SLNA Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 21 2013 Faith Methodist United Church

Kassi Darakhshan, Secretary presiding

Nancy Maclaine, President, called meeting to order at 7:05 pm

I. Development & Zoning Updates

a. PSW project 2505 Thorton Rd.

- i. Potential three 3-story buildings; most of the parking is facing the tracks/Ogden tract; the buffer area between the buildings and SF lots is all green space.
- ii. The acreage is 4.00 and they are supposed to get 23/acre = 92 total. It is "Smart Housing" which allows them greater density.
- iii. They plan to cap at 109 units (under what Smart Housing allows.)
- iv. David Ansel (lives on Thornton) has tried to get them to include the Ogden property in the project, but so far that's looking unlikely. If anyone is interested in getting more information on the project and working on getting sidewalks for Thorton Rd.please email David at david@souppeddler.com
- v. The plan is In first round of review; we plan to add our comments on the next round (give staff a chance to do their jobs)
- vi. Not zoning but a wish -- to get some movement on a continuous sidewalk and single-side parking on Thornton as a result of this and other in-fill. If anyone is interested in this please attend future neighborhood meetings or email SLNA president at nmaclaine@gmail.com

b. 2307 Thorton Rd.

- i. There's another project on Thornton currently under construction next to the warehouses.
- ii. The site was approved for two sets of warehouses a while back and they are now constructing 2nd set up warehouses

c. 2807 Del Curto Rd.

- i. Ace Bartlett Estate, 2.8 acres, now has a buyer
- ii. SLNA approved 7.2 units per acre, max total of 20 residential units
- **iii.** Bruce suggested building water basin in creek area off of Cinnamon Path to address potential flooding. Carol Gibbs is going to forward this idea onto the city watershed department.

d. 1805 Lightsey

- i. 3 acres for sale and very expensive land
- **ii.** There was an interested buyer but the project fell apart because the sellers realized holding on to the land will net them more later, rapidly rising land values.

e. 2905 Del Curto/1814 Lightsey

- i. Application for up-zoning completed. SF-6, limited to 36 units, 47.4 % impervious cover, no duplexes or single family attached.
- ii. Check on dedicated right away for Lightsey and Del Curto. If missing or not suitable city will review site plan and hopefully catch it.

f. Bryan King suggested having a form where we register interested party on the site plan at the time we hear of them. Nancy Maclaine confirmed that the city sends a form with site plans requests. We just need to make sure that they are submitted.

II. Park Update by Bruce Evans

- a. "It's my park day" on March 2nd. Sign up in advance to get a t-shirt, Clean up, graffiti removal, repair fence a bit. Contact Bruce to sign up at bruce.evans@hotmail.com
- **b.** Recently found out that park project was transferred from Parks Department to someone in Public Works who when contacted said they didn't know anything about the project
- c. Potential meetings will be set up soon to move project forward
- **d.** Recent report in city budget stated that park had been completed and Bruce plans to follow up on this, as well as ask on status of the 10 other parks that were approved at same time Del Curto park was approved
- **e.** Bruce Evan and Byran King drafted a resolution to submit to city council re: park development
- f. Bryan King made a motion to approve resolution and send to city council, 2nd by Bruce Evans, Approved unanimously
- **g.** Annual Keep Austin Beautiful Clean Up is Saturday April 13th from 9-11 am. Dottie and Jan Cartwright will be heading this clean up.

III. ANC resolution by Bryan King

- **a.** There is an ordinance that city council is proposing to allow private businesses within 1000 feet of a park be allowed to use the park's parking spaces as "their" parking spaces?
- **b.** ANC has drafted a resolution to present to city council that opposes this ordinance
- **c.** Bruce Evans makes motion that SLNA endorse the ANC resolution, 2nd by Andree Chalaron, Approved unanimously.

IV. Traffic Abatement Project

- **a.** Jennifer Hoskins is collecting signatures to address traffic and safety issues on Dolphin Dr. and Clawson and Lightsey intersection
- **b.** If you are interested in signing to support improvements near these areas email jhoskins@oconnellrobertson.com

V. Other Business

- **a.** Kassi Darakhshan proposed that we put together a committee to plan a neighborhood party in the park
- **b.** Nancy Maclaine, Andree Chalaron and Bruce Evans volunteered to serve on planning committee
- **c.** Krista Umscheid-Ramirez suggested that we obtain new neighborhood meeting signs and will work on getting a mock up.

8:29 meeting adjourns