

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 66443
Austin, Texas 78766-0443
General Membership Meeting
November 3, 2015, 6:37 pm
Pillow Elementary School Cafetorium

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Lois McEvoy conducted the meeting. Secretary Barbara Gaston recorded the proceedings.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING

Dallas Maham moved and Kevin Wier seconded that the minutes be approved as read. Those present voted and motion carried.

III. ZONING CHANGES

A. 2514 BUELL

This property already is zoned for commercial development. The request is for construction of a 6000 square foot automotive repair facility. Speculation is that Gordon Automotive will move to this location in order to make room for the Sackman development.

B. DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING PUD and CODE NEXT/IMAGINE AUSTIN; ADUs

Kevin Wier, Development Committee Chairman, reported the following.

1. Imagine Austin was instituted in order to address the shortcomings of Code Next, the current city of Austin zoning code. Critics of Code Next argue that it is outdated. They present as two examples that 1, Pillow School is incorrectly zoned as single family, and 2, that many apartment complexes are incorrectly zoned as commercial properties. Our neighborhood will definitely be affected by any zoning changes. Proponents of Imagine Austin aim to rewrite, simplify, and update the city zoning code. Proponents of Code Next say that change is not necessary and the current coding will be adequate for any population increases.

Kevin has been appointed to a committee which is involved in further investigation of Code Next. The first meeting was to have been tonight, but it has been canceled. The schedule of events for work on the City Planning Department-Code Next is as follows.

Development of Draft--through 2015

Final Form--throughout the end of 2016

City Council Consideration--Spring of 2017

Kevin said that NSCNA wants to be involved in the process. We have the next 12 months to be vigilant and protect our neighborhood interests.

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2. PUD (planned unit development)

A PUD allows a developer almost complete freedom as to the design of the project. It is voted on by the city council. Old zoning does not apply. The city criterion for approval is that the PUD be notably superior, and benefits the community

The PUD of interest involves Austin Oaks, a business park close to Far West, at MoPac and Spicewood Springs. The area has lots of old trees and 2-3 story buildings. NSCNA's interest in this area is shared by three other neighborhood associations: NWACA (Northwest Austin Civic Association), Balcones and Allandale. Traffic on Anderson will be affected by the PUD, however, the developer has not made a traffic study.

Stage 1 of the project involved the developer's proposal to city council for taller buildings and tree removal.

Stage 2 involves a Design Charrette during which all stakeholders negotiate the developed plans. Kevin will be attending this meeting in a week or so. (NSCNA would vote upon our agreed upon decision.) When a compromise is reached at this meeting, city staff will work to approve PUD zoning. (A charrette is collaborative planning meeting.)

Dallas Maham moved that the NSCNA development committee participate in the charrette. Tomas Rodriguez seconded. Discussion followed. The issue was voted on and carried.

- 3.** Lois McEvoy mentioned that ADUs (accessory dwelling units) are another category of neighborhood density that will be receiving more attention in future. ADUs increase density by (one example) building two houses on a single lot, also increasing the developer's profit.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sharon Justice reported that they are making good progress in developing a good slate of candidates for next year's board.

B. TREASURER

Donna Eagar presented a written report and said that there have been no problems.

C. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Chairman Tomas Rodriguez presented a written report and said that the city anticipates beginning construction within the next 6-10 months on the Stillwood-Rockwood circle. Other areas will receive rubberized speed bumps as described in his report. People are advised to call 311 with traffic concerns, and to hold whomever we speak with responsible for an answer.

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D. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Amelia Cobb reported that the NSCNA Luminaria Walk will be on 12/17/15 from 6-8pm on the Pillow track field. Cookies and hot chocolate will be furnished by our credit union sponsors. Pillow PTA Christmas program is also on that night and all who attend it are welcome at the Luminaria Walk. She asked for volunteers and distributed a sign up sheet for anyone interested in helping.

A new art association with 7 members, some of whom live in our neighborhood, will have an open reception from 6-8 pm on November 7. The exhibit will be open through December 3. Location is as follows: Alternative Space Gallery, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover Ave.

Dan Flanagan, one of our area mailmen, is retiring December 31, after 30 years. A retirement party for him will be on January 12, 4:30 to 7 pm at Waterloo Ice House. Dan has been an asset to our neighborhood in watching and reporting unusual incidents. He had a real talent for telling corny jokes. We will miss him.

E. MEDIA COMMITTEE

Sharon Justice said that the newsletter will be distributed during the weekend of December 5-6. Deadline for inclusion in this newsletter is November 14.

V. OLD BUSINESS-There was none

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Pillow School principal, Brian Hill, reported the following.

Work continues on the playground. Old gravel is being replaced, trees trimmed. It should be finished over the winter break. Dump trucks and other construction vehicles will interfere with parking.

Negotiations for shared use of the playground with the neighborhood 7:30 am to 3:30 pm are ongoing. As soon as school children are out there the public must leave.

The library is scheduled to be finished in March, 2016. Pouring the foundation will take 4-5 hours and will occur in the middle of the night because it must be done when children are not present. Mr. Hill will warn residents nearby before this is done. At present he does not know when this will occur.

For two weeks 5th grade students are learning about philanthropy by participating in a coat and canned food drive which will end on November 20.

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:44 pm.

John Migl moved and Kevin Wier seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN

Este aviso es para informarle que hemos recibido una aplicación de un plan de sitio dentro de una distancia de 500 pies de su propiedad. Si usted desea recibir información en español, por favor llame al (512) 974-2193.

Mailing Date: 10/15/2015

Case Number: SP-2015-0415C

The City of Austin has sent this letter to inform you that we have received an application for administrative approval of a site plan. We are notifying you because City Ordinance requires that all property owners within 500 feet, residents who have a City utility account address within 500 feet, and registered environmental or neighborhood organizations whose declared boundaries are within 500 feet be notified when the City receives an application. An administrative site plan does not require a public hearing but is considered for approval by the Director of the Development Services Department. A decision will not be made regarding this application before Oct 29, 2015, which is the fourteenth day following the issuance of this notice (Austin City Code, Section 25-1-133(D)). Below you will find information regarding the application.

Project Name:	2514 Buell
Project Location:	2514 Buell Avenue
Project Description:	The applicant proposes to construct a 6,000 sq. foot automotive repair facility with the associated improvements.
Applicant:	Garrett-Ihnen Civil Engineers, Norma Divine, (512) 454-2400
Owner:	David L. Ihnen

You can find more information on this site plan by inserting the case number at the following Web site: https://www.austintexas.gov/devreview/a_queryfolder_permits.jsp.

For questions about the proposed development please contact the applicant, Norma Divine at (512) 454-2400. For technical questions about the permitting process, please contact the case manager, Michael Simmons-Smith at 512-974-1225 or via e-mail at Michael.simmons-smith@austintexas.gov and refer to the case number located on this notice. You may examine the site plan at One Texas Center by appointment or between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with the case assistant, Elsa Garza at 512-974-2308 or via email, Elsa.Garza@austintexas.gov, Monday through Friday. The case manager's office is located at One Texas Center, 4th Floor, 505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

In addition, you may become an interested party to this application if you meet certain City Code requirements (please see the attached page of this notice). As an interested party you will receive notice of the Director's determination on this application. Because it is an administrative site plan, *there is no appeal of an approval of this application in the City Code*. However, you may have the right to appeal some decisions regarding the application. To become an interested party, you must meet certain requirements (please see the attached page of this notice), then contact the case manager in writing or by telephone before Oct 29, 2015, and provide your name, telephone number, mailing address, and a general description of your issues of concern. If contact is by telephone, you must confirm the request to be an interested party *in writing* to the case manager by Nov 05, 2015.

For additional information on the City of Austin's land development process, please visit our web site at: www.austintexas.gov/devservices.

From: Dipti Borkar-Desai Dipti.Borkar-Desai@austintexas.gov
Subject: Traffic Calming for Rockwood Lane - Primrose Lane to Steck Avenue
Date: Today at 2:50 PM - 11-3-15
To: Tomas Rodriguez trodriguez6@austin.rr.com
Cc: Robert Goode robert.goode@austintexas.gov, Rob Spillar Rob.Spillar@austintexas.gov, Gordon Derr Gordon.Derr@austintexas.gov, Eric Bollich Eric.Bollich@austintexas.gov, Mario Porras Mario.Porras@austintexas.gov

Good Afternoon Mr. Rodriguez,

Thanks for contacting the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) regarding the status of the Local Area Traffic Calming (LATM) project on Rockwood Lane.

The original LATM plan for Rockwood Lane between Primrose Lane and Steck Avenue initially consists

- Modern roundabout at the intersection of Rockwood Lane and Stillwood Lane
- Bulb outs (curb extensions) at the intersection of Rockwood Lane with Stanwood Drive
- Bulb outs (curb extensions) at the intersection of Rockwood Lane with Charlwood Drive

However, similar to other projects with roundabouts, this project has experienced delays due to the complexity of roundabout design. The design of a roundabout would need the reconstruction of all four approaches of the intersection, as well as installation of splitter islands. Also, the presence of several driveways was complicating the location of pedestrian access. As part of ATD's revamping of the LATM speed mitigation devices, this roundabout is currently under redesign to be constructed as a traffic circle. Since modern roundabouts are geared more towards capacity improvements as opposed to simply traffic calming, a traffic circle would be a more appropriate solution. A traffic circle is easier to design, will not encounter conflicts with the existing driveways, and it will retain the full function of reducing speeds.

As far as the bulb outs are concerned, ATD has received concerns from the residents on the other side of Rockwood where similar bulb outs were constructed. Not only were these devices not popular with the neighborhood, but our post installation studies suggested that the targeted speed reduction was not as successful as intended. In an effort to have better speed compliance and address previously received concerns, ATD is planning to replace the proposed bulb outs with rubber speed cushions at four locations. The rubber speed cushions will be part of a pilot program that will gauge the effectiveness and durability of installing pre-fabricated devices. The locations will be approximately in the vicinity of 8209 Rockwood Lane, 8307 Rockwood Lane, 8403 Rockwood Lane, and 8515 Rockwood Lane.

As per Street and Bridge's request, the rubber speed cushions will be tested through November of 2015 to evaluate their effectiveness in handling heavy vehicles. After the testing phase is complete, ATD will be installing devices on select projects. We expect Rockwood Lane to have priority as it is one of the 2015 LATM projects.

We understand that in previous communications, construction was projected to be completed by the end of 2015, however that timeline has changed due to several factors including the redesign of the circle, and implementation of the new rubber speed cushions. As far as the traffic circle is concerned, our Project Manager Mr. Mark Schruben informs us that the project is in the construction document phase, which is followed by the Permitting Phase, and finally construction. Construction is anticipated in approximately 10 months.