

SWEDE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

November 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by the President.

Board Members present: P. Reckson, B. Sheehan, C. Reckson

Minutes of the September and October meetings and the meeting agenda approved.

Treasurer's report: Bal \$2,718.93, new dues/expenses for copies & Amy's Ice Cream

New Board members for 2015/2016 SHNA announced:

Paula Reckson-President, Arthur Anton-Vice President, Charles Reckson-Secretary

Bruce Sheehan-Treasurer, Kirsten Siegfried-member at large.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Walker, UT, updated efforts on UT construction parking in the neighborhood. Residents who applied for Austin's Residential Parking Permits (RPP) on their block have been accepted. Mr. Walker announced that UT will cover the cost of the parking tags for the duration of construction on the medical school and hospital. The next deadline to apply for RPP is December 1st. He encouraged adjacent blocks to apply due to the workers shifting to streets without RPP. Approved RPP - Waller between 13th & 16th and 14th & 15th between Olander & Waller.

Audre Dukes, owner of 1011 E. 16th street, presented a hand rendered site plan for this property using the current footprint of the building with a proposed commercial flex space and one residential unit above. The 2-story building would total 3,859 s.f. with covered parking. Mr. Dukes is willing to change his request from GR-MU to LR-MU use, but not to accept conditional overlays to restrict some of the commercial uses and/or development standards that residents find inappropriate for Swede Hill neighborhood. The lot currently has a single-family (SF#3) base zoning (allows up to two residential units) with a grandfathered LI (light industrial) use for Monument Retail. Audre requested a vote be taken at this meeting, however proper notice for a vote has not been given. The Board felt more time was needed to fully evaluate the impact of commercial zoning and this project. The first possible date is in January and members will be notified if a vote is scheduled. Only dues paying members in good standing are eligible to vote. The Board will continue to communicate with Mr. Dukes in the interim.

OCEAN Update: Tracy Witte updated members on OCEAN's membership drive, application forms were distributed door to door in Swede Hill. One Two East project: there is a valid petition by Robertson Hill NA and the hearing has been delayed.

ANC Update: Charles Reckson reported on the importance of Code Next, the city's efforts to change city planning and zoning. Short term rentals and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are also being reviewed by the city. Increased density is the motivation for proposing citywide ADUs.

NEW BUSINESS

Restricted Front & Side Yard Parking: Austin annually sends notice to neighborhoods regarding this voluntary ordinance restricting front & side yard parking. Neighborhoods may opt in during this period if they haven't previously adopted it.

They may also opt out during this period if they currently have the restriction. Swede Hill has not previously adopted this restriction. Any interest should be directed to the SHNA Board or to OCEAN directly. OCEAN is responsible for submitting requests.

Those present at the meeting were neutral on this option.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No December meeting of the SHNA. Next meeting is January 5, 2016.

Annual membership dues are now due! \$10 per person for voting membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm