

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 June 15, 2016 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 Edie Cassell filing in for Leslie Thompson as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included:

- Jose Valera
- Pam Colloff
- Cecelia Russell
- Sylvia Marroquin
- Farah Rivera
- Shawn Somerville
- Julio Perez
- Sara Pedrosa
- Sara Strother
- Ken Johnson
- Edie Cassell, Communications Committee, recorded the minutes

Voting members not in attendance included:

- Leslie Thompson
- Greg Foulkes
- Richard Roberts
- Eduardo Medina
- Alma Lyra

Citizen Communications

- None. But it was recognized that Tina Pumilia, and active neighbor had passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Cecelia Russell moved and Jose Valera seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting on May 18, 2016 be approved with the following corrections: that Lucy Beggs' presentation by added and that Ken Johnson recused himself on both of the Victor Wang items. The motion unanimously carried 10-0.

Officers' Reports

- The Chairman's Report was delivered by Jose Valera. Jose reported that he got a price for the printing of flyers: 500 items for \$150 or 1000 flyers for \$170: East Sixth Street Printing

- Cecelia Russell reported that we spend money on internet hosting; we gave money to the Tejano Trail and the Neighborhood Association fee.
- Jose said that Leslie did a great job of putting out a list of all the letters that have been written this year; Jose said they have all gone out except the letter to Victor Wang; and also two others that he is waiting for info about.

Committee Reports

- The Historic Preservation Committee Report – Amy Thompson was not in attendance, so Gwen O’Barr reported-
 - 1602 Garden – demolition has happened.
 - 1603 Willow – Jeff Blatt has said that he will work with Preservation Austin to save front of house.
 - 1113 East 3rd Street - is set for July: we are really working on trying to preserve that
- The Land Use Committee Report was delivered by Shawn Somerville.
 - Attayac: They got their reduction to one parking space and reduction to 3-foot set-back and less (53%) impervious coverage; did not get their total request; Shawn does not think they are going to come back with another request. Chair of BOA suggested that they talk with ECC if they want to get more.
 - 1204 & 1206 Cesar Chavez: property between the car lot and Las Trancas food trailer; between Waller and Attayac: Civil Goat Coffee is the applicant for a Conditional Use Permit
 - Jose sent an email to the BOA to let them know this is a new request that ECC has not seen. They have been there three times.
 - Shawn is trying to do more research on the Jim Hightower property, 81-87. They hired someone to help with their taxes.

Main Motions

- **Motion:** Postpone Agenda item: Sara Pedrosa recommended that we postpone the agenda item- “Discuss setting an administrative meeting.” 10-0 unanimously approved.
- **Motion:** Jose moved to put spending money on flyers on the Agenda; Farah seconded, 10-0 unanimously passed.
- **Motion:** Sara Pedrosa moved to table the discussion on Inclusionary Zoning/Affordable Housing for a Homestead Preservation District and for Austin city wide. Shawn seconded. Vote: 10-0 passed.
- **Motion:** Shawn moved that the team send a letter of support for the change in impervious cover. Ken suggested that we amend the motion to write a letter to support the draft ordinance. Sara seconded. Ken withdrew. Jose asked for all in favor of amending, Motion failed, no one voted for.

- **Motion:** Shawn moved (again) that the team send a letter of support for the change in impervious cover. Shawn, Sara P., Sarah Strother, Pam, Ken, Jose, Cecilia vote FOR, 7—2 Sylvia and Julio voted against. The motion passed.

New Business

- Chelsey Smith of Burns & McDonnell - Mobility 35 project with TxDOT. For more details : <http://www.my35.org/capital/projects/travis/downtown.htm>
- Beverly Silas – I-35: East – West connectivity; lighting, noise, traffic. Survey will go online beginning Friday, June 17th through July 15th. Please encourage people to go online and take the survey. They will take our input and come back in September 20th and give us the results of our feedback. Two options – to do nothing; do something – modify the existing; from Holly to about 8th street to lower all of I-35. There are a total of 5 phases...
**We need to link it to our ECC website.
- CUP (restaurant) request for 1204 and 1206 E Cesar Chavez - Chris O'Brien of Civil Goat Coffee: coffee shop and roaster; they are seeking to get a general restaurant through in this space. Outdoor space; They are asking for beer and wine. Zoning is CSMU- they are asking for a general restaurant.
- Update on Saltillo development - Leah Bojo. Ken Johnson recused himself for this agenda item. Jackie Nuremburg, 11 acres: Michelle Housman- she can be the contact to talk about parking of construction workers (she is with Land Solutions); They are requesting: three zoning cases. Rezoning to increase the height from 60' to 68', 70' and 125' 100% affordable housing project in Block Six only (right next to Plaza Saltillo). 100 Affordable housing in one block and the other 41 units floating throughout. **We requested the Powerpoint to post on ECC website. Steve Grassfield recommended that members of the team meet directly with Endeavor.
- Discussion on recent unfavorable changes to the policy at RBJ: - Helen Varty. Potential conflict of interest with Jose for RBJ. Jose did have a working relationship through November 2015 with the PR person for RBJ. No objections to Jose to act as chair for the RBJ items.
- Update on RBJ
- Discuss forming and setting a meeting for a "nomination/membership committee" that would be charged with
 - a) drafting ECCNPCT representative nominations and elections procedures and
 - b) begin a search for a candidate to fill the open seat on the Community Development Commission

Agenda item postponed to a future meeting.

- Discuss setting an administrative meeting to address restructuring our committee system and reorganizing how our team monitors large projects and communicates with stakeholders regarding those projects
- Questions raised by Richard Roberts of Sector:
 - 1) Who on the team is receiving information from the city that is regularly sent out to associations and contact teams?
 - 2) Why is that information not being made available to other team members?

3) How do we amend the problem of not receiving, i.e. no dissemination of, any of the information that the city is sending to someone on our team?

Announcements

- None

Miscellaneous

- Ken Johnson recused himself during the update on the Saltillo development.

Adjournment

- The Meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of the members still present at 8:45pm.

Secretary
East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team

Date of Approval