

## **BCNA Steering Committee Meeting 09/06/05 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Gary Hyatt, Kris Sorenson-Hyatt, Matt Rife, Brenda Thompson, Mark Coffey, Cory Walton, Gavin Wilson, Philip Fulton, Kathie Tovo, Jody Zemel

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Town Lake Park Grand Opening**

is being planned by South Austin Culture Club for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – more info at <http://www.southaustinculture.org/>

Riverside Drive narrowing to two lanes was confirmed by city council Gary made a motion to formally thank all of the council, Philip seconded the motion, and Cory proposed a friendly rider that Philip pen the letter.

Cory is crafting an email thank you to the listserve, commending “all council members with the exception of Jennifer Kim”. Brenda Thompson offered to forward to all council members.

- **Bat Fest**

Cory presented two draft letters noting BCNA's objection to music playing until midnight, and the bad precedent it sets for other lakefront, bridge, and Congress Avenue events. Steering Committee members and Sector Reps were asked to send Cory written feedback by 3 pm September 7<sup>th</sup>, before sending final letter to Margaret Guerrero, etc. cc'ing Mayor, Council Members, City Manager and Asst. City Mgr. Kathie made a motion to send letter, which was seconded by Gavin. Motion passed unanimously.

- **1400 South Congress Development Agreement legal expense**

A spirited discussion of revised bill, which was received today from Brown McCarroll, was held. The first priority is to explain the situation to the general membership. Secondly, we need to craft a logical and expeditious counter proposal, and present to attorney Nikelle Meade to be able to present the most current information to the GA meeting on Tuesday, September 13. Brenda and Gary will present this information to the GA meeting. Bullet points will be provided by Jody, Kathie, and Mark to Gary this week.

- **ACL ticket sales**

These tickets have increased in market value since receipt from Capital Sports Entertainment. A single ticket is now worth \$150. We have three tickets left - Mark offered to pay \$400 for two of them, which brings our total income to date to \$1390. Mark will post to the listserve that the upcoming GA meeting will include an auction for the last golden ticket. Best offer over starting bid of \$150.

- **Historic Neighborhood districts**

Judith Sims will present to GA Meeting about this next week. 51% of those dwellings in district are required to “contribute” to historic character. Those dwellings set the design standards for future buildings & structures.

- **Zoning**

- **Tree House**

- Update on Cory’s letter to Tammie Williamson at COA; since the site plan has been suspended, what is the next step on this?

- **1600 South Congress** – Kathie will send a request to the Zoning Committee to refine the letter they originally wrote. BCNA will then pass this letter along to the Congress Avenue Merchants, SRCC, and ANC before sending to the city. Best case scenario would be to tear down the deck, and penalize owners per day for illegal construction et al. We’d like to get the letter written soon so we can have in hand before the trial is held in Municipal Court. We also plan to issue a press release at that time and let everyone on the listserve know so they can attend the trial.

- **Polvo’s Johanna Street RPP**

- Gavin and/or Jennifer will follow up on his letter.

- **Proposed SF-3 height code revision**

- Cory reported that this still has “legs” and is under consideration as a city wide revision to the land development code. So far no one has sponsored it as a council agenda item, or proposed it for study by the Planning Commission’s Code and Ordinance Sub-committee.