

Swede Hill Neighborhood Association

SHNA Annual Meeting: Tuesday October 7, 2014

Location: Carver Library, 1161 Angelina St., Meeting Room #2

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Information: Louisa Brinsmade, SHNA Secretary

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October Meeting Minutes

▪ **Announcements**

Sean Garretson announced that a lawsuit has been filed against him by Blake and Toria English following a letter to the Englishes from Mr. Garretson's attorney requesting that the Englishes remove their pumphouse structure from Mr. Garretson's land. Mr. Garretson pointed out that he is not the only neighbor who has been sued, or threatened with a lawsuit, by Blake and Toria English. Paula and Charles Reckson, Steve Macon, and Louisa C. Brinsmade noted that they had all received "cease and desist" letters that included threats of a lawsuit following their public opposition to the rezoning sought by Mr. and Mrs. English. Rob Seidenberg acknowledged that he, too, had been served with a lawsuit by the Englishes. Discussion followed regarding the nature of the lawsuits, the letters, and the neighborhood association's vote earlier in the year to oppose the rezoning of the Englishes' property. It was noted that further information on the variances sought by the property owners at the Board of Adjustment would be given during the update on development issues later in the agenda.

▪ **Item #1** By-Laws Ratification Vote – by By-Laws Committee Members

No discussion. Amended By-Laws approved by a vote of 29-2

▪ **Item #2** Membership Registration and Dues Collected

Membership registration forms for 33 members collected, some for spouses of those present. Some members were delayed in paying their dues, as marked on their membership registration forms. All collected checks and cash were taken and noted by SHNA Board member Kirsten Seigfried and SHNA Treasurer Polina Koronkevich. Ms. Koronkevich took possession of all collected dues for deposit.

▪ **Item #3** 2014-2015 SHNA Board of Directors Election

Seven nominees were elected by a unanimous vote of 29-0. The following candidates were elected:

William Minor

Louisa C. Brinsmade
Paula Reckson
Charles Reckson
Steve Macon
Kristine Garana
Steve Macon

Officers of the new Board of Directors will be chosen by the new Board members at a subsequent Board meeting.

- **Item #4** Development Issues Update – Hunt Andre and Development Committee members

1. Hunt Andre gave a brief update on the state of Tracts 3 and 5 and described an apparent delay in the dispensation of the property. There is no clear information about when the contract will be signed between the City of Austin and Butler Equity. Discussion ensued regarding the usefulness of a letter to the Urban Renewal Board from SHNA. General consensus was that a letter would be a good idea. Mr. Andre will compose such a letter. No action taken.

2. Toria and Blake English are seeking approval for several variances at the Board of Adjustment, but the hearing of those variances was delayed. There is no clear information about when the variances will return to the BOA. A description of the variances being sought was given. Discussion ensued. No action taken.

3. An amendment to the Central East Austin Neighborhood Plan is being sought by Wes Peoples. A brief description of the neighborhood's reaction to the Neighborhood Plan Amendment meeting on September 22 was given, and discussion ensued. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm