



Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept. 6, 2011, 7PM

Type of Meeting: Judges' Hill Neighborhood Association

Location: Home of Ben and Jane Schotz

Present 15 residents and one guest.

Meeting minutes:

Discussion of St. Martin's Lutheran Church property/Worship Park:

Guest, Bill Grosskopf, representative from St. Martin's Lutheran Church reported that it is doubtful that the food trailers in the Worship Park will go forward. There is a desire on the part of the church to be included in the NW District, which would allow more intense development without re-zoning. The City Council will vote on the DAP (Downtown Austin Plan) plan, with the JHNA negotiated borders, on Oct. 16. St. Martin's may seek a zoning change.

St. Martin's Facilities Committee is seeking entrants for a fund-raising design contest for the Worship Park. There were questions and general discussion.

A motion was offered and seconded:

Judges Hill Neighborhood Association resolves to enthusiastically endorse St. Martin's Lutheran Church in developing its property itself in plans that are mutually beneficial.

The motion passed unanimously.

If a neighbor would like to sit in on a St. Martin's Committee meeting please contact billgrosskopf@gmail.com.



Discussion on the Dreyfus Antique Store property at 1901 North Lamar (Lamar at MLK):

Mr. Dreyfus has applied to remove the existing Public Restrictive Covenant (which mandates use as an Antique Store or LO use (local office) and to rezone to LR (retail), with conditional overlay and a covenant.

A motion was made and seconded:

JHNA resolves to encourage the applicant to pursue a modification of the existing Restrictive Covenant to allow one additional use as a restaurant of a particular type.

If there is a question of the type of restaurant, then a restaurant that is more like Sagra's rather than a Quattro's or Cain and Abel's is sought by JHNA. (It is suggested that the applicant address height, structure square footage, limited trips, prohibiting a fast food establishment, and hours of operation.) If the Restrictive Covenant is acceptably modified, Judges Hill may approve the application.

The motion passed 9 to 2 with several abstaining.

Discussion of the Austin Recreational Center:

Position statement: JHNA supports maintaining Austin Recreation Center as a recreational, city-operated facility to enhance the quality of life in Downtown Austin. Judges' Hill Neighborhood Association sees the future of ARC as important to the future of neighborhoods and to Downtown Austin. JHNA will appoint a representative to observe the progress of ARC. This is a wonderful opportunity to revitalize downtown.

Announcement:

Please respond to Bob Swaffar in regards to a possible Local Historic district with your vote:yes/no/abstain.

All interested parties are invited to join Bill Monroe in a meeting about LHD at his house (1606 Pearl) Sept.11, 2:00 to 4:00PM

George Shelley, 1610 West Ave. spoke about his house being on the market for the TCAD listed value. His realtor, Linda Bush, reports that the new owner may be asking for a zoning change from residential to business zoning. Mr. Shelley offers this for our consideration.



New officers for JHNA:

For new officers these names were mentioned, Ray Langenberg, Margaret Gosselink, Jim Browne (for 8 months only of the year)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM