

BCNA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
 March 02, 2020 6:45 PM
 High Road 78704

Attendance: *Those in attendance were present for full meeting period except where noted.*

Officers	Present (Y/N)	Zone Reps	Present (Y/N)	Non-Officer	Present (Y/N)
Jesse Moore; President	Y	Stephanie Scholten; Brown		Ingrid Weigand; Parks Chr.	Y
Kate Francis; VP-Issues	Y	Jeff Seiden Jody Zemel; Yellow	Y Y	Thom Parker; Traffic/Event Chr.	
Paul Strange; VP- External/Zone Chr.	Y	Nick Sargologos; Green		Gary Hyatt; Web & News Dist.	Y
Mimi Martinez McKay; Comm.Dir	Y	Robert Cantu; Lavender			
Ronnie Dittmar; Tres.		Sue Mercado Vincent; Orange			
Matt Coldwell Secretary	Y	Scottee Downing; Pink	Y		
		Angelika Sauer; Blue			

6:50pm **Meeting called to order** by Pres. Moore, a minimum quorum of 7 Steering Committee members present. President Moore thanked V.P. Kate Francis for leading the General Association Meeting of February 11, 2020 in his absence. Steering Comm. members also praised her whole heartedly for a job very well done!

6:51pm **Old Business;**

BCNA Steering Comm. Minutes for 02/03/2020 approved unanimously.

BCNA General Association Minutes for 02/11/2020 approved unanimously.

BCNA Record Retention Policy drafted by Secretary Coldwell on 02/26/2020 approved unanimously with the following amendment:

This policy is considered a business guideline and standard set for the Steering Committee to follow. It may be amended on an as needed basis by the Steering Committee.

Further discussion centered around BCNA reviewing its other policies on a 3-year basis such as budgeting policy, Social media policy, IRS status and TUNA eligibility. It was determined that the matter of IRS status and the pursuit of non-profit status needs to be done in consultation with the Tres. Dittmar.

7:00pm **Standing Committee Membership Approval:**

The following BCNA members were approved unanimously to the Zoning Committee:

Jeff Seiden, Kris Hyatt, Patrick Ousey, Stuart Sampley, Stephanie Scholten, Billy Weaver

The following BCNA members were approved unanimously to the Parks Committee:

Eric Radjef, Jody Zemel, Julianna Scruggs, Lora Menter, M. Coldwell, R. Dittmar, Thom Parker

7:02pm **LDC Rewrite Update & Discussion:** Pres. Moore reported that results from the second reading of the LDC rewrite was not likely to yield a narrowing of transit corridor width. A proposal from Mayor Adler to narrow R4 down to only 2 lots deep was not likely to pass. President Moore went on to say that a proposal was in the works by Council Members, Alter, Tovo, Pool & Kitchen to provide an alternate plan, but details were not forth coming. Sector Rep. Jeff Seiden mentioned that some changes in the yellow zone had occurred which made for better

transitioning, but it was still a “mish-mash” of mixed up-zoning. V.P. Paul Strange stated the rewrite, “still contains an unfair allocation of density across the city.” Ingrid Weigand called for more visible support from for Tovo’s plan and the alternate parking plan proposed by South Lamar Neighborhood Association. President Moore indicated that this was a perfect time for an article in the upcoming newsletter about the LDC changes and the need for neighborhood participation.

7:12pm **Travis County GOP Chair Request:** President Moore received an outreach from Travis County GOP Chair, Matt Mackowiak requesting that BCNA join the nonpartisan, nonprofit Save Austin Now.Com. This group is attempting to reinstate the ban on homeless camping in the City. President Moore indicated that such a drive will probably be considered illegal when challenged and based upon their request, he would not respond. No Steering Comm. member voiced support for Save Austin Now.

7:15pm **Sector Zone Map Redraw:** V.P. Francis reported that the map redraw was still in progress and that she shall revisit the issue with Stephanie Scholten & Ronnie Dittmar.

7:16pm **SOCO Parking Plan Proposal:** Jeff Seiden urged participation at the Thursday March 05, 2020 SoCo Parking Study meeting at Good Shepard on the Hill Church. This feedback session will help form the final proposal that will go to CoA Council members. It was noted that this study has been created in conjunction with a consultant, Downtown Austin Alliance, SOCO Merchants Assoc. and neighbors. Gary Hyatt said he would post the information on the BCNA.org.

Jeff Seiden mentioned his appointment to the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board is pending City Council action.

7:22pm **Parks Update:** Ingrid Weigand, Parks Chair, reported, “Its My Park Day” at the BCNA Creek Cleanup is on schedule with 85 participants signed up. V.P. Francis volunteered to coordinate morning coffee from Meteor. Ingrid shall coordinate all other beverages, food and tools. V.P. Francis shall also reach out to AIPP to coordinate needs for the artist workshop session immediately after the cleanup.

Ingrid also submitted recommendations and edits for the Neighborhood Partnering Program Agreement for the upgrading of the West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt entrance at Post Oak St. to the steering Comm. The agreement commits BCNA to provide matching funds of \$1,500.00 plus volunteer hours over three year period. Ingrid indicated that we should have no problem entering into this agreement, that it should be signed by the president and that BCNA should approve funding. President Moore volunteered to review the document now that the Parks Committee has reviewed it.

7:33pm **Zoning Update:** Paul Strange announced that the regular meeting of the Zoning Committee shall move to the second Monday of the month. The committee has received no plans to review for the Timber Creek P.U.D. The Bouldin Acres complaints concerning code and TABC violations, as well as, extended hours permit are in the hands of the Zilker Neighborhood Association. The next Zoning Committee meeting shall be April 13, 2020.

7:38pm **Communications:** Director of Communications Mimi McKay indicated that we have a problem now that the digest form of the BCNA Yahoo Group expired. She recommended that we find a, “better tool,” to use than Yahoo Group email list. She mentioned that we should consider either a paid subscription service with better features than Yahoo or consider migrating to Google Groups. There was discussion if BCNA could qualify as a non-profit entity with Google Groups and if not, who would own the account.

There was also discussion concerning our lack of social media involvement. Our Facebook page, administered by Becky Shaheen, has not been updated in six months. Other platforms such as Instagram & Twitter may be better than Facebook now. It was also discussed that we need to have a written guideline/policy created for BCNA social media administrators in order to avoid posting the wrong information.

Action item: The Communications Director shall prepare a recommendation that shows a way to smoothly replace Yahoo Groups with a better communication tool by the next Steering Comm. meeting in April, 2020.

7:53pm **Traffic:** 2020 Barricade passes have been distributed to the Pink Sector Rep. Scottee Downing. SXSW events at Auditorium Shores starts March 19, 2020. Ingrid Weigand recommended that the BCNA urge the City require Event Promoters to include RPP enforcement during times when barricades are in place for events.

8:01pm Meeting adjourned without prejudice.