

SWEDE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

November 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Carver Library 6:30 pm

November meeting called to order.

- First order of business: Adam Keeling and Kristine Garana were elected to serve on the 2016-17 SHNA Board of Directors (10-0-1).
 - This brings the total SHNA Board of Directors to five (5) members, serving in the following officer positions:
 1. Marla Torrado, President
 2. Kristine Garana, Vice President
 3. Adam Keeling, Treasurer
 4. Louisa Brinsmade, Secretary
 5. Kirsten Siegfried, Board Member
- September/October 2016 SHNA meeting minutes were approved (9-0-1) along with the November agenda.
- No Treasurer's Report, but no changes occurred between October and November.

Old Business

- No action taken on 1210 Angelina Street Variance Request due to applicant's withdrawal of the request from SHNA agenda. The variance included the following:
 - 1) small lot (1129 sf) needs variance from minimum 2,500 sf under small lot amnesty.
 - 2) variance for 1 parking spot
 - 3) Variance for minimum lot size * (*Amended a/o Jan. 3 2017 meeting to include this third variance, despite the applicant not requesting support of SHNA for this third variance.*)

- The applicant may return to SHNA in the future with a revised request.

New Business

- Potential UT purchase of Stasswender Tracts:
 - briefing by Louisa Brinsmade on the history of the tracts and the five historic homes on the parcel, with key elements of concern outlined.
 - Group discussion with Jim Walker, Director of the Office of Sustainability at the University of Texas on the recent interest expressed by the University's Real Estate Office in purchasing the Stasswender tracts to build graduate student housing.

SHNA members discussed forming a neighborhood Stasswender Committee to communicate key concerns to UT, as recommended by Jim Walker. The committee would also formulate position options for the SHNA members on the UT purchase based on those key concerns. Members of the committee would reach out to those in the Blackland NA who worked with UT on a Memorandum of Understanding when UT amassed property in Blackland. Such an agreement might be a model for SHNA/UT.

- Discussion: Projects/Ideas for 2016-2017 (This discussion item will be on the agenda for several meetings to give everyone a chance to give input.) No ideas were put forward at the November meeting, but there will be opportunities to discuss ideas at several future meetings.
- Announcements:
 - Steve Macon reported on the trash left by UT hospital construction workers. Jim Walker said he would make a report of the problem to the supervisors and arrange a clean-up effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.