

ZNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2021 — Zoom Meeting

Attending: Bill Bunch, Bill Neale, Bruce Wiland, Bobby Rigney, Gary Hamilton, Dave Piper, Megan Paul, Robin Rather

Old Business: - discussion and possible action

1. Approval of minutes for 2-22-2021 general meeting and 2-1-2021 ExComm meeting -- Dave moved, Bobby 2nd, Unanimous vote with Robin absent
2. Treasurer and Membership report (Bruce)
3. Parks report (Robin) and discussion; possible action on policies and membership of committee
The following people were added to the Parks and Environment Committee. Bill Bunch moved, Bill Neale 2nd, Unanimous vote with Megan absent
Becky Taylor, Sarah Dhane, Robert Corbin, Garret Nick
Melissa Hawthorne from Barton Hills will be a non-voting advisor
4. New members/communications (including website(s))(Megan)--Discussion of using social media
5. ANC business update (Bobby)--- Bobby moves to support the ANC resolution to oppose Board of Adjustment fees for interpretation cases, Robin 2nd, Unanimous vote.

AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOR WAIVING INTERPRETATION FEES AT THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Board of Adjustment has a rarely used tool called Code Interpretations;

WHEREAS, in 2019, Texas State Law (HB2497) has changed interested party status and a deadline with a 60-day timeclock from the date of filing, a timeline that impedes any postponement of that Interpretation at the Board of Adjustment;

WHEREAS, if the Board of Adjustment decides that it may not hear an Interpretation within that 60 day period for any reason including weather constraints or other reasons like a lack of quorum, that the applicant does not have the opportunity to “exhaust all remedies” at the municipal level before proceeding to District Court;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has no other remedy available to the public for challenging the Land Development Code or building permits issued in error;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Development Services Department is prejudicial towards development;

WHEREAS, most all public inquiries contesting a permit or a code related interpretation are disregarded or ignored;

WHEREAS, the filing-fee for an Interpretation is often \$3,000.00 or more depending on the year;

WHEREAS, most neighborhoods or ordinary citizens are disadvantaged by such an exorbitant filing-fee, but the Development Community is not as disadvantaged.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee requests that the City Council amend and waive the fee for neighborhoods or a public citizen for filing an Interpretation with the Board of Adjustment, in the interest of fairness and equity.

Presented on February 10, 2021 Approved and Adopted February 14, 2021 Sponsored by Mary Ingle,

ANC VP2

Discussion of the upcoming CoA election on May 1 that includes a ballot item to change the City Charter to convert to a "strong mayor" form of government. Robin moves that the ExComm oppose the strong mayor CoA ballot question, notify the ZNA membership of a special Zoom election at a date to be determined in order to vote on the strong mayor issue. Motion passed 6-2 with Bruce and Megan opposed.

New Business: (possible action on all items)

1725 Toomey PUD and 2700 S. Lamar PUD updates (Dave)

Brodie Oaks PUD update (Bill)

Report from Bylaws Committee regarding amendments (Dave) -- Process is ongoing to create a draft that the ExComm can review and present to the general membership before the election on July 26. Bill Bunch appointed Drew Zerdecki and Garret Nick to the Bylaws Committee. Bill B. will submit bylaws language for conflict of interest and nepotism policies to the Committee.

Adjourn