

SLNA Meeting August 16, 2012

President Nancy Maclaine opened meeting 7PM

Dan Gillotte, Mgr Wheatsville Co-op

Opening up in shopping center off South Lamar (shopping center where Harbor Freight is) where Wells Fargo used to be. Donate close to 20% of net profits to local community groups. Hours 7:30AM-11PM 7 days.

Local, organic, sustainable food and some crossover items.

Rear of property is across street from Ann Richards school. Austin rule is that beer/wine sales must be 300ft from school property line. AISD position is to be 'not in support' of any variances. Red Lobster, Pluckers already have on-sight consumption. Most people have a beer or wine with dinner and then move on. Wheatsville has sold beer/wine as take-away for ~20 years, and have done so near UT campus with no issues. Cashiers have high level of training in that area. Serious about being good neighbor, and they have a good track record to back it up. They had a meeting yesterday with city council, should be on their Sept 27 agenda meeting.

Beer/wine is about 5% of their sales.

Dan has been in contact with Principal Goka. Also spoke with Executive Director.

Shooting for late spring 2013 opening. 80-100 new jobs.

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Discussion ensued. They are asking neighborhoods to write letters of support. This is not actually in SLNA. But people in our neighborhood are excited about them coming here. Maybe we ought not to step outside our boundary as an association to take a position on an AISD policy.

Bryan made motion that we leave it alone. Steve seconds it. Discussion. We should take a position. If it were something negative, we surely would take a position. Vote in favor: 3, oppose: 8. Cullen motion: we support Wheatsville and we support take-away alcohol sales. Kim seconds. Motion carries.

Park Update

PSW

Schedule for zoning at PC on Sept. 11. Subdivision that day also? State requires it, a rubber stamp. Valid petition can be given to council. 20% of landowners to object will force a super majority at council. Bryan wants to put together a valid petition. Steve agrees.