

**East César Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 General Monthly Meeting- March 16, 2022 @ 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 (C)	P	Community Stakeholder	Residential Renter:	-	
	2	Michael McGill	P		Non-Profit/Civic:	Julio Perez	A
	3	Sara Zamarripa (T)	P		Non-Profit/Civic:	-	
	4	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	-	
	5	-			Business/Owner:	-	
	6				Business/Owner:	Crisene Casper	A
	7	Kristen Hotopp (VC)	P		Business/Owner:	Kristen Heaney	P
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**Officers Key:** (C) Chair, (VC) Vice-Chair, (T) Treasurer, (S) Secretary

Other participants: Clint Dein, Curtis Rogers, James Valadez, Bill Hamilton, Estrella Sainburg, Reid Shafran of Stream Realty, & Aaron Mendosa from CM Renteria’s office.

**6:05pm Citizen Communications**

**6:15pm Reading and approval of the Dec. 2021, Jan. 2022, and Feb. 2022 General Meeting Minutes**

- Feb. 2022 meeting minutes: unanimously approved. Still need Dec. 2021 and Jan. 2022 minutes.

**6:20pm Officers’ Reports**

- Sara Zamarripa: working with Terrazas library to reach agreement with neighborhood to beautify library space. Neighborhood Assoc. must sign off on the agreement. Timeline unclear; EP will inquire.
- Eric Pace:
  - o ECCNPCT sponsors Comal Pocket Park. Michael McGill has set up a cleanup & beautification date scheduled for March 26. On that date, Michael will also solicit input for park improvement and maintenance.
  - o EP has applied for Google for Nonprofit “TechSoup” web services approval. Our application was denied b/c we do not have a 501C3. We are tax exempt but not a 501 nonprofit. Decision: do we apply for 501 status? Or do we partner with a partner non-profit organization to get services through that org? Primary benefit would be to do more community engagement/outreach.

**6:30pm Standing Committee/Sector Rep Reports**

- Heaney/Land Use: zoning change requested for lot at 7<sup>th</sup> & Concho (not within ECC boundaries). Also, notice of public hearing re: amendment to Land Dev Code (re: VMU). Planning Commission hears March 22.
- Sara/Crime & Safety: encampments growing again on block between I35 & San Marcos is getting worse. Charles of Homeless Response Team is unresponsive to emails. Eric echoes city is unhelpful related to growth of homeless encampments in the area.

**6:40pm Unfinished Business/General Orders**

- **6:40-7:05 pm: NPA Rezoning Request for TX Coffee Traders site @ 1400 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.-** request by RC and Beth Beall (represented by Richard Suttle of Armbrust & Brown) for a

mixed-use office building height increase from the 40 ft. base height in the Saltillo Regulating Plan to 85 feet.

- Passed by Council on first reading, March 10, 2022; next reading is March 24.
- Conversations underway with CM Renteria's office and Stream Realty, which released a new "community benefits" proposal on 3/15/22. Stream Realty has not expressed any desire to reduce height. They propose either 85 feet w/community benefit or 60 feet development only.
- Recap by Heaney re: rezoning request, negotiation, and similar case (Cielo's Foundry II). Discrepancy in how each side is evaluating \$ paid & community benefits; she has requested clarification for adequate comparison. Heaney is requesting postponement of 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to May. Three (3) options for the team:
  - 1. Oppose.
  - 2. Support the 85 feet in exchange for pre-identified community benefits that we believe to be sufficient.
  - 3. Lend support to increase in height (ex: 74 feet) & note that if Council approves 85 feet, outline community benefits we deem sufficient.
- **7:05- 7:15 pm: Officer vacancies:** Secretary.
- **7:15- 7:30 pm: Community socials/community engagement & outreach, vacancies.**

**7:30pm**            **Announcements**

**7:40pm**            **Adjournment**