

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 April 20, 2016 at the Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702. It began at 6:10pm and was presided over by Jose Valero, with Leslie Thompson as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Jose Valera
- Leslie Thompson
- Pam Colloff
- Cecelia Russell
- Richard Roberts
- Sylvia Marroquin
- Farah Rivera
- Shawn Somerville
- Julio Perez
- Alma Lyra
- Eduardo Medina
- Sara Pedrosa

Voting members not in attendance included:

- Sara Strother
- Greg Foulkes
- Ken Johnson

Citizen Communications

- Pio Renteria spoke about the temporary moratorium on demolitions and the historical homes survey. He also mentioned the new city staffing a role for the Tejano Walking Trail to be based at the Mexican American Cultural Center.
- Patricia Schaub spoke about Prop 1/Rideshare
- Rabeka Wilson spoke about Prop 1/Rideshare
- Patrick McDonald spoke about Prop 1/Rideshare
- Cliff Warner – Transportation Network Company
- Miller Nuttle spoke about the Mobility Talk petition and the Mobility Bond Election coming up in the Fall.
- Fred McGhee spoke about the need for East Austin neighborhood representation on the Federal Community Development Commission which meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm each month.

- RC Bealle of Texas Coffee Traders spoke about concerns with all of the ongoing construction projects (worker parking, road closures, safety, staging offices, etc) that will continue to be a bigger and bigger issue over the next two years.
- Jeremy Vincik spoke about a free house that is being relocated.
- Amy Thompson spoke about the property at 1112 E. 3rd Street home being considered for demolition.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cecelia Russell moved and Farrah Rivera seconded that the minutes from the previous meetings on March 16th (with one revision) and April 5th (with two revisions) be approved. The motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 abstention.

Committee Reports

- The Historic Preservation Committee report was presented by Janine Bergin and Gwen O’Barr who delivered a summary of the demolitions in the neighborhood. Paige (a resident on Garden Street also spoke in opposition to the demotion of 1602 Garden.
- The Communications Committee Report was delivered by Edie Cassell.
- The Land Use Committee Report was delivered by Shawn Somerville.

Main Motions

- **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Shawn Somerville that we add the demolition of 1602 Garden to the Agenda under New Business. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Jose Valera and seconded by Shawn Somerville to move up the New Business item of the 1602 Garden demolition demolition to the Standing (Historic) Committee Section of the agenda with the other demolitions. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Sara Pedrosa and seconded by Richard Roberts that we move up the New Business Agenda Item of the Scoot Inn Outdoor Music Permit Renewal up before the Standing Committee reports due to schedule conflicts. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Sara Pedrosa and seconded by Leslie Thompson that the ECCNPT write and send a letter of support to the Austin City Council, to delay all TOTAL demolition requests in East Austin until the Hardy-Heck-Moore historic survey, commissioned by the city’s Historic Preservation Office has been completed. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Sara Pedrosa and seconded by Pam Colloff that the ECCNPT write and send a letter to the Austin City Council opposing the demolition of 1603 Willow Street. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Farah Rivera and seconded by Alma Lyra that the ECCNPT write and send a letter to the Austin City Council opposing the demolition of 1112 East 3rd Street. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Sara Pedrosa and seconded by Farrah Rivera that that the ECCNPT write and send a letter to Historic Land Commission opposing the demolition of 1602 Garden. The motion unanimously carried.

- **Motion:** Moved by Jose Valera and seconded by Cecelia Russell that the ECCNPT write and send a letter to the Austin City Council Standing Committee in support of the outdoor music permit renewal for the Scoot Inn. The motion carried with 11 in favor and 1 abstention.
- **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Jose Valera that we adopt and post the Proposed Procedures for the Land Use and Design Committee presented by Shawn Somerville during his committee report. The motion carried with 9 in favor, and 1 abstention.

Announcements

- Edie Casell announced/requested that all team members get all of their comments on the flyer to Edie by Monday, April 25th.
- Jose Valera announced that he would send out a poll to the team to pick a weekend for block walking/flyer distribution.

Adjournment

Sylvia Marroquin moved and Jose Valera seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:07 pm.

Secretary
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Date of Approval