



Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2009 7:00 PM

Title of Meeting: Judges Hill Regular Neighborhood Meeting

Location: Home of Ben and Jane Schotz

Attendees: Ben Schotz, Jo Sue Howard, Megan and Bert Meisenbach, Jay Tassin, Mark Seeger, Bob Swaffer, Scott Neal, Phil Wiley, Rebecca Bingham, Sheryl Michels, Billy Atkins, Bill Monroe, Jeff Harper

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Ben opened the meeting with a few issues:

Proposal to allow more intense development on town lake
going to council tonight

Planning commission met regarding Beal and voted 6-0 against the zoning changing
Goes to council on June 11th



Bill Monroe - Historic District standards

Historic Committee looking into getting a National Register District

Continue to look at Local Historic District

Discussed need to watch what is being proposed by ROMA

In 30 - 90 days want to have a vote of the membership to make an application for LHD under our standards

Bill will send a proposal to the list for comments and potential vote

13 groups in city met with Steve Sadowski

Historic Committee would like to propose standards that the neighborhood adopted a few years ago:

- No high rises
- Compatibility
- Landscapes compatible
- Non-single family buildings should hide garage doors
 - No restriction on single family
- We would comply with regular city standards for building
- We would look to Secretary of Interior for standards for historic buildings

A planning Commission hearing was held last night to try to change the requirements for adopting an LHD.

Plan for votes next week



Downtown Austin Plan (DAP)

Jay reported on the DAP Density Bonus Plan meeting earlier this week.

Meetings have been held for our districts that we weren't invited to participate in
Group attended the meeting this week on Monday
Jay, Ben, Megan, Jeff, Mark, Scott Neal

Bonus plan would allow developers to build higher and with higher density in certain areas.

Important issue is that we want to speak with voice of the neighborhood

Scott Neal has objections to the changes of taking his properties along Lamar being taken out of the Density Bonus program. Objection to the feeling that the neighborhood was representing the view that we don't want density along Lamar.

Bill discussed that we already have principles about height in the neighborhood (Presidio)

Scott Neal agrees with our principles but doesn't feel his property is really part of the neighborhood.

Ben thinks we need to work out a scheme that is acceptable to both the single family owners and the Neal family

Jo Sue motioned that we vote to work with Scott on any redevelopment proposal on his property when he is ready in lieu of JHNA's support of density bonuses.

Mark seconded

Passed unanimously - Scott abstained

Joe Sue moved to approve the JHNA boundaries and compatibility standards

1. Conform the Judges' Hill District to our official borders (15th, Lamar, MLK and Rio Grande) as these respect the distribution of our historic garden district and will ensure proper notice to us for future issues.



2. **Exempt the 4½ blocks between West Avenue and Nueces Street** (from just south of 15th Street to MLK) from density bonuses, as these few blocks include or border single family homes and a dense collection of our most critical historic properties. See attached map

3. **Codify compatibility in Phase 2.** According to NPZD, compatibility still applies downtown but will be addressed in Phase 2 after we've agreed to the bonuses. In supporting nearby bonuses we request that compatibility remain in place **within neighborhoods that are themselves exempt from bonuses** due to the presence of single family homes, many of them historic. This would apply across our border with similarly exempt portions of the Northwest District, but not into areas eligible for density bonuses.

Item Number 3 is contingent on number 2.

Motion passed unanimously - Scott abstained.

Adjourned 8:46