

Minutes for East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Call to Order

A general monthly meeting of the East Cesar Chaves Neighborhood Planning Team was held on January 18, 2017 at the Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702. It began at 6:11pm and was presided over by Jose Valero, with Leslie Thompson serving as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Jose Valera
- Pam Colloff
- Kristen Hotopp
- Lee Gresham
- Julio Perez
- Alma Lyra
- Sara Pedrosa
- Farah Rivera
- Sara Strother
- Susan Benz
- Sylvia Marroquin
- Leslie Thompson
- Shawn Somerville

Voting members not in attendance included:

- None

Citizen Communications

- **Mark Rogers** announced that he is interested in serving on the ECCNPT as a Nonprofit rep as on behalf of the Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corp
- **Gwen O'Barr** requested the team to add an agenda item – writing a letter to City Council requesting a postponement of the hearing on the Endeavor project.
- **Janine Bergin** suggested that the ECCNPT bestow recognition for the restoration project of 7 cottages at the 1200 block of Garden Street and the development at Navasota and Cesar Chavez as projects of merit.
- Councilman Pio Renteria spoke about the increase in car theft and extra patrols for the area. He also spoke about working with Endeavor to make sure they build more than just 1 bedrooms for the low-income housing.

Approval of Minutes

- Jose moved and Susan seconded to approve the **November 16th General Meeting** with edits. The motion carried with 11 in favor and 2 abstentions.
- Sara P moved and Susan seconded to approve the **December 7th Special Meeting** minutes with edits. The motion carried with 10 in favor and 3 abstentions.

- Pam moved and Farrah seconded to approve the **January 4th Special Meeting** with edits. The motion carried with 12 in favor and 1 abstention.

Officers' Reports

- The Chairman's Report was presented by Jose Valera.
 - It was agreed that the Neighborhood flyer would be printed by January 27th and distributed no later than February 15th.
 - CDC – requested a volunteer to help the liaison with the city staff Sara Pedrosa volunteered to be the liaison with the city with recruitment and election of the of a volunteer with the CDC city commission opening on the CDC.
 - Provided an update on Code Next
 - January 30th first public release of the draft code
 - April 18th release of the mapping

Committee Reports

- The Nomination Committee Report was delivered by Sara Pedrosa.
 - Working sessions for the Nominations Committee and the Communications Committee will be held on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10:30am – 12:30pm at the Terrazas Branch Library
 - It was announced that officer elections will be held during the February general meeting
- The Communications Committee Report was delivered by Edie Cassel
 - Passed out the most recent version of the flyer – **edits needed by January 25th**
 - Updating the Website by March 1st
 - Organize and maintain a Google Drive
 - Flyers, social media, partner stakeholder communications
 - Volunteers needed – please come to the February 4th meeting.
- The Historical Preservation Committee Report was delivered by Amy Thompson
 - 1403 E 6th Street granted a permit for demolition
 - Sewing Machine Shop asking for a demolition permit
 - Meet every other month on the 2nd Thursday from 6p – 7p at the Terrazas Branch Library
- The Short Term Rental Committee Report was delivered by Kristen Hotopp
 - Notification about SB #451 that will pre-empt local regulation on STR guidelines
 - City is in discussions with STR companies (HomeAway, Air B&B, etc) on hotel occupancy tax collection

Main Motions

- Moved by Susan and seconded by Sara S to add to the agenda a discussion and possible action item on the suggestion of the ECCNPT write and send a letter to the City Council asking for a postponement of the hearing on the Endeavor project. The motion unanimously carried.

Main Motions cont.

- Moved by Sara P and seconded by Susan to approve the bylaws of both the ECCNPT and the ECC Neighborhood Association. The motion unanimously carried.
- Moved by Sylvia and seconded by Kristen that the ECCNPT write and send a letter in opposition of a change in the future land use map (FLUM) from Civic to Neighborhood Mixed Use for the property located at 78 San Marcos Street NPA-2016-0002.00. The motion carried with 11 in favor and 2 abstentions.
- Moved by Leslie and seconded by Sylvia that the ECCNPT write and send a letter to the City Council asking for a postponement of the hearing on the Endeavor project that includes our concerns. The motion unanimously carried.
- Moved by Farrah and seconded by Julio to fully support in strongest possible terms that the ECCNPT write and send a letter of support to keep Martin Middle School open as a middle school at its present location. The motion unanimously carried.

Announcements

- Please note the distributed Notification Letter regarding a proposed apartment community in Austin. DMA Development Company, LLC, intends to utilize Housing Tax Credit and Multifamily Direct Loan financing from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. As part of the application process for these programs, their letter serves as the required notification about the proposed development. For more information contact:
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- Jose Valera is going to create a committee to explore the potential for establishing a working group of members from ECCNPT, the Holly Neighborhood Coalition and the East Town Lake Citizens Association which will coordinate with Councilman Pio Renteria's office to explore the possibilities of a merger of the organizations.
- Shawn Somerville, as Chair of the Land Use Committee, will serve as the liaison between Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and the ECCNPT.

Adjournment

- Moved by Leslie and seconded by Jose to adjourn at 8:48 pm

Secretary
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Date of Approval