

Minutes for SLNA membership meeting, February 6, 2010

Officers attending: James Espy, President; Amy Zamarripa, Vice President; Bill Stoughton, Secretary; Thomas Blich, ANC Representative.

- Meeting was called to order at 9:07am, and the first action was to have all the participants introduce themselves.
- James Espy announced his resignation as President due to unanticipated demands from his business. Amy Zamarripa agreed to replace Mr. Espy as President. Those members attending the meeting were solicited to serve as Vice President. Past President Nancy Maclaine offered to serve as VP. Bill Stoughton said he would solicit for additional candidates through SLNA's Yahoo listserv. The Executive Committee is directed under the bylaws to appoint the replacement for a vacated officer position, and the attending officers agreed to do so in the near future.
- There was a discussion to change the membership meeting time. Bryan King made a motion to schedule the next meeting to the 3rd Thursday in April. James Espy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- There was a brief discussion on scheduling a special meeting to allow the developer of the Bartlett property (2807 Del Curto) to make a presentation. No date for said meeting was established, to be determined later by the Executive Committee.
- Matt Johnson, representative for Clean Energy For Austin, made a presentation to ask SLNA to sign on as a coalition partner with his group to encourage the City Council to adopt the Austin Energy 2020 Generation Plan and Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force Recommendations. After discussion, in which some attendees questioned whether endorsing the Plan would exceed the scope of SLNA's mission, a motion was made by Bryan King to vote whether to continue debating SLNA support for the endorsement. Five voted to continue discussion, and eleven voted to end discussion, so discussion was cut off. Mr. Johnson was encouraged to seek support of individual SLNA residents via the email list.
- Nic Whittaker, representative for Cypress Real Estate Advisors, gave a presentation on the Lamar/Manchaca resubdivision which includes the lot adjacent to the Del Curto parkland currently under development. The main purpose of Mr. Whittaker's presentation was to ask SLNA to reconsider its opposition to driveway access for the project to Del Curto, with an offer to donate the lot to the city for additional parkland provided access easements are granted. Mr. Whittaker said that Cypress would be willing to sell the land outright to the city without access; a selling price was not disclosed. Attendees asked questions of Mr. Whittaker and of Ricardo Solis of Austin Parks and Recreation (PARC) who was also in attendance.

- Bryan King made a motion to direct PARD to move forward with implementing Phase I of the park construction. Seconded by Carol Gibbs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Kim Rossmo made a motion for SLNA to stay with the original agreement with Cypress and not support road access to Del Curto for their project. Seconded by Dottie Cartwright. Vote was 11 in favor of the motion, 5 opposed, motion carried.
- Ricardo Solis of PARD outlined the next steps in the neighborhood park's development, and offered to have PARD employees attend future SLNA meetings to facilitate neighborhood participation in the park design and construction.
- Carol Gibbs mentioned that 'It's My Park Day' will be held on March 6, adding that this will be the first time SLNA residents can volunteer at their own park. Bryan King suggested that we should start as soon as possible to organize cleanups of the park property, perhaps combining with a cookout or similar attraction to encourage resident participation with the park's development.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Bill Stoughton
SLNA Secretary