

**Round of Introductions.**

- ECCNPT members

**6 PM Citizen Communications: 15 minutes maximum, first come, first served.**

- Keith Byrd, President of Social Cycling Austin, introduced himself and his organization. His group is interested in helping improve/renovate areas in the neighborhood.
- Al introduced the USPS microhub site – [uspsdmhub.com/260](https://uspsdmhub.com/260).

**Committee Reports and Possible Action Items:**

**Treasurer's report:**

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**Crime and Safety:**

- Lori is a member of an I-35 revitalization committee that has met with TXDOT regarding the following items:
  - o Crime along I-35, specifically car break-ins on 8<sup>th</sup> st. and crack heads on 4<sup>th</sup> st.
  - o Completion of elements of the Lance Armstrong Veloway that were laid out in the master plan but never installed – lights under I-35 at 4<sup>th</sup> st. and a dedicated bike path along 4<sup>th</sup> street.
  - o The committee will decide if trails along Ladybird Lake or Cesar Chavez are in greater need of new lighting.

**Local Historic District:**

- Amy presented at the AISD board meeting to encourage the directors to vote for tax break for designated historic properties.
- The committee is looking to have more activities in the next 6 months –
  - o Jr. High/High School walking tour of the neighborhood
  - o Early Spring Homes tour
  - o Back-to-school presence
  - o Call for grant writers

**Land Use & Design Committee:**

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**Affordable Housing Committee:**

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**Traffic and Transportation Committee:**

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**Economic Development Committee:**

- Next Happy Hour will be at old Big Red Sun building in September.
- Christina will invite local school principals.

**Education Committee:**

- Ricardo is working to ensure that Susan gets student intern that she sponsored last school year.

**Communication Committee:**

- Website has launched.
- Kathy wants to recruit each committee chairperson to update their sections as needed. She also wants bloggers from the neighborhood to contribute posts for the website.

- Ken will work with Kathy to upload the agendas and minutes from each meeting to the website and cross-post the information on facebook and twitter.

**Tejano Walking Trail Committee:**

- It is going nuts! Nadia is working on the technical aspect of the grant application; Lori is working on the narrative portion.
- Grant is due in November.
- 3 additional COA departments want to give matching grants and help coordinate an event on the trail in February or March.

**Parks and Environment Committee:**

- Kathy reported on the Austin Community Trees Program
  - o 22 volunteers are needed to walk streets and identify good tree locations and leave door hangers at those houses. The trees need to be planted in yards, but close to streets.
  - o In the week before 10/22, volunteers are needed to help homeowners who have not already dug holes for the trees to be planted in.
- Sector representatives will do initial walks in their sectors, will submit ideas to recruit additional volunteers.

**Fundraising Committee:**

- Possible ideas –
  - o Amy's Ice Cream – they will donate 15% of profit from one night
  - o Local business donations
  - o Flapjack breakfast

**Approved minutes from last meeting.**

**Action Items:**

1. Discuss and take action on a variance for a shed and auxiliary building in the setback at 96 Chicon Street.
  - a. Postpone to September meeting.
2. Presentation of latest RBJ plans by a representative of their project team. Take action if needed.
  - a. Bill McCann, from HS&A, presented 5 options that their team has created as options for the redevelopment at RBJ.
    - i. Last time Bill presented to the ECCNPT, he showed the possibilities created by our team approving an increase in height allowed on site from 40' to 60'. He reviewed the old schemes and the RBJ board of directors' goals.
    - ii. Bill presented the 5 new options, with site massing diagrams and proformas for each options. Each option had a minimum of 500 senior affordable units and 20,000 sf of commercial space.
  - b. Their team created a website for input – [RBJcenter.org](http://RBJcenter.org)
  - c. Jeff will write a letter of support from our team for the increase in height allowed from 40' to 60'.
3. Discuss coordinating a neighborhood walk with Justin Golbabai from COA whose job focuses on connecting Neighborhood Plan Action Items to City resources in order to facilitate implementation.
  - a. Christina will send out a form for interested parties to sign up.

4. Discuss and take action on drafting a letter requesting that City Council uphold the Planning Commission's decision to deny The Dram Shop's conditional use permit.
  - a. Business/sector representatives will start collecting letters and signatures in opposition to the Dram Shop's conditional use permit. Christina will send out the petition via email and facebook. The goal is 300 signatures.
  - b. Our volunteers will help gain opposition in Guadalupe neighborhood.
  - c. Jo will help organize a pizza party at RBJ to inform the residents of the petition.
5. Discuss and take action on having the sector and business representatives walk the neighborhood to collect signatures of those neighbors who would support City Council's decision to uphold the Planning Commission's decision regarding The Dram Shop's conditional use permit.
  - a. See #4.
6. Discuss and take action regarding the Saltillo Plaza Music Series.
  - a. Susan is working with Don Pitts at COA to clarify our role in this event. Now we are focused on outreach.
7. Discuss and take action regarding the Cultural Heritage Tour of the East Side (on bicycle).
  - a. See Tejano Walking Trail Committee update.
8. Discuss and take possible action on drafting a position paper on Short Term Rentals (aka vacation rentals) to be sent to Planning Commission and City Council.
  - a. Kathy reviewed a letter that she had drafted to state the team's position on short term rentals. Letter was approved unanimously.

Adjourn.