

BCNA Steering committee 09/12/07

ACL Parking

Jim Retherford will be point person with promoter.

Promoter will close access to Bouldin and Dawson from Barton Sprs Road with barricades & personnel. There will be signs saying no concert parking in N'hood, but they will not place them. Rather, they dropped off 10 yard signs in Ingrid's front lawn. She'll give them to Jim for placement.. Jim has contact phone & cell phone no's. for promoter to contact in event of serious parking infractions.

Announcements

ACL ticket sales totaled \$1500, which Ingrid turned over to Treasurer Ronnie Dittmar. Elections will be held in December, to be announced at general association meeting

Parks Report, Ingrid

Design for the sewer line update has changed. Was had been set for staging at Nicolas Dawson Park, but now changed to Mary Dawson Park (Dawson Rd. near Elks Club) Parks (or Clean Water Austin) still plans to re-pave the whole dead-end portion James St. entrance to Nicolas Dawson.

CWA's plan is to drill a hole at S. First Street laterally all the way to the creek. Concern is how they'll do that without taking out several large trees.

COA's Ricardo Solis wants an in-house group to do an environmental assessment of West Bouldin Creek Park, asking for an evaluation of soils and erosion samples. (Presumably this will be to determine what uses are appropriate where)

Zoning

Several SC members noted that Filling Station appears to be preparing for demolition of the building. Brad & Cory confirmed that Historic Commission had approved release of the permit.

James Cormier contacted Kathie to offer Filling Station's parking for use by BCNA during ACL. It was determined that the parking would be of little use to any residents during the festival, and no SAC member is interested in volunteering to stand out there and charge parking fees, so Kathie will tell James to do with the parking space what they will.

San Jose Lofts: Board of Adjustment postponed hearing their front setback variance application, because the Board could not see any hardship.

We can expect in our next meeting more discussion on SJL's request for non-opposition to additional impervious cover reduction and increased FAR resulting from misunderstanding of alley ownership. Getting signatures from nearby residents is an issue and SJL owners/developer will seek another tack.

Brief discussion of Galindo Neighborhood's re-zoning of large tract (approx. 10 acres) on South Congress at Cumberland which includes the Salvation Army Rezoning request is from MF-1 to MF-2 (?)

Residential Design Commission

Brad noted that the commission can wave McMansion ordinance elements by up to 25%. Noted that the meetings conflict with, or add to the regular meetings of Zoning Committee, Asks, "how involved to we want to get with regard to that commissions review & decisions. He suggested that we either stay out of it, or form a second zoning team specifically to address variance requests to this commission. No motion was made, nor any vote taken.

ANC Growth Proposal

Mateo makes motion to write letter of support for ANC resolution to manage city of Austin's growth with letter highlighting specific issues related to growth in Bouldin. Cory second, seven for, one against, motion passes.

AA house

City NP team met with stakeholders week of 9/3 for input. City NP team was approached months ago with proposed change of use which requires amendment to Bouldin's neighborhood plan. Result was postponement of planning commission review to October. Bouldin's Neighborhood planning meeting to be held either 9/24 or 10/1 and vote on whether to support proposed change.

Neighbors meeting held in August at which many issues and concerns were raised including privacy, safety, parking and public nuisance. The concern was also raised that some of the attendees are court mandated to attend, for instance due to adjudicated DWI judgment. Counterpoint was that there is much pedestrian traffic for every event at Palmer. Argument for keeping it is that it should be grandfathered since it has been there forty years, although the situation has clearly changed, namely there is much less parking now than there was then. Suggestion made that the Foundation be required to hire security person to monitor members behavior and parking. Another idea is to reduce the number of meetings and/or to get Austin Energy to allow use of their parking for after-hours meetings. Suggestion made for BCNA to remain neutral, but state our findings and if the city decides to keep it, we share some mitigating ideas.

Jim makes motion to rescind previous motion, Gavin seconds, friendly rider to amend previous vote. Motion withdrawn

Jim makes motion (Gavin seconds) to amend previous vote regarding the AA house made at 8/1/07 sc meeting such that, in light of new information including concerns of nearby neighbors, 1) BCNA work to address issues and concerns and 2) remove the clause regarding parking, motion passes unanimously.