

SLNA MEETING NOTES – 18 AUG 2016

welcome and intro

call to order at 7:11pm by kim johnson

bluebonnet studio welcome team – POSSIBLE ACTION

gift basket idea -- new Foundation Community's Bluebonnet Studios (with estimated mid november move-ins.) jas reached out to multiple orgs looking for support for "welcome home" baskets, often the basics, like cleaning supplies limited bedding, cooking etc. 107 units needed. SLNA, other NAs, HOAs, churches, businesses, etc are asked to chip in, coordinate, organize for some subset.

Discussion: so maybe SLNA should just collect money, maybe SLNA can match up to X amount. what is that X amt? As a target or as a guarantee? there is \$6200 in SLNA assets, \$4200 is liquid. so how much do give, "if the spirit moves us."

Carol is overall coordinator. Ideally she would like to find someone in various pockets of nhood to organize resources from just their street, for example. can we have flyers and ask door to door for contributions? go to site and give via paypal, not in collect in person.

Proposal to give money to get more communal things and less per residential unit gifts by Mark. Another by Kim: list dollars per typical items and raise money against that list, even if the money is commingled and later on the literal ordering of specific items is done by FC or SLNA folks -- some to the specific basket item, some to other needs as identified.

idea that SLNA fill in gap up to \$2000. idea to get businesses to donate from a coordinated night, like zilker elementary night at chipotle or olivia or odd duck, that already exist. perhaps sponsors for a flyer too. (biz outreach team idea is separated from nhood outreach by carol suggestion. Nancy will coordinate that team?)

Motion and 2nd for \$2000 target, accepted by vote of members.

(later, question about resident turnover for population that gets on feet and goes where? Gets help or just kicked out? Not just kicked out, but helped with transition to market cost housing when they are able.)

first or last friday?

first friday marias is open again in the evening, so it would appear from their website. so first or last friday for a SLNA social hour? bouldin has a last friday, so first would be good to encourage crossover. need to double check maria hours. Kim and jay and laurie will coordinate.

parks

been too hot to enjoy, now it is raining, reports jay. maybe a halloween thing? perhaps a trunk or treat (car trunks) would be possible. To be decided by jay.

ANC of neighborhoods as standalone dept.

information on new efforts at Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) to support an existing council motion/resolution/ordinance to upgrade the neighborhood assistance center (which is about 7 or 8 years old) into a full standalone and funded city department. Right now there are times when neighborhood liaisons must act what seems counter to their bosses in support of neighborhood desires. This might remove that. No specific action yet possible for SLNA.

District 5 cultural arts mapping project

at Manchaca library, sat morning doing a cultural assets map. 11-12:30.

From D5 email –

Where is Austin's art and culture created?

Where is it shared and performed?

What resources support and nurture it?

Austin's Cultural Arts Division is asking for your help in mapping our city's cultural assets, the places and resources that are important to Austin's cultural identity and creativity. This **Saturday, August 20, 11:00am -12:30pm**, at the **Manchaca Road Branch Library, 5500 Manchaca Rd**, CAMP will hold the first public meeting for this project.

With your help answering the questions above, CAMP will create a community-developed map of what Austinites value as their cultural assets. You can view the [current Culture Map here](http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/CAMP.html#.V7cippMrKV5). (<http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/CAMP.html#.V7cippMrKV5>)

The map and directory that you help create will inform future planning efforts for Austin's creative spaces and cultural assets, recognize existing and potential cultural hubs, and we hope inspire your own community's efforts to reveal and celebrate Austin's culture and creativity. For more information, you can view [this flyer](https://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/CAMP_flyer.pdf) (https://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/CAMP_flyer.pdf) or visit the [CAMP website](#).

Issues - old business

Residential Parking Permits (RPP) on Thorton rd has been accepted. Heath should have packet soon. single side ONLY of parking from studios north to oltorf -- which side unknown. estimated time of implementation? Not known.

Design of del curto storm drain project has been budgeted for 2017, likely completion of 2020. Yaaay! Years of construction... surveying is underway now. Letters of approval (or agreement or understanding?) must be received by X% of directly affected neighbors for next steps.

2413 Thorton (PSW apts where ogden refrig supply is now) -- City meeting postponed by applicant until october. no reason known yet. there was a planning comm opinion to upzone to Multi-Family4 (MF4) if street improvements were done... but unclear how the street improvements would be paid for. brian suggests if PSW build office bldg then PSW would have to fund the improvements (est \$540,000), so CS zone might be better in terms of traffic, especially if it were LOW TRAFFIC office and/or server farm, etc. so proposal for SLNA and neighbors to propose a vision that is low traffic is discussed. BUT we do not really know or have insights into PSW plans or reasons for delay.

PSW said to sign "sidewalk letter" for along thorton for smart housing compliance of current apts being built. Apparently the project needed this letter, and it was supposed to have been signed and perhaps lost, so signed again. PSW didnt pay certain development fees, in exchange for sidewalk to oltorf, but buildout hasnt happened yet. Supposed to happen before bldg 1 is occupied, we assume, bu tthat seems unlikely.

Kim brings up rewrite of bylaws for SLNA. please email comments, ideas, suggestion to exec comm and Vic says he will get started.

New business

Lightsey 2 - POSSIBLE ACTION

aka lightsey ridge - just this week applied for construction permit review, revealing doing "SF-attached", but attached with trellis. There is assertion that trellis is NOT compliant with "structural element" as defined in code. That is, do grape arbors and trellis count as structural? One Director has ruled that it does not, and so it wont happen again that plans with solely decorative attachments get approved, but his boss overturned that ruling, according to brian and carol. it WAS rejected originally. This may all lead to a code intrpretion BOA case (basically what does the word "structural" legally mean. SLNA is registered interested party.

work would stop as appeal goes forward, but, as COA has approved trellis, SLNA has 20 days to file code interpretation case, cost is now \$1640. other neighborhoods have pledged but nothing in hand to help yet Brian will follow up. motion by brian, 2nd by bill to cover difference up to \$1640 for code interpretation case/appeal. Passed by vote.

Minor bond discussion -- some new stuff for south austin/d5.

Suggestion by nancy and kim: form a committee to nominate officers, elections are next month (october), much will have to happen over email.

Brian suggestion for handbill for handing out door to door. need to engage more offline and online. more via email....

motion to adjourn called and approved at 8:32pm.