

SLNA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 6/16/2005

OFFICERS PRESENT (circle or cross out): Carol Nancy [REDACTED] Don Kevin

IN ATTENDANCE = 18 residents + 6 guests

RESIDENTS SIGNED IN: 12

Carol Gibbs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Neighbors and members introduced themselves to the group.

Representatives from the **Austin Clean Water Project** made a presentation about the upcoming sewer line replacement project. They were Crispin Ruiz (PR consultant), Gopal Guthikanda (CoA Engineer), Brigid Shea (Enviro Consultant), Bill Moriarty (EarthTech, Engineering Consultant); and Brenda Baker, Project Manager, 474-5500 or Brenda.Baker@ci.austin.tx.us. Call or email Brenda with any questions or concerns.

Austin is under a federal administrative order to fix the sewers city-wide by September 30, 2007. Many of the sewers in our area are over 50 years old and failing. The ACWP is about 60% done with the design/planning stages for the "Govalle 1 – East of Lamar" phase, which includes SLNA territory. Letters will be mailed out to affected homes very soon. The actual construction will not start until 2006 and is slated to finish late 2006 or early 2007. The map showing where pipes need to be repaired and new pipes laid (re-routing from troublesome spots) is viewable at www.southlamar.org/resources.htm -- scroll down to the **Neighborhood Maps** section. Once construction begins, they will post updates at www.cityofaustin.org/ca.

There were many committee reports:

1. Zoning -- Carol

- a. Walgreens / Taco Xpress – The only real news is that Bluebonnet is not currently expected to be closed completely during its reconstruction.
- b. Richard Coons' Mixed Use project -- this project will be recycling back through Zoning and Platting before it goes to Council, due to an error in notification on the part of the Zoning staff. It will not get to Council before 7/28, which gives us time to hash out the Private Restrictive Covenant with Mr. Coons. The covenant is expected to include as much of the actual city zoning declarations as possible plus will cover lighting, gates, signage, trees, commercial access, percentage of residential vs. commercial and a performance bond.
- c. SLNA properties for sale were mentioned. Carol asked us to be watchful, pro-active and let her know what we see. Developers are advertising lots for condo use when zoning is only SF-3.
- d. Watershed Protection & Development Review "One-Stop Shop" – Carol attended the Open House of WPDR's new "streamlined" service center for all your land development questions. One central check-in station for assistance from all areas of expertise involved with land use: environmental, drainage, maps, research, site plans, subdivisions, transportation, water conservation, and zoning. Computer terminals also available for public use: First floor, One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd.

2. Keep Austin Beautiful – Carol for Chad

- a. JUNE 4th Operation Restore Hope: 6600 lbs in Trucks, 880 lbs in Dumpster; Health Dept did vaccinations, screenings, & will do follow-up visits. Carol met one property owner, hoping to help improve the area; one owner (of nearly half the fourplexes on Southport) is well-known to APD & Austin Tenants' Council as a very negligent landlord ...
- b. Carol called for suggestions of next cleanup date and preferred locations. Members will leave that to the Committee Chair to determine and announce via email.

3. South Central Coalition / Austin Neighborhoods Council – Kevin

- a. South Austin Tennis Center – instead of PARD's plan proposal to add 8 tennis courts, City Council recommended only 4; it is possible PARD will abandon this expansion altogether.

- b. Pfluger Bridge: a decision on the planned path of the realignment of the extension of this bridge into downtown is coming soon.
- c. Town Lake Park is coming along: plans now are to reduce Riverside to one lane in each direction between South First & Dawson, and to close Dawson completely from Barton Springs to Riverside. Riverside will remain 4-lane from Dawson to S. Lamar.
- d. The developer proposing a 9-10 story structure at 6th and Lamar (site of old Whole Foods) has scaled back to a more reasonable plan, after Whole Foods responded to public pressure over traffic concerns at that already over-burdened intersection.
- e. Zilker Elementary School - funding for expansion of the cafeteria is still not approved. Call AISD School Board members to voice your support for Zilker kids!
- f. There will be a Barton Creek Greenbelt cleanup on July 9th. Contact Kevin Lewis for more info.

4. Neighborhood Planning – Bill

- a. Anybody interested in working on the SLNA Neighborhood Planning Committee should contact Bill Stoughton (bill@southlamar.org).
- b. Members voted to approve \$50 to get a satellite map of the neighborhood printed by the City, if we can't get it from the NPZD for free as part of the NP process. Bryan King will check on that.

5. Treasurer / Membership Report: Don

- a. We were reminded to complete a membership renewal form each year. Official membership roster has dropped in number. Don't let the fee be an impediment to joining SLNA. Request a waiver. Forms available on Pg. 2 of every newsletter, online at <http://www.southlamar.org/resources.htm>.
- b. Treasury has \$148 in checking and \$3700 in savings (\$3,000 will go into 3 CDs with staggered maturity schedules).

7. National Night Out = Tuesday, August 2nd - No one volunteered to coordinate a SLNA-wide event, so Carol encouraged everyone to organize their own immediate block parties. NNO details available at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/nno.htm>. Deadline to register with the City to get APD, EMS, AFD to show up is July 1.

9:30 = ADJOURN

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Maclaine, Vice-president, during Roberta's absence.
6/22/05