

Allandale Neighborhood Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 1, 2018

Meeting held at Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Dr.

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present included:

Scott Ehlers
Todd Shaw
Adam Haynes
Ranleigh Hirsh
Kevin Smith
Allan McMurtry
Jarren Wenderlein Sternburg
Erik Butler

2. Minutes:

Minutes were approved with the following 4 corrections as listed below

- Item 3 - Change "The sound walls kept the sound to acceptable levels" to "The sound walls helped mitigated the sound levels"
- Item 8.d - change "BCRC has deposited \$400,000 for traffic mitigation." to "The developer ARG has deposited \$400,000 for traffic mitigation."
- Item 8.e - correct spelling from "Laura DeCarlo" to "Laura DiCarlo". Also Laura's Safety report as submitted online before the meeting.
- Item 9 - Change from "ANC is supporting McKalla place" to "ANC is **not** supporting McKalla place". Replace the rest of the paragraph with "ANC discussed the McKalla place development at their last meeting."

3. Discussion on Application for Outdoor Music Venue Permit for the Yard Bar

Kristen Heaney, owner of the Yard Bar presented data recorded during three sound tests. She stated a number of Allandale residents attended the latest sound test on July 28, 2018. The Yard Bar is seeking decibels levels at mid-range frequencies (dbA) of 78 and decibels of low and high frequency sound levels (dbC) of 80 which is the strictest the city allows. Ms. Heaney is seeking a City of Austin permit requesting 3 outdoor music events per week equating to 78 music events per year mostly on Sunday evenings.

4. Discussion of Neighborhood Concerns on Outdoor Music Venue Permit for Yard Bar

James Halgrimson, a member of ANA and resident on Park View Drive (between Twin Oaks and Addison Ave.), presented to the ANA EC a petition sign by 61 residents living within 600 feet of the Yard Bar who do not want the city to approve the Yard Bar's outdoor music permit. 61 residents reflects 69% of the residents who live within 600 feet of the Yard Bar and are opposed to the outdoor amplified music permit.

The residents' petition against the permit includes people living on Addison Ave., Twin Oaks Dr., Park View Dr. and Daugherty St.

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5. **Discussion and vote on resolution in support of neighbor's regulatory request for Outdoor Music Venue Permit for the Yard Bar**

Allandale residents voiced concerned about issues associated with music events at the venue beyond the sound levels. These issues include increased traffic and inappropriate customer behavior which music events bring to the area. This includes parking on nearby neighborhood streets blocking sidewalks and driveways, dogs defecating on neighbor's yards without pick up and the inappropriate dumping of dog waste in neighborhood trash cans. It was noted that the main entrance of the Yard Bar exits on to Daugherty St. not Burnet Rd.

Since the neighbor's issues and requests were presented to the owner just prior to the meeting, Ms. Heaney, the owner, had not had sufficient time to process the neighbors' concerns. Both the petition signers and Ms. Heaney agreed to conducting on-going email conversations to rectify any known issues.

Next Thursday, August 9th the Yard Bar will officially submit their request for the outdoor music permit. The city will notify those neighbors within 600 feet who can then submit their concerns to the city within 17 days.

Neighborhood Association approval of any expansion of operating hours is required by the city however the Yard Bar is not requesting expanded hours.

ANA EC unanimously approved a motion submitted by Adam stating "We postpone action tonight and hold a special meeting or electronic vote based on the specifics of the permit application"

6. **Discussion on Bylaw Changes to be Proposed at the September General Membership Meeting.**

Adam Haynes, EC board member presented suggested changes of proposed bylaws submitted by other EC members via Google docs. Adam asked for any new responses or additional suggestions from the EC be available prior to the required published date of Aug 5th. All changes will be voted on at the September general membership meeting.

Jarren offered a motion to accept the bylaws as they appeared in the meeting agenda, Kevin seconded, no discussion. The EC voted to submitted the bylaws in redline format as Adam reviewed in the meeting.

7. **Overview of meeting with CM Pool's Office and Shoal Creek Conservancy over bike lanes on Shoal Creek Blvd**

Adam Haynes, EC board member presented details of neighborhood concerns related to the Shoal Creek Conservancy's (SCC) Shoal Creek Trail plan. During the July ANA meeting Adam formed a sub-committee to gather the concerns of residents who live on Shoal Creek Blvd. who would be most affected by the changes. These concerns will be submitted to CM Pool's office next week.

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During a July meeting between ANA, CM Pool and the SCC, SM Pool asked 3 things of SCC on behalf the ANA neighborhood:

1. Requested city staff not be brief on the SCC's plan until the ANA and SCC have meet and reach an agreement on placement and design
2. Asked the SCC to address and include ANA comments into their draft plan
3. Asked the SCC to remove the section of Shoal Creek Blvd. that is in Allandale as a priority item in the SCC plan

8. Review of Meeting with City Staff on Burnet Rd Corridor Plan

Allan McMurtry summarized an ANA meeting with city staff on the Burnet Rd Corridor Plan. Discussion topics included:

- Pull out lanes for buses,
- Reduction of curb cuts in the plan,
- 187 businesses on Burnet impacted by the plan,
- Traffic driven into the neighborhood by the design,
- Concerns of transition zones

There will be a public meeting on Sept 6 at Lamar Junior High to discuss the Burnet Rd Corridor design with residents, business owners and other interested stakeholders.

9. Officer Reports:

a. Treasurer: Erik Butler submitted a report in advance including a draft budget for 2019.

b. Vice President: No Report.

c. President: Scott Ehlers wrote a letter to the CoA Planning Commission on ANA's concerns with SCC's trail plans, met with CM Pool and staff on the SCC's plan, as well as, concerns on the Yard Bar's music permit.

d. Secretary: No report.

10. Committee Reports:

- **Nominating Committee:** Kevin Smith is looking for one more person to volunteer for next year's EC
- **Land Use and Zoning:** Todd Shaw and Allan McMurtry announced the Mayor's call to end CodeNEXT as it currently exists
- **Parks:** no report
- **Membership and BCRC:** Ranleigh Hirsh submitted reports in advance
- **Safety:** Laura DiCarlo submitted reports in advanced. Her team will be focusing efforts to include apartment complexes on neighbor watches.
- **Communications:** no report.

9. Associate Organization Reports:

Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC): Caroline Reynolds.

- The ANC is preparing City Council candidate scorecards for the November races. ANC will also hold several candidate forums

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- The meeting included presentations of the following topics:
 - Transition zone in CodeNEXT 3 was conducted at the last meeting
 - City of Austin's Watershed Protection Division's details on revamped 25/100/500 year flood zones
 - CapMetro's new routes
 - Details on CoA's November bond package

10. Old Business: No old business

11. New Business: No new business

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted,

Ranleigh Hirsh

substituting for ANA Secretary Joanne Senyk