

Meeting Minutes

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

General Monthly Meeting – July 17, 2019 6:00 – 7:30pm

Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702

6:05pm **Call to Order & Introductions/Roll Call**

Susan Benz, Leslie Thompson, Kristen Heaney, Mark Rogers, Julio Perez (6:10),
Kristen Hotopp (6:16).

Pam Colloff and Sara Pedrosa communicated re: their absence.

Renee Lopez (Potential member) here

6:06pm **Citizen Communications**

Elena Rodriguez, RBJ

Milling & overlaying of Comal and Waller are complete.

Interior roadways of the project are largely complete

Working with CapMetro for temp bus route.

South Market Tract, (market rate units) construction has started.

Mixed Use Tract, construction has started. Leasing is through the development team (Momark?)

Affordable housing “wrap” construction will start in September.

Citizen Comment (Farrah): We have an issue with CapMetro because our buss tops have been eliminated. Closest is Clermont and Waller. Please bring this to the attention of CapMetro.

MOTION: K Hotopp moved and it was seconded to write a letter to CapMetro requesting they reinstate service to the existing RBJ bus stop. Motion carried unanimously.

6:26pm **Reading and approval of the June 19 General Meeting minutes**

MOTION: K Heaney moved and it was seconded to approve the June 19 General Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

6:28pm **Officers' Reports**

Parking meter funding and potential uses, Susan Benz

We have accrued money and we need to create a sub-committee and make recommendations for improvements we'd like to request.

COA has a neighborhood partnering program for transportation improvements. We can use our funds and have the city match some of our funding.

Who is interested in chairing that committee? Crisene Casper volunteers.

6:33pm

Standing Committee/Sector Rep Reports

Bylaws Sub-Committee Update - Kristen Hotopp, Chair

We've gotten through Section 6.

We're incorporating some good language from past by-laws.

Susan Benz recommends that we set a separate public meeting date for the by-laws edit conversation, perhaps in September.

6:39pm

Unfinished Business/General Orders

Translating Community History – Susan Benz

There are some new dates for the events and historic data collection process.

Flyers were distributed.

Renee shares updates from the last meeting. Ideas to highlight East Austin history included a parade, a homes tour, etc.

7:15pm

New Business

1314 Holly restoration - Mandelyn Schubert, Equilibrium Properties

Frias Grocery Restoration

Want to restore back to the way it was. Grocery, Residence, Garage Apt.

Parking rules are the issue with returning it to a grocery, but not if they can get grandfathered in as a historic property without a change of use.

We don't yet have a tenant. We're asking somebody to lease and run the store, lease the residence and lease the garage apartment.

Asking for a letter of support to share with the historic Steve Sadowsky. Specifically, the reopening of the retail space.

Schubert will follow up with more detail on the specific request for support.

1400 block of East 6th Street - Barrett Lepore, Riverside Resources

Requesting a waiver of the base 2:1 FAR to 4:1.

Plan would vacate Onion Street and make it a paseo. Creates a node to tie the two sides of the project together.

Gensler is architect.

Request is for letter of support for Fee in Lieu of affordable housing.

MOTION: M Rogers moved and it was seconded to write a letter of support for the request for the density bonus for a fee in lieu of providing affordable housing. Motion carried by a majority vote. Julio Perez abstained.

7:25pm Announcements

K Hotopp reminds our team that it's appropriate we share our opinions on projects especially re: supporting and sharing the intent of our neighborhood plan and from our own experience in our neighborhood.

7:30pm Adjournment

MOTION: C Casper moved and it was seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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