissell (current incumbent)

Recording Secretary: David Ansell

ANC/SCC reps: shared by Carol Gibbs and Bryan King

Congratulations to the new officers. They will be installed as part of our December meeting and Holiday party

4. Summaries were given on various neighborhood development projects, from various zoning Committee members:

a. Clawson Road upzone to multi-family MF-2 from single family SF-3 in the 3700 block: Council agreed to MF-2 over our objections. It requires 2 more readings before passage and we hope still to prevail. The site plan calls for 40 condo units.

b. Cypress VMU + townhomes+Park (Unity Church property plus some

others): as previously detailed on the yahoo group this is moving toward Planning Council for some zoning changes. But we have not received the mandatory 10 day advance warning of the scheduled hearing so it will not be until at least the Nov 6 PC meeting. We have many open issues and questions pending with city staff on this case and have not gotten timely response. The site plan calls for over 300 units (sorry I don't know the exact number): 44 units in the town home section and the rest in the 4-story VMU building

c. Friedman development of one acre across Del Curto from the Unity Church. The request is to upzone from SF-3 to SF-5 to get ability to locate the buildings in a better configuration, but not exceed any of the SF-3 limitations of density, impervious cover, etc. He plans to put 6 single homes on the property. This is the same developer who did Luxury homes in the trees further north on Del Curto. We are in talks with the developer and hope to actually get agreement before the case goes to Planning commission.

d. Project at the NW corner of Fortview and Clawson -- currently a closed garage/mechanic shop, proposed to be developed with general retail GR zoning into a small retail center with a small cafe/coffee shop/bakery. He requests a variance on the setback between his parking and the abutting SF-3 property on the north side, in order to have sufficient parking for the cafe. We have into denying explicit uses for the location and there is some info we are waiting on the developer to get back to us. The case is not yet scheduled for Planning Commission and the developer (McCullick) would like to get our agreement before it goes to PC.

e. Maria Corbalon is subdividing her property at 2705 Del Curto, east side. Her house will remain and 2 flag lots will be defined behind that one. She requires no zoning change, only a variance to support a slight narrowing in the shared driveway. We have not been notified of a Planning Commission date for this case.

f. Krista volunteered that the 3 acre SF-3 lot at the NE corner of Lightsey and Del Curto is not officially on the market but the owner is planning to sell. Currently there is only a single house on the lot.

5. We discussed shifting the December meeting from the normal third Thursday to the second Thursday to distance it from conflicting Christmas events. This idea was approved pending verification from the Unity Church that the facility will be available on that alternate date. Official announcement coming later as soon as we know. If we change the date we will have to get the adopters of the meeting announcement signs to modify the signs appropriately.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm.