

MEETING NOTES - DRAFT
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
October 21, 2015 6:00PM
Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, TX 78702

ECCNP Contact Team Members present:

Alberto Martinez	Farah Rivera	Cecilia Russell	Alma Lyra (arrived 7pm)
Richard Roberts	Julio Perez	Michael Casias	
Ken Johnson	Leslie Thompson	Sylvia Marroquin (arrived 6:55pm)	

ECCNP Contact Team Members absent:

José Valera	Chris Kanipe	Sara Strother
Greg Foulkes	Eduardo Medina	

1. Introductions

2. Citizen Communications:

Alexander Loredó – Homeless Students Project- Did you know here were 2,642 students identified as HOMELESS in Austin Independent School District during the 2014-2015 school year? Austin High Latino Partnership (AHLP) led by Alexander Loredó is raising FUNDS and GOODS for a winter clothing collection for Homeless AISD students.

Please contact Alexander Loredó at alexander.loredo@gmail.com to donate!

Pio Renteria – Town Hall meeting Saturday , October 24th at 3rd & Martinez Streets (10am)

Re: Capitol Metro money for signage and safety

Rick Rojo – Festival Beach Food Forest: 2/3 acre for Edible Landscaping.

Planting starts November 7th; 3pm. TreeFolks website.

Keith Knezovich – U.S. Health Advisors (American Independent Business Coalition)

Affordable health insurance

Greg Anderson – Habitat for Humanity, changing location to 500 West Ben White; Tuesday Big Sale

3. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2015 meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES PASSED BY A VOTE OF NINE (9) MEMBERS “FOR” AND ONE “ABSTAIN.”

4. Palm Elementary Building: Commissioner Margaret Gomez (did not come to meeting)

No discussion - requesting in support of preservation of Palm Elementary Building

5. City of Austin Survey: Jackie Chuter

Presentation & Discussion Item: The survey asks individuals to choose which recommendations from the adopted neighborhood plan are most important in the neighborhood today. Responses provide important input to the City’s Capital Improvement Program planning process and to annual department work programs.

Community is being requested to participate in city survey: (512) 974-2613

jackie.chuter@austintexas.gov

Austintexas.gov/department/implementation-program

6. Plaza Saltillo Development: Elizabeth Purcell (did not come to meeting)

No discussion - regarding preservation of Pine Street Station buildings at 5th and Waller Streets which are part of the Plaza Saltillo re-Development

7. Waller Creek Conservancy: Alyssa Nunez (did not come to meeting)

No discussion - No further details available

8. ECCNPCT Resignations:

Action Item: Accept resignations of Business Representative Michael Cassias and Land Use

Committee Co-chairs Gwen O'Barr and Lyon Gegenheimer
 Michael Casias – School of Film moved to Tillery; Affordable Housing

9. Nominations for vacated ECCNPCT positions:

No discussion because there was no quorum at that time –

Nominate, discuss, and vote to fill vacated committee/ representative positions on ECCNPCT

10. Land Use Committee Report: Shawn Sommerville

Presentation and Discussion Items: Updates on Redevelopment of Chalmers and César Chavez Street project; Redevelopment of car wash on César Chavez Street at Comal; Development of Bluebonnet Café, 910 E. César Chavez Street.

See attached report.

11. Communications Committee Report: Sara Pedrosa, Lori Renteria

Possible Action Items:

- a. Discussion of changing ECCNPCT monthly meeting day from 3rd Wednesday of month to 3rd Tuesday of month. Ken Johnson said that Wed was the only night with no city meetings.
- b. Discussion of schedule for ECCNPCT Administrative Workshop for team members and committee leaders (retreat)- The Team does want to get started on that.
 - Lori said that Josep Martinez could facilitate a “retreat” – was chair of ECC for five years. (Oath form; ethics policies; Josep helped create and revise bylaws). Susan Benz worked on the bylaws but they may not have been adopted. He is available on Dec 12 and 19 (Saturdays)
- c. Grapevine Newsletter is not ready in part because no one has given her content. She has asked everyone on the team to send content to Edie and Sara.

12. Bike and Pedestrian Committee Report: Edie Cassell (for Kathryn Flowers)

Update on bike and pedestrian projects active or upcoming in ECC neighborhood.

See attached report.

13. Adjourn