

ZNA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Aug. 2, 2021 —5:30 p.m. Umlauf Sculpture Garden

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

Guests:

Old Business:

1. Approval of minutes of ExComm meeting and General Meeting -- Robin Rather moves, Dave Piper 2nd, 5-1 vote with Bruce Wiland voting NO and Gary Hamilton absent.
2. Treasurer and Membership report (Bruce)
3. Parks & Environment report (Robin) and discussion; possible action on policies and membership of committee, comments to City, walk/bike tours, and neighborhood survey. Motion to approve the following resolution regarding Zilker Park. Dave Piper moves, Bill Neal 2nd, motion passes 6-0 with Gary Hamilton absent.

ZILKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION REGARDING ZILKER PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is conducting outreach for opinions regarding the Zilker Park Vision Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Zilker Neighborhood Association (ZNA) has a strong interest in this plan and strong opinions about the Park; and

WHEREAS, ZNA has been attending and participating in this outreach; and

WHEREAS, the next Community Meeting is on August 10th, focused on “events and programming”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that ZNA will provide the following five key message points as its key feedback to the upcoming Community Meeting:

- Don't Commercialize Zilker: Major large events (over 50 people) should be for the public, not for private enterprise. We are opposed to further commercialization of the Park. Existing events, including ACL, should do far more to protect and expand the natural features of the Park, should stop repeatedly degrading it, and should reduce the duration of events as far as possible. Events should be spread around other city locations, not concentrated as Zilker.
- Make Zilker Much Safer: Events specifically, and the park generally, need to be far safer for the public. Events should have more Park Police, Park Rangers, volunteer and paid as well as other staff present to enforce existing safety and environmental rules and create a safe and welcoming Park experience.
- Maximize Non-Car Options and Minimize the Need for Parking: Events should provide maximum non-car options (such as bike/ped, shuttle) and greatly lessen the need for parking.
- Don't Sell Alcohol at Zilker on a Full-Time Basis: Alcoholic beverages should not be sold in the park except on occasions permitted as temporary.
- Focus on Environmental, Historic and Multi-Cultural Programming: Programming should focus on environmental, historic, and multi-cultural education.

Adopted unanimously by the Zilker Neighborhood Association Executive Committee on August 2, 2021.

4. ANC business update (Bobby Rigney)

New Business

1. Consider self nominations for VP for Social Events and VP for Communications-- Volunteering to return are Dave Piper (Secretary), Bill Neale (VP of Zoning), Bill Bunch (President), Robin Rather (VP of Parks and Environment), Gary Hamilton (Executive VP), Bobby Rigney (Austin Neighborhoods Council Delegate). Bruce Wiland declined to run again for Treasurer. Two other positions on the ExComm need to be filled: VP of Communications and VP of Social Events.
2. Land Development Code updates (including 2700 S. Lamar, 1725 Toomey Road, and the Brodie Oaks Shopping Center redevelopment project)
3. Heather/Lamar water problem update (Bruce)

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.