

**Allandale Neighborhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 7p.m.**

1. **Call To Order**- Hans called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.
 - a. Board Roll call/introductions
Board members present: Hans Magnusson, Julie Peckham, Mary Fero, Nicko Burnett, Nathalie Frensley, Dan Eden, Carlos Salinas, Janis Reinken, John Tate, Chris Barnard
Absent: Andrew Kerr
Neighbors present: Jeffrey Bowen, Caroline Reynolds, Joe Reynolds, Sarah Torchin, Carlene Wegmann-Todd, Donna Beth McCormick,
Guests: Louisa Brinsmade Chief of Staff and
Cynthia Miller Senior Policy Advisor and Communications Director to CM Leslie Pool

2. **Minutes** were sent a while ago, and no one told Hans of any changes. Dan made a motion to approve them as is and Nathalie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. **VMU2 Update and Q/A**
 - a. Louisa Brinsmade and Cynthia Miller talked about the VMU-VMU2 zoning ordinance and height proposition. CM Kitchen proposed the ordinance to the Planning Commission in March. The VMU proposition would allow an additional 30 feet of height to equal 90 feet. Brinsmade said CM Pool supports this. The ordinance was set on the 4/7 Council agenda, but it may be postponed until 4/21 to allow for Kitchen's amendments, while the city staff is working on a procedure to restore petition rights for property owners who oppose the rezoning. The concept is to allow owners to file a petition with the City opposing the rezoning, if they represent 20% or more of the area within 200 feet of the property lines surrounding the VMU zoning site. Streets don't count. Questions were asked about building materials, and about affordable housing and fees builders pay "in lieu". VMUs do not have "Fee-in-Lieu". Louisa says there is tracking, and she will post the links in the Chat. She discussed where the real estate market of Austin is going and how do we create affordable housing when land and materials are so high. If anyone has more questions you can contact Louisa at louisa.brinsmade@austintexas.gov.

4. **Update on Park View Drive**
 - a. John Tate talked about the process for this going to City Council meeting on April 21st. The owner was asked if he would withdraw his permit to demolish the house and try to keep it historical and he is not willing.

5. **Associate Organization Reports**
 - a. Caroline Reynolds- attended an ANC meeting that the following was discussed: UT will do an audit on the water system. There was a resolution on re-wilding of Zilker Park and have more trees put back. No parking garage on an old dump in Zilker. APD is trying to be more engaged with the community. Austin Strategic Planning also gave a report. There are 187 electric buses now. A council member voting tracker would be helpful if it could be posted for the public to see.

6. **Officer Reports**
 - a. Secretary, Julie Peckham- no report
 - b. Treasurer, Nicko Burnett gave the checking balance of \$38K+ and the savings balance of 8K+. There was a question about if there is a fidelity bond on the treasurer. Dan said we don't. Nicko asked if he should inquire about obtaining a fidelity bond and Janis suggested that it might be more

appropriate for Hans to pursue this as President, although payment for the bond could be issued for the ANA by Nicko as Treasurer.

c. Vice President, Dan Eden – said there is a reminder to current members to pay ANA dues. He found the most recent list of block captains and we will continue to work on filling in the gaps. Something should be put in the next newsletter about it.

d. President, Hans Magnusson – nothing to report

7. Committee & Special Committee Reports

a. Communications: Sarah Torchin reported they got a bid of \$1,200 to redesign and transfer content to a new ANA website, which Sarah indicated was very reasonably priced. The new platform will be Square Space, which will replace Word Press.

Send content and images that are ANA related to Allandale.neighbor@gmail.com. All city related inquires or requests for assistance send to Sarah's city email: sarah.torchin@austintexas.gov. For calls use city # 512- 974-7141 to reach Sarah. We discussed how the designer wants to be paid and what the turnaround will be.

Janis made a motion to approve, and John seconded it. The motion to approve a contract for the design of the website was unanimously approved.

i. Social subcommittee: Randi White & Diana Wheeler

b. Parks, Recreation and Greenspace: Mary Fero – Information about a survey related to the future of Northwest Pool will be posted shortly. (See April ANA newsletter.)

The construction of the playground and the replacement of a sewer line that goes through the park will be coordinated. The pool will open for the summer. After next year's swim season is over the pool is scheduled to be replaced. Ranleigh and Paul have been working in the park have been removing invasive plants regularly.

c. Zoning, Planning and Land Use: Nathalie Frenley – Since the last general meeting, the major issues Zoning members have dealt with are the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan Amendments and the Amendments to the Vertical Mixed-Use Ordinance. Members have assessed neighborhood impacts, advocated for good governance practices, and provided public input into these issues. In addition to remote participation, Zoning members are starting to attend commission meetings in person. Zoning members have also been busy with single-action zoning changes including 7110 Burnet Road and the historic rezoning of 2502 Park View Drive – The Chrysler Air Temp House. Moving forward, some Zoning Committee members are proactively looking into more sustainable alternatives for demolition, including the City of San Antonio's Deconstruction and Reuse Program, established in 2018.. Finally, Zoning's newest sub-committee is the Education and Information Committee, which is chaired by Billy Mullens.

d. Safety: Carlene Wegmann-Todd- The Safety Committee met last month, and they will submit safety articles for each newsletter.

e. Membership: Dan Eden – nothing more

8. **Neighborhood Input**- Janis reminded everyone of the waterline project on Whiterock Dr.

9. **Unfinished Business** - none

10. **New Business** – No one had anything.

11. Hans adjourned the meeting at 845 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Submitted by Julie Peckham, Secretary