

Meeting Minutes

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

General Monthly Meeting

May 15, 2019

6:00 – 7:30pm

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

I. Call to Order & Introductions/Roll Call

Susan Benz, Julio Perez, Kristen Heaney, Mark Rogers, Kristen Hotopp
Quorum.

II. Citizen Communications

Emi Johnson – APL Community Service Coordinator, Supervisor

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Sharon Jones, APL Community Services Coordinator

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Here at Terrazas 3 times to provide services for our homeless population

Mandy Mayekawa, Bread & Butter PR – East Austin Hotel

mandy@breadbutterpr.com

New 75 room hotel, pool bar, pool, restaurant. Now open.

One meeting room. Free public wifi.

Locally owned and operated.

Rates \$99 - \$299. LUX to less. Some cabin rooms (less) with shared bathroom.

Gwen O’Barr – Austin Neighborhood Council

Was no ANC meeting last month. ECC pays \$50 fee today.

Gwen offers that if the Texaco Project goes to City Council the ANC can help.

III. Reading and approval of the outstanding past General Meeting minutes

Postponed

IV. Officers’ Reports

President – gave Planning Commission update

Treasurer - \$50 to ANA

Role change for Agendas & Minutes

Leslie- Minutes/Sara-Agendas

K. Heaney notes that or bylaws state that “membership of the ECC NPCT shall to the greatest extent practicable include at least one representative from each of the following groups within the neighborhood planning area

1) Property owners...”

ECC Team Members convey that in the past representatives have been asked to step down if they move out of the neighborhood even if they still own property. This has been an unwritten code.

K. Heaney notes that there is no specification that a sector rep be a neighborhood resident. Could be a property owner, business owner, renter, or any of the groups identified as appropriate representative groups within the neighborhood planning area. Moving out of the neighborhood will still owning property is not stated as grounds for removal from the ECC.

MOTION – M. Rogers moved and it was seconded to allow Heaney to remain the Sector 8 Residential Rep through the end of her term. Motion was withdrawn.

K. Hotopp says its vague to say we wait to resolve it. We have to be committed to do the work to change the bylaws.

Neighbor says there is no basis for a MOTION. The bylaws don't tell us that we have to remove her.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

We need to have a bylaws conversation for the changes to define the sector rep conversations. We need a sub-committee to agree to review and revise the bylaws. We need to state how many terms you can serve. Address any concerns about absentee ownership and ECC representation.

Volunteers for a Bylaws review sub-committee – Kristen Heaney, Kristen Hotopp, Mark Rogers, Julio Perez.

V. Standing Committee/Sector Rep Reports

Land Use:

Fiesta Garden, J. Perez – The garden has been there for 10 years and the RBJ project up to last week we found out that the property line is in the wrong place and they have torn down some of the fence to build a rain garden and pond. We only had a few days to get the word out. Some gardeners are coming back to gardens that are destroyed. The City sent out plans for the property line. Was not a survey. City sent an old survey. J. Perez uncomfortable, doesn't understand how they could have missed this after years of planning. Called our City Councilmen (P. Renteria) for a meeting and he would not. Felt like we had no say and we were taken by surprise.

PARD is saying that the developers are correct.

I have questions. During the process they stake out the property line and it changes.

Eric recommends finding a pro-bono attorney to address this.

STR Committee, K Hotopp – Short Term Rental

Bills have been presented to mandate all STR taxes and rules at state level. Those bills did not make it out of committees

VI. Unfinished Business/General Orders

Update on Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission DENIED the CUP application by a 10-1 vote. It is likely that Endeavor will appeal to City Council.

VII. New Business

New team member applications and upcoming elections

Crisene Casper – Submits application for business rep. and presents intentions and qualifications for joining.

MOTION - S. Benz moved and it was seconded to amend the agenda to include an election for the business representative seat. Motion carried unanimously.

Applicant Introduction – Crisene Casper

Venue Manager of the Scoot Inn since November 2017. Wants to have a voice. Open communication with new and existing business and residences. Being new to the neighborhood of 2 years, my first experience of the neighborhood meeting was quite

frightening but since attending regularly I really enjoy having a pulse on what's going on in the neighborhood. Would love to see changes in regards to Scoot intersection and the dangers there. Solving parking problems. Managing the scooter impact. I find it extremely interesting actually.

CONVERSATION of the board. K Heaney brings up bylaws again

MOTION – K. Heaney moved and it was seconded to elect Crisene Casper to the business representative seat. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Adjournment

MOTION - M. Rogers moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40PM. Motion carried unanimously.