

## **South Lamar Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date April 16, 2015

Mario Champion, President called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

### **Item 1 - Easter egg hunt recap**

Report about 30 kids 60 parents well attended

### **Item 2 - New Park Chairperson appointment**

Mario Champion described background of Veronica Martinez to be appointed as the chair of the park committee. Discussion of upcoming park events and problems such as dog waste and the need for volunteers to assist on the committed.

### **Item 3 - NPP and Sidewalks to the park along Del Curto**

Presentation by Michael Gatto of Austin Community Design and Development Center on behalf of Foundation Communities regarding the Neighborhood Partnering program. NPP program through City Public Works Dept. works with neighborhood groups to support projects where part of project construction is in the city right of way. SLNA can propose a sidewalk that would fill in access along Del Curto across the creek to the park. SLNA is qualified applicant for the program. Funding available from the City would be based on size of project and meeting certain criteria. The funding can be used as a Grant Match for developer funds. Application dates June 1 and October 1. Project criteria discussed as what constitutes a good project. Invitation will be sent to City Program Director for June 18 meeting to present the City requirements and discuss the project engineering scope.

Nancy Maclaine provided an update on the potential for a contribution from developer Jim Ross (Bluebonnet and Lamar). He had offered to build sidewalks in connection with the proposal to lease to Chick-Fil-A. Even though this project is not proceeding he is still willing to consider. Estimated cost sidewalk to creek \$25K.

For this project SLNA will need to raise money, potentially \$12,500. Mario Champion and Aaron Johnson agreed to lead fundraising on indiegogo/gofundme fundraising. They need other team members. Email Mario to participate.

### **Item 4- Solar Si / Gas No (presentation)**

Jere Locke – Texas Drought Project. Working with coalition regarding Decker Lake gas plant. Existing gas-fueled plant will need to be replaced. Austin Energy is proposing replacement with a gas-fueled plant at either Decker Lake site or near Airport. The coalition is recommending solar as alternative. Preferred solution is rooftop solar, second industrial solar. Issue will be presented to ANC

for vote. Jere distributed a fact sheet. [www.solarsigasno.org](http://www.solarsigasno.org) for information

#### **Item 5 - PSW/Lightsey I and II updates**

Bryan King was unable to attend. Mario and Bruce Evans presented a summary. The Landmark Commission will hear a proposal to designate the Lightsey house as a landmark and preserve the house as part of the Lightsey II development plan at its meeting April 28. In related action, the Planning Commission meeting will discuss the review of connectivity mandates issues at a sub-committee meeting April 21, 2015.

#### **Item 6 – Initial proposal for Bylaws Change regarding Online Proxy Vote**

**(proposal, no vote)** proposal by Omar Tiwana

"...6. For election of officers of the Association and for such other matters that may require voting by the general membership as the Executive Committee may determine from time to time, except for purposes of establishing a quorum in terms of paragraph (2) of this Article IV (C), any member in good standing may nominate in writing a representative to vote on behalf of such member if such member is unable to attend the relevant meeting of the Association at which such vote will be taken, provided and on condition that (i) such designated proxy representative is a member in good standing and (ii) such written proxy nomination, duly signed and dated by the nominating member, in such form and manner as may be required by the Executive Committee, is submitted by the designated proxy representative to the Recording Secretary of the Association and lodged before the commencement of the meeting for which such proxy has been given..."

Committee created to review draft amendments to the Bylaws including Proxy voting. Bruce Evans; Omar Tiwana; Aaron Johnson. Other committee members should email Mario.

#### **Item 6- Thornton parking/ RPP update**

Heath [heathmarr@gmail.com](mailto:heathmarr@gmail.com) & David's [david.joshua.ansel@gmail.com](mailto:david.joshua.ansel@gmail.com) were both unable to attend. They are working on developing a plan for Residential Parking Permits on Thornton Avenue. They need assistance and for other residents on Thornton to participate. Discussion of safety issues currently on Thornton due to construction. Residents that observe construction or parking issues on Thornton that are unsafe should be reported to 311 or 911 depending on the issue.

#### **Item 7- Open mic**

Discussion of Bluebonnet Studios ongoing meetings and discussions by neighbors by Mike Sullivan and run off from current Chapman site impacts from construction.

Construction impacts and reporting impacts of flooding need to be documented and reported particularly while the South Lamar Neighborhood Mitigation Plan in

effect.

Adjourned 8:45 Motion by Nancy Maclaine, second by Bruce Evans