



Planning Commission
Neighborhood Plan Subcommittee
August 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room # 1029
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701
Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present:

Jean Stevens – Chair
James Nortey
Jeff Jack – (ex-officio member)
Dannette Chimenti – absent

Staff members present:

Francis Reilly
Carol Haywood
Stevie Greathouse
Donna Arwood

CALL TO ORDER- 6:02 PM

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Tracy Witte- Central East Austin – HCCA decline of information, meeting cancellations, lack of notification to residents and neighborhood groups regarding Rosewood Courts- density issues, Downtown Austin plan

Commissioner Stevens requested a copy of Ms. Witte's written comments be forwarded to her via email.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Approval of the June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes**-Motion to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner Nortey, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved on a vote of 2-0. Commissioner Chimenti was absent.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Rio Lado Apartments Redevelopment**—Ron Kowal, VP for the Austin Affordable Housing Corporation, will provide an update on redevelopment plans near the Rio Lado apartments.

The presenter was not present for this agenda item.

Citizen comment:

Dewayne Lofton – President PSSNA- lack of information provided by Mr. Kowal regarding this project makes it difficult for citizens to take any kind of position on the redevelopment. Disappointment that citizens attended the meeting tonight and Mr. Kowal did not show.

- b. Affordability at Mueller—Kelly Weiss, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, will discuss the issue, including how affordable prices are advertised and what happens to affordable homes when they are resold.**

Greg Weaver, Kelly Weiss and Frances Ferguson were present to discuss affordability issues at Mueller.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Article 16, Neighborhood Plan Amendments—Stevie Greathouse, Principal Planner, requests a discussion with the subcommittee on forwarding the amendments to Article 16 to Opticos and as part of the Land Development Code rewrite, rather than taking the amendment as a single item to City Council.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Nortey to approve the withdrawal of sending the amendment as a single item to City Council and move to the code rewrite commission, with a full vote before the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, on a 2-0 vote. Commissioner Chimenti was absent.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. None.**

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Rosewood Choice/Rio Lado—request to contact representatives for a date on when they could appear for presentations.**

Commissioner Stevens adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM, without objection.