

Minutes for East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

Call to Order

A general monthly meeting of the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team was held on February 15, 2017 at the Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702. It began at 6:09pm and was presided over by Leslie Thompson who also acted as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Pam Colloff
- Kristin Hotopp
- Julio Perez
- Sara Pedrosa
- Farah Rivera
- Sara Strother
- Sylvia Marroquin
- Leslie Thompson
- Shawn Somerville

Voting members not in attendance included:

- Jose Valero
- Lee Gresham
- Susan Benz
- Alma Lyra

Citizen Communications

- Jimmy Reed spoke about Garden Street Neighborhood Preservation Award
- Kirt Reed spoke about Garden Street Neighborhood Preservation Award
- Bill Hamilton spoke about Garden Street Neighborhood Preservation Award
- Antonio Martinez spoke about Garden Street Neighborhood Preservation Award
- Elena Rodriguez announced that the RBJ update is postponed to next month
- Jayme Mathias spoke about Sanchez Elementary Closure/Consolidation
- Ada Corral & Lou Ellman announced they are planning a development at 1801 E Cesar Chavez and will be coming to a future Land Use committee meeting with further details.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Farrah Rivera moved and Pam Colloff seconded that the minutes from the previous meetings be approved. The motion unanimously carried.

Officers' Reports

- In place of the Chairman's report Kristen delivered a summary of the meeting with Cap Metro/Endeavor on the Saltillo Plaza Development meeting. During this update the development team of: Jason Thumlert of Endeavor, Michelle Hausman of Land Use Solutions and Gerardo Castillo of Cap Metro also spoke.
 - Development team wants 125 feet height limit. For that they are offering \$600K fee-in-lieu; 4 additional affordable housing 2 bedrooms (floating) – percentage of units stays but the percentage of square footage increases
 - They will accept 70 feet height limit but will then only offer a \$100K fee-in-lieu and only 15% affordable housing
- Treasurers Report was postponed to March due to Susan's absence.

Committee Reports

- The Nominations Committee Report and the Communications Committee report was delivered by Sara Pedrosa. Openings | Bylaws | Term Limits discussion was postponed to this summer. Full nominations and Communications Committee report is **attached**.
- The Land Use Committee Report was delivered by Shawn Somerville – **attached**
- The Historical Preservation Committee Report was delivered by Janine Bergin - **attached**

Main Motions

- **Motion:** Moved by Shawn Somerville and seconded by Sara Strother that Kristen deliver the report for the meeting on Feb 7th relaying the Chairman's report on behalf of Jose. The motion unanimously carried with 7 in favor, and 1 abstention.
- **Motion:** Kristin Hotopp moved and Sylvia Marroquin seconded that: that the ECCNPCT write and send a letter of conditional support but only if the office tower is limited to 80 feet (5 stories) and only if CapMetro/Endeavor provides 25% affordable housing. This increase is only supported because this property is on public land owned by our public transit provider. Shawn moved for a friendly amendment – to increase the height limit to 125 feet building (8 stories) – there was no second, therefore the friendly amendment died. The original motion carried with 7 in favor and 2 abstentions.
- **Motion:** Moved by Farah Rivera and seconded by Shawn Somerville that we hold a community meeting to further discuss the topic of Sanchez Consolidation. The motion unanimously carried: 9 in favor.
- **Motion:** Moved by Sara Pedrosa and seconded by Kristin Hotopp that a Letter of support be written for the Preservation of Neighborhood Character Award for the restoration project located at Garden, Cross and Navasota Streets presented by Janine Bergin to be awarded to Ryan Gullahorn and Demetri Hammond on March 25th. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Farrah Rivera and seconded by Leslie Thompson that ECCNPCT write and send a letter in support of a parking variance for Green and White Grocery, 1201 E 7th St, Austin, TX 78702 The motion unanimously carried.

Announcements

- Review of the 2010 ECC policy regarding new Cocktail Lounge CUPs on E. 6th street was postponed to the March meeting
- Request for ECCNPCT support for Sheriff Hernandez was postponed to the March meeting
- Christina Estrada notified the ECCNPCT on a parking permit application, for resident parking only on the 1000 block of Spence. Signature request for Chairman to confirm notification.
- "It's My Park Day" happening in March. [Following this link](#) will lead you to info on the spring and fall "Park Day" events as well as grant information sessions being held at Terrazas library.
- Quarterly NPCT Training dates: May 2, August 15, November 21
- Austin Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help manage the Mile 3 Aid Station during the NXP Austin Marathon on Sunday, February 19th. A Great opportunity to show your support for Austin Habitat and ReStore

The Details:

Who: You, friends, and reluctant family

What: NXP Austin Marathon

When: Sunday, February 19th from 5:30am - 9am

Where: ReStore - 500 W Ben White Blvd.

[Signup page here.](#)

Adjournment

Leslie Thompson moved and Farrah Rivera seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:48 pm.

Secretary

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Date of Approval