

## **BCNA General Meeting Minutes 06/12/07**

**Officers attending: Ronnie Dittmar, Jody Zemel, Gavin Wilson, Mateo Scoggins, Matt Coldwell, Cynthia Scheibel, Kathie Tovo**

**Total attending: 42, 22 voting members (quorum)**

### **Announcements**

- Austin Clean Water Program representatives were in attendance
- Sandra and Matt Curtis w/Cap Metro in attendance
- 801 Barton Springs architect is here
- Sugar Social was a big success, round of applause for Faith Schexnayder for organizing

### **Parks Update**

- Dawson swing set is in, considering painting it, workday sat, July 7.
- Parks grant received from KAB

### **Treasurers report**

- Operating account around \$6,000
- Parks fund \$10,000
- Operating at a profit from the newsletter

### **Zoning updates**

- Still talking with Hyatt development, not ready to break ground
- Filling Station (Crescent) has not filed zoning change

### **Resolution on Town Lake Park (Jim Retherford)**

Jim presented a resolution to rename Town Lake Park to Willie Wells Field of Dreams. Ronnie makes motion to support the resolution to accept both resolutions from Jim's submission, Second, 19 for, no opposed, 1 abstain, motion passes

Pay Polvo's \$160 for food for Sugar Social, Jim recommends we ask El Mercado for a donation, Stuart points out that El Mercado has a consistent record for donating for BCNA events. Jody makes motion to pay the costs, 21 for, none opposed, none abstaining

Question rose as to whether a committee member is automatically a voting member, Matt clarifies that this is not the case. Suggestion was made that we change the by-laws to automatically make committee members voting BCNA members.

### **ACWP**

Steve Schrader presenting, also attending were Brigid Shea, Crispin Ruiz, Joe Seisel, Lorry Mendez

ACWP came to talk about a wastewater construction project in **Bouldin**; replacing wastewater and water lines which are old and deteriorating.

Construction will be on Bouldin from Annie to Jewell, also W. Mary by E. Bouldin creek Point was made that some of these streets are being chip-sealed (quick repaving process) Traffic will be open but constrained during construction. They must dig and repave on both sides of road, separately. Contractor has 330 days to complete project, hopefully starting on Bouldin in June of 2008 when school is out. Roads will be closed to through traffic, open to residents 8am – 4pm. ACWP will be coming back in August to give us an update.

### **SCIP Survey**

Bond funds for improvements to S. Congress several years ago. A survey was done regarding priorities for improvements. Steering committee provided no input. Input was due June 1, and extended to June 15

Recommendation made to abstain from giving our input due to a lack of time.

Motion to have Gary and Jonathan prioritize the pedestrian improvements as our input, 18 for, 2 abstain, motion passes

### **West Bouldin Greenbelt and Bike Park**

Different positions were presented on the bike park, supporting the opposing proposals to maintain or remove the bike park, including that it does damage and the greenbelt should be restored. Other perspectives were that BCNA voted to support the park two years ago and it is a small percentage of the greenbelt. Also, that the greenbelt was not heavily used prior to the bike park being built and that homeless people lived there.

July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with PARD is scheduled to decide on the way forward. Motion made by Jody Zemel (see below), seconded, Seventeen votes for, four votes against, two abstentions, motion carries

### **Parks Motion**

I move to establish a trial period, not to exceed one year in length, in which the BCNA will work with members of a group of bike riders currently using West Bouldin and called the BMX group, to establish mutually beneficial rules for the use of the West Bouldin Greenbelt that permits BMX to maintain a bike riding (BMX) course, while at the same time re-establishing anti-erosion measures and native landscaping. This BMX course will be maintained within the parameters set by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department in 2004 but cannot exceed the current footprint of the rides within those said parameters, with the possible exception of the pump tracks, currently outside those lines. Emphasis should be given to rides in the beginners and intermediate class to encourage use by children and teenagers in the neighborhood. I further move that the BCNA Parks Committee form a subcommittee - whose activity shall not exceed the length of the trial period - that meets monthly with representatives from the BMX group. This subcommittee will, with input from the BMX group and interested members from the neighborhood and oversight from the steering committee, establish guidelines for the use of the bike rides, and discuss and approve a work plan for maintaining those jumps and for environmental remediation, as well as the eradication of non-native plants and their replacement with native ones. The BCNA Parks Committee chair, the BCNA president, or another representative designated by the BCNA president will act as liaison to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.