

**East César Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team  
Meeting Agenda**  
General Monthly Meeting – November 18, 2020 @ 6:00PM

Virtual meeting held on Zoom (link): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88307040492>, Meeting ID: 883 0704 0492

**6:00pm Call to Order & Introductions/Roll Call**

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Members							
Residential Rep	1	Eric Pace (S)		Community Stakeholder	Residential Renter:	Farah Rivera	
	2	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	Julio Perez	
	3	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	-	
	4	Sara Pedrosa			Non-Profit/Civic:	-	
	5	-			Business/Owner:	Susan Benz (T)	
	6	-			Business/Owner:	Crisene Casper	
	7	Kristen Hotopp (VC)			Business/Owner:	Kristen Heaney (C)	
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**Officers Key:** (C) Chair, (VC) Vice-Chair, (T) Treasurer, (S) Secretary

**6:05pm Citizen Communications**

**6:25pm Reading and approval of the May, August, September, and October 2020 General Meeting Minutes**

**6:30pm Officers' Reports**

**6:40pm Standing Committee/Sector Rep Reports**

**7:00pm Unfinished Business/General Orders**

- **Update re: whether code changes are required alongside NPA requests by Centro East (6<sup>th</sup> and Comal) and Fair Market (1100 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.).**
- **Possible vote on whether to support or oppose Fair Market project request for an amendment to the neighborhood plan (TOD) and possible code change.**  
Fair Park/Fair Market at 1100 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. held a City-led community meeting on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> to present their plan and discuss their application for an amendment to the neighborhood plan in the Saltillo Transit Oriented District (TOD). In addition to the City-led meeting this October, Fair Market's project and proposed plan amendment was discussed at the ECCNPCT's August and September meetings.
- **Discussion re: vacant seats and recruiting.**

**8:00pm New Business**

- **Vote on Farah Rivera's application to one of two of ECCNPCT's vacant non-profit seats.**
- **Discussion re: drug trafficking taking place at and homeless occupation of the vacant building at 901 East César Chavez (formerly Gun and Gold Pawn Shop).** The vacant pawn shop has reportedly been breached by homeless squatters. A Sector 7 neighbor states she witnessed drug deals taking place there, and that a man on the property waived a gun at her when she walked by to observe and take photos (one pictures a naked man who is apparently now living in the building). She contacted Pio several times to report the issue but did not receive a response. She is now working directly with APD and the Austin Code Dept.,

who continues to board up the building each time they receive reports of a new break-in. See: [https://nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/?post=167236475](https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=167236475). Report any suspicious activity to Capital Area Crime Stoppers: 512-472-TIPS or <http://www.austincrimestoppers.org/sitemenu.aspx?ID=103&> AND the Austin Code via 311 (both units need to receive reports).

- **Discussion and possible action re: proposed Community Court location at 1719 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.** This issue is on Council’s December 3 agenda; they will vote on whether to allow the *“Office of Real Estate Services to authorize the negotiation and execution of a lease agreement with an option to purchase with 3423 Holdings, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, for approximately 30,000 square feet of office space for the Downtown Austin Community Court, located at 1719 East 2nd Street, for a 120 month lease with one ten-year extension option, in an amount not to exceed \$21,562,500.”*

On [Nextdoor](#), Sara Zamarripa (an ECC resident who lives near the proposed E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. site) notes that the city has not solicited input from nearby ECC residents, some of whom are already concerned about the activity taking place at the Terrazas Library. Terrazas is currently serving as the Downtown Austin Community Court’s (DACC) temporary location.

Neighbor commentary and contextual info on Nextdoor:

[https://nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/?post=167568432&comment=497663646](https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=167568432&comment=497663646)

CoA DACC web page: <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/community-court>

**8:15pm**      **Announcements**

**8:30pm**      **Adjournment**