

ZNA ExComm minutes 1-6-14 at Austin's Pizza

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Old Business:

1. Update on Blue Bonnet resubdivision – David King and Jeannie Defreeze spoke about trying to get the City to change the Urban Watershed designation to an SOS designation because water from Little Zilker Creek may flow into the recharge zone. Voted 7-0 to approve a motion by David that urges Council to not take action until the dye test results are known. Here is the motion:

Whereas: the City of Austin Environmental Board passed a resolution on December 18, 2013, regarding concerns about the urban watershed designation for the Blue Bonnet project located at 1201 Robert E. Lee Road, and

Whereas: The resolution indicated that the City of Austin just approved the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to protect the Austin Blind and Barton Springs salamanders, and

Whereas: The resolution also indicated that development on this and neighboring lots could adversely affect salamander habitat and water quality of Barton Springs despite an urban designation set before the HCP was approved, and

Whereas: The resolution further indicated that the Barton Springs Zone and/or SOS restrictions may be more appropriate and protective of habitat and water quality, now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Committee recommends to Planning Commission and City Council that they wait for results of the UT dye trace and the staff investigations before acting on approving development on this or adjacent lots because it could drastically change allowable impervious and water quality controls, and

Be it Further Resolved that the Committee recommends that:

- City of Austin biologists survey Little Zilker Creek Spring for endangered Salamander habitat, and

- City of Austin hydrogeologists compare water quality for the Little Zilker Creek Spring Critical Environmental Feature to Barton Springs to see if it's part of the Barton Springs complex and therefore potential salamander habitat, and
- City of Austin hydrogeologists conduct a study of the so-called bypass ditch along Robert E. Lee Road to identify the amount of subsurface drainage that flows from the bypass ditch into Barton Springs, and
- City of Austin staff wait for the UT and City of Austin dye trace test results before approving any development on this or adjacent sites, and
- *The City Council passes a resolution that requires City staff to follow the SOS ordinance on this project and future projects where the urban watersheds and Barton Springs watersheds overlap, regardless of past mistakes where developments have been used as a precedence on the Watershed Designation for the Blue Bonnet Resubdivision Case. (Barton Springs watersheds were incorrectly allowed to follow urban watershed standards instead of SOS standards.)*

2. Special Events ordinance—Discussion about transparency of the process and lack of input by the citizenry.

3. LDC Rewrite - SF-3 setback and height restrictions, Community Character Sessions January-February --- Discussion about the size of residential lots and the price of real estate.

New Business:

1. Agenda items (city/county candidate forum) for February 2014 ZNA quarterly membership meeting.

2. Loro Restaurant project at 2113 & 2115 South Lamar --- Discussion about grandfathering old site plan and preserving heritage trees.

3. LDC amendments - brew pubs onsite consumption/sale, mobile retail, occupancy limits

4. Resubdivision case for 2001, 2003, and 2005 Melridge Place. Discussion of project. 4 duplexes. No zoning changes, no variances anticipated. It also drains into Little Zilker Creek, but scale of development is much smaller than the Bluebonnet project across the street.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was then adjourned.

APPROVED:

Gardner Sumner, President