

SWEDE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 2017 Meeting Minutes

Carver Library 6:30 pm

SHNA Board Members present:

- Marla Torrado, President
- Louisa Brinsmade, Secretary
- Quorum not present

6:35 pm meeting called to order

No minutes approved

March agenda not approved (No quorum)

New Business

- **Presentation and Possible Action Item:** Deborah and Mike Roberts presented their building plans for 1003 E. 14th St.
 - The Roberts have applied for a demolition permit for the house, and have submitted their plans to the City for a building permit.
 - The demolition permit is being processed; city staff report that review has not begun on the history of the house.
 - The building permit will not require variances.
 - Comments from those present ranged from appreciation for the Swedish-influenced design for the new structure to concerns that 1003 E. 14th St. is a “contributing structure” to a potential Local Historic District under the East Austin Historic Survey recently completed; that the house has historic connections to other Landmark structures; and that demolition would be an irreparable loss to the historic fabric of Swede Hill.
- **Officer Kevin Kelly, District Representative for the Central East Austin:**
 - Officer Kelly visited to introduce himself and discuss neighborhood safety issues.
 - He noted a series of break-ins throughout Swede Hill, and asked for neighborhood vigilance.
- **Code Next Briefing:**
 - Paula Reckson and Tracy Witte went over the history of Imagine Austin and Code NEXT, and noted the dates (posted below) of upcoming public meetings on the new draft Land Development Code, and of the upcoming

OCEAN Code NEXT Committee meeting on March 14th where comments from SHNA will be welcome. (Please direct those comments to: swedehillna@gmail.com and they will be forwarded.)

- The definition of the various portions of the new draft code were covered, including: Transect Zones, Non-Transect Zones, and Overlay Districts. Paula and Tracy noted that Swede Hill could be categorized as a “Non-Transect Zone” and that East 12th St. will be governed by the existing Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) as an Overlay District under the new code.
- On April 18, city staff will release the “mapping” document that shows where these new “zones” will be implemented across the city. That document will let us know what effect the draft code and the various zones will have on Swede Hill.
- Both presenters urged residents to familiarize themselves with the new draft code and participate in the city’s public input opportunities. The various upcoming meetings and methods of participating are posted below.

- **Central Health Update:**

- The representatives from Central Health have updated their timeline for presentation at city boards and commissions. The new dates for hearings are April for the Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee, and May for the Downtown Commission and Planning Commission. There are opportunities for the public to speak at all three events. We will get the details of each of these hearings out to SHNA distribution list as we approach April.
- OCEAN members met at Louisa Brinsmade’s house last week to discuss the Central Health Brackenridge Overlay plan and to outline concerns and potential requests. Those concerns range from: compatible design to engage East Austin; overflow parking; construction issues; and support for long term East Austin neighborhood viability.
- SHNA may wish to vote on the Central Health plan - the item will be posted in April as an Action Item to afford that opportunity.
- Central Health’s representatives, Nikelle Meade and Perla Cavazos, will be present at SHNA’s April meeting to go over the plans again and answer questions. The links for more information on the Central Health Brackenridge District Overlay proposal are posted below.

- **SHNA Website Domain Renewal:**

- Options to renew at various term levels was discussed - the general opinion was the longer term the better, especially considering the savings potential. Without a quorum of the Board present, the members could not vote, but expressed a desire to approve the Five Year renewal at \$150.
 - The SHNA Board of Directors will hold an Executive Committee meetings to vote on this item since it is time sensitive (the domain contract is due to expire soon). That meeting will be posted by email for anyone who wants to attend.
 - **Update:** The SHNA Executive Committee voted (3-0) to approve the domain renewal for 5 years, but the amount was actually \$180.
- **SHNA Appointment to ANC:**
 - Paula Reckson has volunteered to serve as our neighborhood representative to the Austin Neighborhoods Council. She has no competitors for the position. No quorum was present to appoint Ms. Reckson.
 - The SHNA Executive Committee will convene to approve Ms. Reckson's appointment to this position as the ANC meeting is upcoming and SHNA should be represented.
 - **Update:** The SHNA Executive Committee voted (3-0) to approve Ms. Reckson's appointment to ANC as the SHNA representative.

Announcements

- Jake Matthews with Legacy Homes was scheduled to present possible development scenarios of the Stasswender Tracts at our SHNA March meeting, but emailed to say that negotiations with the owner had been exhausted and Legacy Homes would no longer seek to purchase the tracts.

Central Health Information

To review the Master Plan, visit:

http://www.centralhealthcampus.net/planning/?_ga=1.141289137.286544944.1483206871

And conceptual images:

http://www.centralhealthcampus.net/planning/?_ga=1.141289137.286544944.1483206871

Code NEXT Information

Link to the city's Code NEXT website:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/codenext>

Code NEXT upcoming public meetings:

March 25, 2017

Austin High School (1715 Cesar Chavez St.)

Noon to 2:00 p.m.

April 1, 2017

Westwood High School (12400 Mellow Meadow Dr.)

Noon to 2:00 p.m.

April 8, 2017

Anderson High School (8403 Mesa Dr.)

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Link to draft code: [link to the draft code](#)

1. Here is a [link to education materials](#) that help explain the new draft code.
2. Here is a [video of a presentation](#) as well as [the presentation](#) made to City Council explaining the draft code.
3. Here is a [link to the online CodeNEXT survey](#) - this survey will ask you how well the solutions offered in the draft code address the issues identified as problematic in Austin's Land Development Code.