



Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2009 7:00 PM

Title of Meeting: Judges Hill Regular Neighborhood Meeting

Location: Home of Ben and Jane Schotz

Attendees: Jim Parish, Patrick Thompson, Bob Swaffer, Mark Seeger, Jay Tassin, Tammy Mitchell, Becky and Jim Montgomery, Bert and Megan Meisenbach, Bill Monroe, Billy Atkins, Rebecca Bingham, Peggy Russel, Walt Hornaday, Molly Kohler, Ben Schotz, Jeff Harper

Ben Called the meeting to order at 7:10

Community Garden at 16th and West Ave.

Becky Montgomery discussed the community Garden at the Lutheran Church. She handed out a flyer about the plan for the garden.

Becky requested feedback to take back to the church council
Proposing 4x8 ft raised beds.
Suggest rental for \$25 per 6 months

Presidio

Ben spoke with the owner, Stonehill in Dallas, about the covenants
Ben faxed our concerns on July 9 and heard back this week
Concerns

Outstanding dues

Visible dumpsters and electrical at street

Presidio hoping to get the Certificate of Occupancy from the city this week.



Stonehill indicated their intention is to fix the street view and pay the dues after the CO is obtained
Ben plans to follow up with them this week and get their response in writing.

West Ave. Discussions

1801 West Ave

Ben brought up the discussion that Jo Sue Howard wants to down-zone her home to SF3-H from MF4

SF3 would help with compatibility

Cost is ~\$1500

If a commissioner or council member initiates the zoning change there is no charge

Commissioner needs a support letter from the owner and the neighborhood

Mark made a motion that JHNA write a letter of support to the Historic commission and the city for the zoning rollback, seconded by Bob Swaffer.

Ben expressed concern about our governance issues and should we vote.

Patrick noted that the neighborhood was notified in the agenda e-mail.

Megan commented that the neighborhood has been consistent about the issue of protecting borders.

Megan moved to close discussion, Bob called the question to vote.

Vote was unanimous in favor.

1510 West Ave Discussion

New interest from Ron Murray

Ron decided to remove himself from the agenda



1503 West Ave Discussion

The council meeting will be on August 27th

Ben has been meeting with the council members to explain the neighborhood position

Much discussion regarding West avenue and how we position the neighborhood regarding commercial vs. residential.

Patrick expressed his concern with the wording of the neighborhood resolution given to the historic commission of favoring residential over commercial for historic buildings on West Ave.

Ben will make an agenda item for a future meeting to discuss in more detail

Jeff mentioned that Joe Turner said that the city told him they would be putting parking meters in front of his office on West.

Bill mentioned that the neighborhood has always opposed parking meters on West Ave.

Downtown Austin Plan - Jay Tassin

Jay and Joe Bailey went to the Downtown Austin Plan meeting to discuss compatibility

Jay wants feedback from the neighborhood on compatibility

Jay went through a series of maps he has been working with the commission on to try to keep the compatibility next to the neighborhood borders

Going forward:

- Support Joe Sue Howard in her down-zoning request
- Work on getting the Historic District work complete
- Attend meetings when possible to show deeper support from the neighborhood

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15