

## Zilker Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Notes July 25, 2016 - Faith United Methodist Church - 2701 South Lamar

**Guests:** Nancy McClain; South Lamar Neighborhood Association; Flood Mitigation Task Force members: Ana Aguirre, Elloa Matthews, Rollin MacRea, Ken Jacobs, Dorsey Twidwell; Council Member Delia Garza, District 2; Jim Wick, Move Austin Forward PAC; Hill Abell, Bicycle Sport Shop; John-Michael Cortez; Mayor's Office; Bill Bunch, Executive Director, Save Our Springs.

David King called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

- **Update on Bluebonnet Studios** - Nancy McClain provided an update on the Bluebonnet Studios by Foundation Communities. She asked attendees to consider donating money to help buy "Welcome Baskets" for new residents of Bluebonnet Studios.
- **Update on Parks and Parkland Events Task Force** - David King provided an update on neighborhood meetings with the Austin Fire Department regarding the potential for a pocket park or community garden on the vacant lot on Collier Street behind the fire station on Kinney Avenue. Shudde Fath helped save the fire station from being relocated out of the Zilker neighborhood back in the early 1970s. He indicated that the Parkland Events Task Force is preparing to schedule a public meeting to get input on recommendations regarding events at Zilker Park, Auditorium Shores, Fiesta Gardens and other City parks.
- **Flood Mitigation Task Force** – Task Force members, Elloa Matthews, Ken Jacobs, Dorsey Twidwell & Ana Aguirre, and Rollin MacRea provided a detailed overview of the key recommendations in the Task Force's final report that was released in May.
- **\$720M Transportation Bond Proposal** - Council Member Delia Garza provided an overview of the bond proposal approved by the City Council in August. She identified concerns regarding the impact that the proposal could have on taxpayers and the bonding capacity for other critical needs including flood mitigation, libraries, parks, and a backlog of 5 fire stations. Voters will have an opportunity to vote on the bond proposal on November 8, 2016.
- Jim Wick spoke in support of the bond proposal and described how it will help improve congestion on the corridors and increase safety for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians in the City.
- Hill Abel spoke in support of the funding for the Bicycle Master Plan and Sidewalk Master Plan to help increase safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians on corridors, trails, and neighborhoods in the City.
- Bill Bunch pointed out that the bond package was rushed and has not gone through a broader citizen review process to identify potential issues and competing priorities.
- **CodeNEXT** – CodeNEXT is a citywide effort to rewrite the land development code and is about 1 ½ years behind schedule. Bill Bunch identified concerns about the potential environmental impact of density in or near environmentally sensitive areas. He briefly discussed the Natural and Built Environment Prescription Paper and expressed concern that the code changes need to be made public to help ensure transparency.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.