

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 May 18, 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
- Sylvia Marroquin
- Farah Rivera
- Shawn Somerville
- Julio Perez
- Alma Lyra
- Sara Pedrosa
- Sara Strother
- Ken Johnson
- Eduardo Medina

Voting members not in attendance included:

- Greg Foulkes
- Richard Roberts

Citizen Communications

- Greg Anderson spoke to remind everyone that the Austin Habitat ReStore has moved to their new location at 500 W Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78704. Donations should no longer be dropped off at the former location on Comal.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cecelia Russell moved and Alma Lyra seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting on April 20, 2016 be approved. The motion carried with 10 in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

Officers' Reports

- The Chairman's Report was delivered by Jose Valera. He voiced his concern over the way the team is being perceived throughout the neighborhood, the community, and with city employees based on specific feedback. The perception is that the team says no to everything. Jose emphasized the importance and the duty of polling neighbors in each of the

sectors to ensure we are voting in a manner that truly represents our respective constituents. There will be a canvass and literature drop scheduled within the next few weeks to increase visibility of the team and educate our neighbors on issues affecting our neighborhood as well as to open the door to neighborhood feedback. Jose will be contacting 6th Street Printing to get the flyers printed.

Committee Reports

- The Historic Preservation Committee report was presented by Amy Thompson who provided and update from the Historic Landmark Commission meeting held on April 26th : Two homes were recommended for historic landmark consideration: 1112 E. 3rd, 1603 Willow 1602 Garden Street still in the hearing process. Amy asked the team to come out and show support at the next meeting on Monday, May 23rd at the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm There was discussion on the video of Danny Camacho on the East Side significance posted on the Statesman website and the possibility to have it linked to our site.
- The Land Use Committee Report was delivered by Shawn Somerville. – See separate LUC report distributed by Shawn at the meeting and via email. Regarding 81-87 San Marcos's request for a letter of support (per the 5/3/18 LUC Committee report), Shawn Somerville and Jose Valera are going to put together an initial draft and circulate to the team for comment and present as an Action Item to be voted on at the next meeting, on June 15, 2016.

Main Motions

- **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Cecelia Russell that we move up the last agenda item of Miller Nuttle's presentation about bike and pedestrian improvements with Discussion and possible Action Items to right after Citizen Communications. The motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Moved by Leslie Thompson and seconded by Jose Valero that the ECCNPT write and send a letter of support to the City Council for the funding of the bicycle master plan and high and very high priority sidewalks in the Sidewalk Master Plan through a mobility focused bond election. The motion carried 11 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- **Motion:** Moved by Shawn Somerville and seconded by Leslie Thompson that the ECCNPT write and send a letter of support to the Board of Adjustment supporting the new revised plans of Lisa & Richard Schiller for the new revised proposal at 1103 E 2nd Street. The motion failed with 5 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstentions.
- **Motion:** Moved by Shawn Somerville and seconded by Sylvia Marroquin that the ECCNPT write and send a letter of support to the Planning Commission in support of a CUP for two limited restaurants located at 1646 E Cesar Chavez and 1643 E 2nd Street with a restriction that there would be no music permit and no late night permit (beyond midnight). The amended motion unanimously carried.
- **Motion:** Jose Valera moved and Cecelia Russell seconded that the primary motion be amended to include the previous restriction on outdoor music permits and late night permit (beyond midnight). The motion on the amendment being added unanimously carried.

New Business

- Bo McCarver Spoke on Inclusionary Zoning/Affordable Housing. It was decided to postpone the discussion to a later ECCNPT meeting.

Announcements

- None

Adjournment

Sara Pedrosa moved and Leslie Thompson seconded that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:33 pm.

Secretary

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Date of Approval