

From: Michael Phalan <>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:15 AM
To: Chaffin, Heather <Heather.Chaffin@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: April 9, 2024 Planning Commission Agenda

Hi Heather,
Thanks for forwarding this to me. I would like to sign up to speak against this project. Honestly, between my kids, and the eclipse, I have dropped the ball... I spoke to several of my neighbors on the 2700 block of willow and 2700 block of canterbury, and they agree that they would rather this project be located elsewhere. I just have not followed through with actually getting their signatures on anything. Oh well, I will sign up to speak tonight. Thank you for the info

Michael Phalan

From: Sandra Boone
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:37 AM
To: Chaffin, Heather <Heather.Chaffin@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Michael Phalan <>; Jayashree Krishnan <>
Subject: Re: FW: April 9, 2024 Planning Commission Agenda

Ms, Chaffin,
I appreciate your help with this Permit application. I wanted to let you know that the Holly Neighborhood Association will not be taking a position on the application, and will not be requesting speaking time.

Sandi Boone
President Holly Neighborhood Association

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From: Thomas, Eric <Eric.Thomas@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:59 PM
To: Sandra Boone <>; LDC Updates <LDCUpdates@austintexas.gov>
Cc: David Kinsey <>; Chaffin, Heather <Heather.Chaffin@austintexas.gov>; Harden, Joi <Joi.Harden@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Proposed EV Charging Site ordinance & Voltare permit application

Good afternoon Ms. Boone,

Thank you for your email. I apologize for the issues with my phone, as I recently transferred departments and am working through several technical challenges.

I will allow Heather to respond to the questions related to the conditional use permits that are currently going through the review/permitting process (or forward to the correct staff member).

During the development of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging land use code amendment, Planning Department staff coordinated with applicable departments to ensure that the proposal balances environmental benefits with land use considerations/planning principals, while also meeting all safety requirements. Among other departments, we met with Austin Energy, DSD, Transportation and Public Works, and Austin Fire Department throughout the process to receive acceptance/approval of the ordinance. One concrete example of interdepartmental collaboration is the prohibition of the use underground, which was recommended as a safety precaution by the fire department.

Please note that each EV Charging use will require a site plan, at which point all applicable city code requirements will be reviewed and satisfied.

Thank you,

Eric Thomas

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From: Sandra Boone <>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 2:40 PM

To: Thomas, Eric <Eric.Thomas@austintexas.gov>; LDC Updates <LDCUpdates@austintexas.gov>

Cc: David Kinsey <>; Chaffin, Heather <Heather.Chaffin@austintexas.gov>

Subject: Proposed EV Charging Site ordinance & Voltare permit application

Sandra Boone

2:27 PM (1
minute ago)

to eric.thomas
Eric,

I appreciate you responding to my voicemail yesterday with some more information on the proposed EV charging station ordinance. On behalf of the Holly neighborhood, I'd really like to get some background on the ordinance before I speak to the Commission on Voltera permit (SP-2023-0310) next Thursday, but the only phone numbers I can get for you : 947-7220 and 512-974-2000 both send me to the HOME amendments comments line, which is apparently full as it won't take any more messages.

As I understand it, the Voltare application is the first EV charging site to come before the Planning Commission. I realize Heather Chaffin was processing this separately while your group did the research and analysis and drafted the new proposed ordinance.

Speaking on behalf of the Holly Neighbors, I'd like to know the safety information you discovered when coming up with the proposed ordinance. Also, no traffic analysis has been done on this site--what traffic assumptions about expected traffic to EV sites were you making when you came up with the ordinance?

Were you able to get information on the electric load these two sites would pull when operating 24/7? How would that affect the neighborhood?

I have read the staff report, but would like any further information you can give me. I appreciate your timely response to this, as the permit is scheduled to go before the Commission next Thursday.

Sandi Boone
President, Holly Neighborhood Association

From: Sandra Boone <>
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Cc: David Kinsey <>; LDC Updates <LDCUpdates@austintexas.gov>; Thomas, Eric <Eric.Thomas@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Voltare permit SP-2023-0310C

Ms. Chaffin,

I wanted to confirm that I would like to speak on behalf of the Holly Neighborhood Association at the hearing before the Planning Commission on this application. The notice we received has the hearing scheduled on April 9th at 6pm. I was registered as an interested party at the first hearing that was postponed due to notice being incomplete.

We may have written comments to be distributed before the hearing, which I will forward to you when they are prepared.

I appreciate your help getting information on this permit.

Sandi Boone
President, Holly neighborhood Association

On Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 3:31 PM Chaffin, Heather <Heather.Chaffin@austintexas.gov> wrote:

All—

Please see the attached Planning Commission agenda, which includes staff reports for the two Voltera/East Cesar Chavez site plans as well as sign up information to speak in-person or virtually. You must follow the instructions provided in the attachment—I cannot sign people up myself. Please share this information with anyone else you think might be interested.

I can upload correspondence received by 11 AM Tuesday to the website for Planning Commission review (including correspondence received today).