

Date: Sept. 19, 2017

Board Members Present: Meredith Morningstar, Martin Scales, David Risher, Jo Jensen

Absent: None

Contact Team Present: Lindsey Wyatt

Meeting called to order by President, Meredith Morningstar at 6:30p.

25 people present, including board members, 2 residents of Old Town.

Everyone introduced themselves, stating where they live.

Meredith read the CHCNA Mission Statement.

Minutes read by Jo Jensen and approved as read.

David Risher provided Treasurer's report: checking account available balance is \$3,571.85; petty cash balance is \$10.50; year-to-date donations of \$207 received.

Meredith informed everyone that Officer Ristow has been reassigned and we have no further information about crimes in the neighborhood. One resident noticed a suspicious car and called police. APD arrived on scene and arrested 3 people and towed the car. Murder occurred on Berkman. Victim's roommate was arrested. House is boarded up.

Modifications to Creekside at Coronado Hills. Turning lanes are still too narrow and debris continues to collect. Nothing was done to slow traffic which was original intent. Meredith proposed a task group will convene to re-address the situation and generate additional dialogue with the city.

Two guests (Evarato Gonzales and Nicholas Benitez with La Hacienda) on Cameron and Coronado Hills stated they were present to assist with discouraging loiterers. Since people tend to gather in public areas, only the police can remove them. If they congregate at the bus stop, we can call Cap Metro to report it. Meredith stated this is really a challenging situation to control. If we take this issue before City Council to ask for a "No Loitering" area designation, we may have a long battle, but it could achieve the desired results. This approach worked on Rundberg.

Suggestion made to put the CTN on the website. We still need to call as frequently as we can because the City tracks the number of calls.

Austin Neighborhood Council: Many reps from various neighborhoods have expressed displeasure with CodeNext because they did not cooperate with Imagine Austin, as proposed. We are encouraged to continually call the city council and write Mayor Adler. Mayor Adler has suggested the Hotel Occupancy Tax be used on the convention center, which incurred a massive net operating loss in 2016. However, Mayor Pro Tem, Tovo and the ANC prefer the tax be used elsewhere such as the arts, housing the homeless, etc. Call your representatives to have your voice heard!

The Tran Property (south side of Cameron at Coronado Hills): Concerned neighbors (Bonnie Turek, Alicia Hathaway, and Yuri Prentice) are considering the crafting of a letter requesting Ms. Tran, who lives in Pflugerville, either fix the area or sell it because it is a magnet for the unsavory.

Gas Pipeline Replacement: some area residents received a letter from the gas company, and some did not, stating there will be a replacement of the distribution gas main. Information received indicates Coronado Hills will be impacted for approximately 6 weeks. The entire project is expected to be completed by first of the year (2018).

Graffiti Busters: Report it, record it, remove it – per the City Manager. Often these are young adults interested in making a name for themselves rather than gang related.

Bike Austin: Martin reminded us of the interest in this group and the installation of a bike lane on Cameron, and offered an apology for the CHCNA's misinterpretation of the bylaws which resulted in a turn down of a proposed vote on this issue. Andy, a neighbor representative with Bike Austin, informed us about the safety issues. Andy reminded us that Bike Austin is a non-profit. They teach about safe biking but do not install bike lanes. The city chooses to install bike lanes (or not). The letter is intended to accelerate and expedite the city's process of analyzing the safety issues about bicycles. The conversation resulted in considerable discussion. A vote was taken as to support, and resulted in a negative endorsement response.

Berkman and 51st Street issues: traffic back-up, unsafe ped crossing, drivers using bike lanes as passing lanes. Potentially significant changes coming to Berkman. Martin encouraged people to attend the meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28th in the gym of the Memorial United Methodist Church (6100 Berkman) from 6-7 p.m.

Garage Sale: Sept. 30th, last Saturday of this month (from 8-4) will be advertised in 3 venues on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Do not work the sale alone, and keep your house locked.

General Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Jensen

Secretary