

**Zilker Neighborhood Association Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum
June 1, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Zilker Neighborhood Association (“ZNA”) Executive Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on the date set forth above.

The following members of the executive committee (collectively, the “Members”) were present:

Lorraine Atherton
Dave Floyd
David King
Dave Piper
Gardner Sumner

The Committee reviewed the minutes for the ZNA general membership meetings on March 9, 2015, and May 18, 2015, and the Committee meetings on March 2, 2015, and April 6, 2015. On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes for all four meetings were approved.

David King reported that the Committee meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015, and rescheduled to May 11, 2015, had to be canceled because the meeting room at Umlauf was unavailable at the last minute on both dates.

Lorraine submitted a membership report, attached.

David provided an update on the expenditures made and revenue received by the ZNA since the last treasurers report on May 4. He reported that Sabrena Wright resigned as ZNA Treasurer to handle family matters.

David gave an update on the ZNA general membership meeting that was held on May 18, 2015. (a) The Clean Affordable Energy resolution approved at the ZNA meeting was later approved at the ANC meeting on May 27. (b) Contrary to statements made at the May 18 ZNA meeting, the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association did not approve a bylaws amendment to allow online voting at its April 28 meeting.

Dave Floyd reported on plans for the ZNA Watermelon Social scheduled for July 27, 2015, at the Zilker Elementary School playground. He is trying to find sponsors for the event. Lorraine noted that the July newsletter deadline for information on the Social, such as sponsors to be credited, will be July 3.

Lorraine reported on a recommendation by the Parks and Environment committee to donate \$5,000 to the Friends of Little Zilker Park (FLZP) account with Austin Parks Foundation (APF). Lorraine made a motion to that effect, seconded by Dave Piper. The Committee discussed. David requested a friendly amendment to approve the donation contingent upon a report on FLZP at the next Executive Committee meeting. Lorraine and Dave accepted the amendment. The Committee approved the amended motion, with one abstention.

David announced that Jacob Scheick resigned as Secretary of the ZNA. He asked Members to solicit candidates for vacant Secretary and Treasurer offices so the Committee can review the candidates and fill the vacancies as soon as possible.

The Committee discussed the Austin City Council's unanimous vote to challenge the Travis Central Appraisal District's valuation of commercial properties in the City. The City released a report that showed that developed commercial properties are undervalued by about 27% and undeveloped commercial properties are undervalued by about 76%. David indicated that he would send Members information about the commercial properties that are included in the challenge.

David presented the attached Austin Neighborhoods Council resolution regarding the proposed elevated lanes and Lady Bird Lake flyover in the MoPac South project. The Committee instructed Lorraine to send ZNA members an e-mail from ZNA president David King asking them to send comments on the resolution to David before the ANC vote on June 24. David will post the resolution on the Zilker Yahoo group and ask group members to provide input and indicate whether or not they support it.

The Committee briefly discussed the results of the May 29, 2015, meeting with residents, City officials, and Lamar Union representatives to address traffic and parking problems on Treadwell Street. A list of problems, solutions, and timelines was produced and David will send it to Committee members as soon as it's ready.

The report from the Bylaws committee was postponed to the next Committee meeting scheduled for July 6, 2015.

Lorraine and Dave Piper of the Zoning Committee reported that the Board of Adjustment at its May 11 meeting reinterpreted the parts of the McMansion code that we had challenged regarding habitable attic space. City staff, however, has asked the BoA for a reconsideration of that ruling. The new hearing is Monday, June 8. The attached letter regarding CodeNext "missing middle" meetings was sent, as approved by the Executive Committee at its March meeting.

Gardner reported on the Parks and Environment committee on the following items:

1. The Friends of Robert E. Lee Tributary team has removed invasive species and planted native species in and around the Tributary this past winter and spring. A no-mow zone has been established around the Tributary.
2. The committee reviewed the off-leash proposal from Robert Corbin and recommended that he encourage the City Council to provide more funding for parks to increase enforcement of leash rules on City parkland and greenbelts.
3. Gardner presented information on protecting oak trees from oak wilt at the ZNA general membership meeting on May 18, 2015.
4. The committee requested information from the Parks Department on parkland dedication fees and parkland projects in the neighborhood.
5. The committee recommended approval of a \$5,000 donation to the Friends of Little Zilker Park.

Lorraine submitted the attached report on the Communications committee.

David reported on the first meeting of the Transportation and Mobility Committee. The committee discussed the parking issues on Treadwell Street and the South Lamar Transportation Corridor Study. The committee may make a recommendation regarding the Study at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

APPROVED:

President

Attachment 1

ZNA Membership report

Submitted May 31, 2015, by L. Atherton, ZNA newsletter editor

Hello, ZNA executive committee.

We have added 105 members this year, up from 185 in January to 290 on May 31, 2015. That's also 58 more members than we had in June 2012, when ZNA still had an active membership chair.

The membership spreadsheet has been updated and simplified and is ready to turn over to a membership chairperson.

The duties of the membership chair should be

- 1) to send renewal notices in October, November, and January to members whose dues have expired;
- 2) to work with the Web site manager and treasurer to record all memberships (paid by PayPal, mail, and cash) on the spreadsheet and to resolve questions of eligibility;
- 3) to provide a current list of member e-mails for the Communications committee two weeks before each quarterly meeting, so that members can receive e-mail notification of the newsletter and meeting agenda;
- 4) to prepare voting rolls and to manage the membership table at the quarterly meetings; and
- 5) to work with the Social chair to recruit new members throughout the year.

Austin Neighborhoods Council Resolution Regarding MoPac South Expansion (Draft)

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2015, the Austin City Council overwhelmingly passed resolution #20150507-026 urging the Capital Area Metropolitan Organization (CAMPO) to define the MoPac South expansion project in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan as a “reconfiguration of South MoPac, with an unspecified or variable number of lanes, not to exceed two managed lanes in each direction” ; and

WHEREAS, the resolution also requests that the CAMPO board “approve the optimum configuration” for the MoPac South expansion project after completion of “a thorough environmental, traffic, and funding study and analysis.”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed elevated lanes and flyover connecting MoPac South to Cesar Chavez Street will harm the environment, increase noise and light pollution in adjacent neighborhoods, increase traffic congestion on Cesar Chavez Street, and tower over Zilker Park, the waterfront along Lady Bird Lake, and Austin High School; and

WHEREAS, many citizens, residents of adjacent neighborhoods, Save Our Springs, Austin Parks and Recreation Board, and the Rollingwood City Council have expressed concerns about and opposition to the proposed elevated lanes and flyover; and

WHEREAS, protection and preservation of the open green space and beautiful vistas in and around the Waterfront and Barton Creek and Edwards Aquifer recharge zones are high-priority community values; and

WHEREAS, other large cities like Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, and Seoul have rerouted, removed or reduced highways and elevated lanes to provide more public open space, enhance beautiful vistas, and increase access to waterfronts; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) hereby supports Austin City Council resolution #20150507-026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the ANC hereby petitions the Austin City Council to oppose the proposed elevated lanes and flyover in the MoPac South project and urge the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and Texas Department of Transportation to identify solutions to address traffic congestion on South MoPac that do not include elevated lanes or a flyover at Lady Bird Lake.

Presented to the ANC General Membership: May 27, 2015

Approved and Adopted: [date]

Sponsor(s) Contact: David King, ANC VP 2, dking@austin.rr.com

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 3:58 PM

To: Ott, Marc

Cc: Kitchen, Ann; Tiemann, Donna; Craig, Ken; Robinson, Kelan; Adler, Steve; Cardenas, Nancy; Wick, Jim; Barbara Shack; Sarria, Vanessa; Tovo, Kathie; Halley, Shannon; Harden, Joi; Guernsey, Greg; rodney.gonzales@austintexas.gov; Zilker Executive Committee

Subject: [ZNAExCom] CodeNEXT - Missing Middle Housing - Notification Request

Mr. Marc Ott, City Manager, City of Austin,

As you may know, CodeNEXT is promulgating the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy to encourage infill and increased density in the transition zones between commercial corridors and single-family housing in the urban neighborhoods of Central Austin. The “Missing Middle Housing” strategy is apparently focused on rezoning single-family areas to allow triplexes, fourplexes, and two-story multifamily housing on residential streets that are adjacent to commercial corridors such as South Lamar Boulevard.

Within the Zilker Neighborhood, the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy apparently targets single-family (SF-3) zoned lots on Kinney Avenue, Goodrich Avenue, Bluebonnet Lane, and Josephine Street since they are adjacent to South Lamar Boulevard. It may also include single-family zoned lots on portions of Juliet Street, Bluff Street, Treadwell Street, Dexter Street, Collier Street, Hether Street, Frazier Avenue, Oxford Avenue, Arpdale Street, La Casa Drive, and Montclair Street that intersect South Lamar Boulevard.

If the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy were fully implemented in this area, a large number of single-family homes could eventually be eliminated as the value of those lots rises because of the increased zoning entitlement. Even now, we are seeing property owners being forced to sell because they can’t afford their taxes. Up-zoning would exacerbate that problem.

Given that the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy directly affects residents who rent or own these single-family homes, it is reasonable and equitable for the City to specifically notify them and adjacent residents about this strategy.

The outreach efforts of CodeNEXT have not reached many of these residents of the neighborhood. The City should make extra effort to notify these residents about the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy so they can become involved with CodeNEXT and weigh in on the potential impact on them and their families.

I respectfully request that, within the next 90 days, the City send notices that explain in detail the potential ramifications of the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy. These notices should be sent directly to these residents in a manner similar to notices regarding a zoning change, which utilizes an established procedure.

This notification process should apply to all neighborhoods in the City that are included in the “Missing Middle Housing” strategy.

Respectfully,
David King
Zilker Neighborhood Association President
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Austin, TX 78704

Communications Committee report

Submitted June 1, 2015, by L. Atherton, ZNA newsletter editor

Newsletter distribution

We are at our limit for hand delivery of paper newsletters. Our regular order is 2800 newsletters. At least 2790 newsletters were hand delivered to residential addresses in May.

As the number of occupied houses and apartments has increased, we have had to cut back on distribution to businesses.

In February and May we started having some success with e-links to large multifamily complexes. A link to the newsletter is now distributed to 482 additional units. Contacts made with HOAs interested in Uncle Billy's case resulted in e-mail distribution to Barton Place (270 units), Talisman (63), and Lost Canyon (30) condos. We also have an e-mail contact for Hanover (119 occupied units, 340 total).

For the July issue, we'll be trying to re-establish contacts with Akoya, Austin Heights, Pecan Grove RV park, Gibson Flats, Post South Lamar, Bridges on the Park, and the Cole Apartments (about 1000 units).

We will also look for contacts at Lamar Union (400+ units). If you know someone who lives in any of these complexes, please ask them to join ZNA.

| Name | Street address | E-contact | Units |
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| Lamar Union | 1100 S. Lamar | no | 400+ |
| Gibson Flats | 1219 S. Lamar | no | 200+ |
| Post South Lamar | 1500 S. Lamar | no | 298 |
| Talisman Condos | 1501 Barton Springs Rd | yes | 63 |
| Villas of Lost Canyon | 1529 Barton Springs Rd | yes | 30 |
| Barton Place | 1600 Barton Springs Rd | yes | 270 |
| Bridges in the Park | 210 Lee Barton | no | 103 |
| Cole Apartments | 300 S. Lamar | no | 298 |
| Hanover | 809 S. Lamar | yes | 119 occupied, 340 total |
| Akoya | 2200 Dickson | no | 64 |
| Austin Heights | 900 S. Lamar | no | 26 |