



# South Lamar Neighborhood Association

**SLNA Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**10/16/2014**  
**Faith United Methodist Church**

President Mario Champion opened meeting at 7:10PM

- Bryan King - Lightsey II update
  - Members from SLNA and BONA gave a 30 minute presentation to the Environmental Board this week
  - The Environment Board's recommendation is to NOT approve the Lightsey II subdivision plan, and they suggested this site would be better under SF6 zoning.
  - Concerns on this site include heritage trees, drainage, site lines and the 20+ waivers PSW has asked for
  - The Planning Commission meeting is on October 28 where they will address this case and take the Environmental Board suggestion under consideration.
  - SLNA and BONA need a strong representation at the Oct 28 meeting.
  - PC will vote on whether PSW has complied with city code
  - The 20+ waivers is good indication they have not
  - Bryan emphasized the need for a good SLNA showing on Oct 28.
  
- Mark Strama - Google Fiber
  - Several Google representatives attended with Strama
  - Also present was O. B. McKown from COA. He will respond to environmental concerns. OB.McKown@austintexas.gov, Cell : 512-947-9191, or call 311
  - Google is constructing a new fiber network in our neighborhood
  - They are donating 100 free gigabit connections for 10 years
  - South Austin the first to get Google fiber strictly because of network engineering considerations
  - The fiber connection will go all the way to the house, rather than having a copper or other downgrade connection, so speeds are very fast - 1 Gigabit
  - This is a massive construction process, with 3000 miles of fiber cable being laid within the city limits.
  - In December residents will be able to sign up
  - There was a question raised about privacy - Strama claims that there will be "no packet inspection" so there is "no privacy concern". He said this is "not the same as gmail".
  - Strama said the prices for Austin have not been set, but "should be similar to Kansas City". He quoted Kansas City pricing:
    - \$300 one-time connect fee can be paid in \$25 dollar payments, across 12 months
    - For 1Gigabit internet service - \$300 one-time connect + \$70/month (the hookup fee waived if you maintain service for a year)
    - For 5Megabit service - \$300 one-time connect + \$0 (yes, zero)/monthly fee
    - 1Gigabit + TV - \$300 one-time connect + \$120/month
  - Not everyone will get Google fiber service. Neighborhood is divided into "fiberhoods" and enough "critical mass" of households have to sign-up in order for them to lay the physical connections. Requires a "tipping point" of signups in that fiberhood.
  - It was pointed out our big lots and new construction. Strama said that was good to know and he will include that info in his recommendations.
  - Questions - call 1-877-454-6959 or go to <http://google.com/fiber/helloaustin>
  
- Bluebonnet/S.Lamar Restrictive Covenant
  - The Jim Ross property at S. Lamar/Bluebonnet has a Private Restrictive Covenant that was established in 2008.

- Now Jim wants to lease the property to Chick-fil-A, and wants a stand-alone drive thru which is prohibited by the RC.
  - He has been working with Chick-fil-A for over a year for this, and there will be a Chick-fil-A at this site - if he has to build a non-stand alone, he will.
  - Many people expressed dissatisfaction with Chick-fil-A due to their anti-gay stance.
  - Carol pointed out that we did not get a bond for the RC, so we really don't have much leverage to enforce it.
  - But we can propose certain parameters - hours, etc.
  - Jim will have a 40 year lease with them.
  - The property has a VMU designation which means there could be buildings 60' in height, similar to Broken Spoke development.
  - It was suggested that we require them to donate to LGBT causes.
  - A motion was made by Jim J.:
    - to empower a committee to modify the RC to include a stand-alone drive-thru with the limitation that it operate only within 6AM-10PM, and only 6 days a week, the site must meet Westlake lighting standards, make an effort to save existing trees, and the owner (Jim Ross) must endorse and support with a "good faith" amount of money donated to LGBT organizations and causes that provide services to residents of the neighborhood.
    - A friendly amendment was added by Bob that the committee should present an "array of options" for community support which could include "many things". The committee will convene to decide and negotiate the details.
    - Those who volunteered for the committee are: Mario, Vic, Bruce, Hilary, Sheri Norris, Dottie, Jay, Sallie Merritt, and we presumed Nancy as well.
  - A vote was taken and the motion passed 13 - 5.
- Officer Elections for 2015
    - These new officers were voted by proclamation
    - Mario Champion - President
    - Bruce Evans - VP
    - Nancy Maclaine - Treasurer
    - Kim Johnson - Secretary
    - Bryan King - ANC rep
  - Thornton Road developments - Heath
    - It was noted that the PSW Apartment site plan is expiring soon
    - Neighbors convened to discuss the parking/traffic problems but not a lot of participation yet.
    - Not much to discuss yet but really wants to get a lot of people involved to deal with this very dangerous situation

Meeting adjourned 8:40PM

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