

Minutes for East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

Call to Order

- A general monthly meeting of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team was held on August 16, 2017 at the Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702. It began at 6:09 pm and was presided over by Leslie Thompson who also served as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Sara Strother
- Leslie Thompson
- Julio Perez
- Lee Gresham
- Mark Rogers
- Susan Benz
- Shawn Somerville
- Pam Colloff
- Sylvia Marroquin

Voting members not in attendance included:

- Kristin Hotopp
- Alma Lyra
- Sara Pedrosa

Citizen Communications

- Melissa Ayala gave an update on the Waller Creek Conservancy
- Casey Carter with C3 announced their recent acquisition/lease takeover of the Scoot Inn
- Rebecca Mas Azari notified the team about their plans of restoring/remodeling the two properties located at 1408 & 1410 E Cesar Chavez and opening Paloma Bakery in the smaller home. The tenant of the larger house on the property is TBD. Representatives of the bakery, Danika Thomas (designer) and Sandi Reinlie (day to day operations, formerly of Walton's Family and Staple, Bess, and Vespio/Enoteca) described how the bakery would be a vegan, clean, gluten-free café open 8a – 9p Tues – Sun.
- Alanna Loosen – presented a residential parking permit request for the block on San Marcos between Willow and Spence. Sylvia Marroquin, as the corresponding Sector Rep signed the petition.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Moved by Pam Colloff and seconded by Sara Strother that minutes from the June and July minutes be approved. The motion unanimously carried.

Officers' Reports

- Susan Benz, Treasurer updated the team that there have been no bank transactions and that she was able to get the monthly \$10 surcharge the account removed
- **Motion:** Shawn Somerville moved Julio Perez seconded that we compose (to be written by Sara S & Pam) and send to Lee Austin a letter requesting stop signs at Waller & 5th; Navasota & 2nd; and Media & 2nd. The motion carried unanimously.
- Susan will fold into the Bylaws the approved changes from last month's meeting for the revised roles of ECCNPCT officers.

Committee Reports

- The Land Use Committee Report was delivered by Shawn Somerville with an update from the last committee meeting regarding the following properties: 4th & Comal, 1303 E Cesar Chavez, & 1314 Holly Street.
- The Historic Preservation Committee Report was postponed until the September meeting.

Main Motions

- **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Susan Benz that we elect/vote in Kristen Heaney as the Sector 8 Rep for the ECCNPCT. The motion carried with 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.
- **Motion:** Moved by Susan Benz and seconded by Mark Rogers that we support the project of Richard Weiss and his request for a variance. After discussion, Susan Benz withdrew her motion.
- **Motion:** Sylvia moved and Julio seconded that we postpone any vote on this project until next month to allow time for the surrounding neighbors to be notified. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Susan Benz and seconded by Shawn Somerville that the ECCNPCT write and send a letter (written by Kristen/Sector Rep) to the Board of Adjustments supporting the request for the variance for General Retail as well as the reduction of required parking from 5 spaces to 0 spaces at 1314 Holly Street. The motion unanimously carried.

Announcements

- None

Adjournment

- Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Sylvia Marroquin that the meeting be adjournment 8:20 pm. The motion unanimously carried.

Secretary
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

Date of Approval