

2017 - Tuesday, January 23
Fannie Mae Stewart Community Conservatory
Austin, Texas

Quarterly Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Priscilla Boston on behalf of Isaiah Tibbs, Chair and Mr. Ronsonette took minutes on behalf of Priscilla Boston, Secretary.

Neighborhood Representatives in Attendance:

- a. Bo McCarver, Blackland NA/Homeowner
- b. Roscoe Overton, Blackland NA/Homeowner
- c. Girard Kinney, Cherrywood NA/Homeowner
- d. Jules Kniolek, Cherrywood NA/Business Owner
- e. Priscilla Boston, Schieffer-Willowbrook NA/Homeowner, UBC Secretary
- f. Tom Wald, Cherrywood NA/Renter
- g. Ken Ronsonette, Delwood II/ Homeowner
- h. Brendan Wittstruck, Delwood II, Renter
- i. Spencer Duran, CNA Alternate Renter

Excused due to illness: Isaiah Tibbs, Wilshire Wood /Delwood I NA/Homeowner, UBC Chair

Visitors: ??? (~~help me out here, youngish guy, new Steer?~~), (CNA), David Keene, (WWD1), Jane O'Brien, (WWD1)

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Chair:** Convene meeting, determine quorum status and self-introductions. (5 mins)
2. ACTION ITEM
Secretary: Approve minutes from meetings on October 24, 2016. (5 mins)
3. DISCUSSION
All: Continue discussion on housing (30 mins)
4. **All:** Other goings on of importance to the UBC area (15 mins)
5. **Boston:** Preliminary agenda for next meeting and adjourn. (5 mins)

Below is a summary of actions taken with key discussion points provided.

Agenda Item 1: Convene meeting, determine quorum status and self-introductions.

Members and guests were welcomed. Self-introductions were made. It was determined that a quorum was achieved.

Agenda Item 2: Approve minutes from meeting on October 24, 2016.

Mr. McCarver made a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Wald** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by other attendees with **Mr. Wittstruck** and **Mr. Kinney** abstaining.

Agenda Item 3: Continue discussion on the pursuit of *local historic district or neighborhood*

conservation districts.

Neighborhood representatives shared progress of their neighborhoods in considering this tool:

- Wilshire Wood/Delwood I neighborhood voted to pursue local historic district designation.
- Blackland is included in the city's recent survey of historic structures in East Austin, as was Holy Cross, both are working on their plans and will be establishing standards. Next mtg 2/7/17.
- Cherrywood has not brought forth for discussion.
- Delwood II neighborhood association will bring up in the next two months for discussion.

Agenda Item 4: Discussions on the Obama Administration Housing Development Toolkit.

Discussion 1: Eliminate off-street parking requirements. Parking standards indirectly contribute to less affordable housing.

Key Takeaways:

1. Lack of affordable housing is ~~driven-exacerbated~~ by current COA development standards that require 2 parking spaces for a primary resident and an additional space for an accessory development except if it is .25 miles from an activity corridor. This requirement increases the cost to develop multi-family residential.
2. COA requirement that parking be factored into impervious cover reduces opportunities to offer additional affordable housing units with the city.
3. Blackland Conservatory indicated that out of the 57 affordable units they own only 18 tenants had cars. Their experience over the years have shown that tenants predominantly rely on public transportation, walk or either bike to work.

Discussion 2: Inclusionary Zoning. This requires the inclusion of affordable units in new residential development projects.

Key Takeaways:

Motion made by **Mr. McCarver** to invite City Council members Tovo and Casar to discuss ~~how parking standards indirectly contribute to less affordability~~Inclusionary Zoning. This was seconded by **Mr. Kinney** and all voting members approved unanimously. **Mr. Wittstruck and Mr. Kniolek** will contact City Council members Casar and Tovo and set up a date to hold meeting.

Reference tools should be studied by all UBC members: [the above referenced toolkit](#), the [City's Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Strategic Housing Plan](#), and the [Code Next report on housing issues](#). Members should also familiarize themselves with [Homestead Preservation Districts](#).

Agenda Item 4: Other goings on of Importance to the UBC Area

Mr. McCarver moved that the UBC ~~move to hold committee workshops if needed during months the official quarterly meetings are not scheduled. The workshop would not require a quorum, require formal agendas or minutes, and members could initiate a meeting through email notice to UBC members so that items could be explored and worked through.~~return to a schedule of meeting monthly. **Mr. Wittstruck** offered a friendly amendment that the UBC would conduct monthly work sessions in between currently-scheduled quarterly meetings, such that work sessions would be properly noticed but not contain actionable agenda items. **Mr. McCarver** accepted the amendment. This would allow items to be brought and taken up at the official quarterly meeting in a more expeditious manner. ~~This~~The amended motion was seconded by **Mr. Kniolek** and all voting members approved unanimously. ~~It was agreed that these meetings would not have formal~~

Agenda Item 5: Preliminary agenda for next meeting and adjourn.

The first inter-quarter committee workshop is **February 27, 2017 6:30 pm** Fannie Mae Conservatory and will be a continuation of discussion on issues raised in the above referenced documents.

The date of the second inter-quarter committee workshop is **March 27, 2017 6:30 pm** Fannie Mae Conservatory (as needed).

The date of the next quarterly UBC meeting is **April 24, 2017 6:30 pm** Fannie Mae Conservatory

Ms. Boston made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **Mr. Ronsonette** seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.