

BCNA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Sara Clark, Mateo Scoggins, Brad Patterson, Jim Middleton, Jody Zemel, Ronnie Dittmar, Ingrid Weigand, Stuart Hampton, Cynthia Scheibel, Gary Hyatt, Gavin Wilson, and Jesse Bennight.

Guests: Nathan Wilkes and Annick Beaudet.

I. **Mary Street Bike Lanes Proposal.** COA Bike/Pedestrian Program (and Yellow Bike Project) representatives, Annick Beaudet and Nathan Wilkes, discussed the City's proposal for new bike lanes through the neighborhood on Mary Street. The City started a City-wide cycling plan in 1998, and created a route system plan/policy based on cyclists' input at that time. Parking in the bike lanes was acknowledged as an issue that needed to be addressed on a case-by-case basis. In 2007, the City came up with some guidelines regarding how to address this issue. **Mary Street (from Congress to Lamar) is among several streets chosen for implementation of these guidelines - because it is being resurfaced this summer. The City is proposing restriping the road such that there is parking allowed on only one side (the south side) of Mary Street and bike lanes on both sides.** The City is requesting our input on this proposal by Thursday, April 17th, which folks can direct to Nathan at Nathan.Wilkes@ci.austin.tx or 974-7016. They will also seek input from individual affected property owners prior to implementing the proposal. We discussed the proposal.

II. **Treasurer's Report** (Gavin). We accepted the treasurer's report. Cynthia moved, Gary seconded, unanimous vote in favor.

III. **Parks Report** (Ingrid).

A. Meet the Contractor Meeting regarding the boring along South 2nd Street is April 10 at 6 p.m. at Becker Elementary. All neighbors are encouraged to attend, particularly since the route is planned through Nicholas Dawson Park.

B. Parks Workday was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who participated. Next steps are putting in beds and planting.

C. Assessment for West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt improvements has hit a snag. Mateo will look into the issue.

D. Meeting at Ingrid's this Wednesday with representatives of other south-of-the-river NAs regarding long-term parks planning/desires. We discussed

various ideas for parks-related improvements that might be considered. On April 14th, there will be a City-wide meeting on the same topic at O'Henry Middle School. The public is encouraged to attend!

E. We voted to reimburse Matt Coldwell for his receipted expenses incurred in connection with the Parks Workday (hay bales and re-bar). Jody moved, Ronnie seconded, unanimous vote in favor.

IV. Zoning Discussion (Brad).

1003 South 3rd Street – two duplexes with above-ground “basements.” Will and Tom are monitoring the situation.

Hyatt Agreement – we need to designate an entity to receive funds payable under the agreement within two years from date of agreement. We will discuss this further at next month's meeting.

1101 Annie – small sized-lot variance (no action).

1211 Newton – setback variance (no action).

V. Further Discussion Items.

A. NA Meeting Signs (no action).

B. We discussed SC meeting attendance issues and agreed that Matt Coldwell should be allowed to miss meetings in excess of those outlined in the By-Laws due to special hardship.

C. E-mail list membership

D. Mascot – The suggestion was made to make the fox the official BCNA mascot.

E. Fun/Fundraiser – The group discussed having another neighborhood event and the need to identify a committee to organize, including Faith, who did such a great job organizing the last one.

F. TUNA (Texas Unincorporated Non-Profit Ass'n) – BCNA is registered as a TUNA which means that we cannot take a position in political races.

G. Website/WIKI – Gary, Jody and Chuck are going to work on overhauling the BCNA website including adding a wiki that is easier for people to update

H. Events Coordinator - the group discussed who might be willing to serve as a special events coordinator and Gary requested that all officers try to help find someone.