

SWEDE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

June 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Carver Library 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by the President, Paula Reckson. Board member Kirsten Siegfried was absent. Minutes of the May 3, 2016 meeting were approved. The agenda was adopted. The Treasurer, Bruce Sheehan gave his report. SHNA received reimbursement from UT for the cost of Residential Parking Permit signs and the Treasurer was authorized by Board approval to disburse funds to individuals who purchased the temporary signs used in the process of petitioning for RPP.

Guest speaker Miller Nuttle of Bike Austin spoke briefly about the Mobility Talks process and requested that residents provide their input to the city, supporting funds for active transportation projects (trails, bike lanes, sidewalks) as part of any bond initiative. Some residents had reservations about bike lanes replacing auto lanes on certain roads, diminishing capacity.

Jim Walker, UT liaison, was present to address any new input by the neighborhood regarding parking and trash.

Paula Reckson moved to approve SHNA as RPP Administrator, Arthur Anton seconded. Discussion included information that the traffic department will make changes to the RPP process and renewals by the end of the year. These changes will improve the efficiency of the process and renewals, with design changes of the stickers and hang tags. Motion was approved unanimously. Board members appointed Steve Macon as RPP coordinator and established guidelines.

Paula Reckson moved to approve a resolution to the Planning Commission and City Council opposing any changes to zoning or 12th Street NCCD development standards for Tract 3 and Tract 5 in sub-district 2 of the 12 Street NCCD. Tract 3 is located at 1120 E. 12th Street; Tract 5 at 1322-1336 E. 12th Street. Bruce Sheehan seconded. Discussion included an update that the Butler family has requested that the city withdraw their initiation of a case to amend the NCCD. Verification by email from the attorney representing the Butler family confirmed the request. The communication indicated that they intend to develop under the current entitlements, but included a disclaimer reserving the right to seek modifications to existing entitlements to this and other properties in the future. Draft resolution was reviewed and the motion to approve the resolution registering SHNA opposition to any changes in the current entitlements for Tracts 3 and 5 passed unanimously.

Charles Reckson gave an ANC update. No OCEAN update. New business included discussion of park benches, which the city will straighten and reinforce with a concrete footer. The DoubleTree Hotel requested a review of their heritage trees from the city arborist. Contact with the agent requesting the review revealed that any plans to modify, renovate or redevelop the property have not been determined. The Board will monitor any activity. SHNA has a private restrictive covenant with the property dating back to 1995 when the property was developed with the hotel.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Charles Reckson, Secretary

Approved 8/2/16