

# 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 March 15, 2017 at the Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702. It began at 6:45pm after the City of Austin's Community Develop Commission's Election for East Austin Representative. Bertha Delgado won the election against Edie Cassell. The ECCNPCT meeting was presided over by Chairman Jose Valera with Leslie Thompson serving as secretary.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Kristin Hotopp
- Julio Perez
- Sara Pedrosa
- Sylvia Marroquin
- Leslie Thompson
- Shawn Somerville
- Lee Gresham
- Jose Valero
- Susan Benz
- Alma Lyra

Voting members not in attendance included:

- Farah Rivera
- Sara Strother
- Pam Colloff

## Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Sara Pedrosa moved and Kristen Hotopp seconded that the minutes from the previous meetings be approved. The motion carried with 9 in favor and 1 abstention

## Citizen Communications

- Barbara Joyce spoke about a phrase she read about 90% of foreclosures happening in Austin are in our East Austin community and that is untrue
- Cynthia Valadez spoke about the RBJ Project

## Officers' Reports

- Chairman's Report was delivered by Jose Valera
  - Jose announced this is his last meeting as he is moving to Portland. Alma Lyra will be serving as Interim Chairman until a new Chairman is elected.
- Treasurers Report was delivered by Susan Benz
  - No change

## Committee Reports

- The Nominations Committee Report and the Communications Committee report was postponed. Sara Pedrosa will be sending out the written reports via email.
- The Land Use Committee Report was delivered by Shawn Somerville
  - 1801 E. Cesar Chavez

## Main Motions

- **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Jose Valera that we add a discussion on the outdoor music permits to item VII. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Jose Valera and seconded by Susan Benz that we add 1801 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street (at Chicon) to the agenda under item VII. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Jose Valera and seconded by Sara Pedrosa that we table the topic of the ECCNPCT Cocktail Lounge Policy until next month to vote on the revised version of the current cocktail lounge policy drafted by Jose Valera and Susan Benz. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Shawn Somerville and seconded by Susan Benz that the ECCNPCT **write and send a letter in support of** Riverside Resources' Fee in lieu of \$500,000 for a density bonus (no additional height is being requested). The FAR request is 3:1 ration versus the 2:1 ratio allowed under the TOD ordinance. The fee in lieu also covers an exception to the compatibility setback for a portion of the northern façade. The letter will include a statement that the team would like the fee in lieu to be spent within the ECCNPCT boundaries. The motion carried with in 9 in favor and 1 abstention.
- **Motion:** Moved by Shawn Somerville and seconded by Susan Benz that the ECCNPCT **write and send a letter in support of** Lou Elman/Jobe Corral Architect's Residential Compatibility variance request for 1801 E Cesar Chavez. The variance request includes a modification for a 5 foot setback and a 3 foot ADA encroachment setback both on the east side of the property. The motion carried with 9 in favor and 1 abstention.
- **Motion:** Moved by Kristen Hotopp and seconded by Sylvia Marroquin for an amendment to the motion above that the ECCNPCT is conditional depending on written support from the 3 adjacent neighbors. The motion for the amendment failed with 3 in favor, 5 against and 1 abstention.

## Announcements

- Susan Benz agreed to lead the efforts in Outdoor Music permits which includes fielding and responding to requests and making recommendations to the Chairman and the team.
- Elena Rodriguez gave an update on the RBJ Redevelopment Project and will provide written clarification on the December 31<sup>st</sup> policy change and the implementations of that change mentioned by Cynthia Valadez.

## Adjournment

Moved by Jose Valera and seconded by Shawn Somerville that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:40 pm.

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Secretary  
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

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Date of Approval