E.A.C.H. Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 6th 2018

Unity Hall, Community First Village

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Andrew Bucknall called meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**ATTENDEES:** Andrew Bucknall, Amelia Jarema, Brian Lynch, Alan Graham, Tricia Graham, Bridgette Moore, Jessica Moore, Shawn Mason, Lesslye Mason, Susie Liendo, Emily View, Christine Novak, Lee Grimes, Danny Henderson, Memo Mendoza, Dusti Bennett, Taylor Christian, Margaret Smith, Bennie Pridgon, Johnny Lee, Jennifer Brown, Wendy Smith, Bob McConkey

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

January and February minutes to be reviewed in March

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chair announced that Woodland Hills HOA has just today approved land use for the Community Garden project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Presentation by Steve Pustelnyk for Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority on 183 South Project

* Project Overview- The new $743 million expressway will serve as a gateway to Austin-Bergstrom Airport and as a bypass to I-35. It will reduce travel times and improve mobility for commuters, local drivers and people who use public transit, ride their buke, or walk.
* Mobility Improvements – new tolled expressway with 3 lanes in each direction, improved non-tolled US 183 with three lanes going each direction. Miles of new bicycle lanes and sidewalks, upgrades to visual appearance.
* History of US 183
* Construction Schedule- take place in phases over a 4-year period, phase 1 scheduled to be completed in 2019, remainder of project to open to traffic about a year later.
* Roadway Enhancements- reconstruction of multiple overpasses. New overpasses and new flyovers to be constructed as well.
* Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancements- Implementation of $25 million in bicycle and pedestrian facilities including pedestrian bridges, pedestrian and bicycle trails, and bike lanes.
* Visual and Environmental Enhancements – project team has identified a large number of oak trees to be nurtured and protected. Mobility Austin has partnered with the non-profit Tree Folks to promote expansion and maintenance of the urban tree canopy in Austin. The 183 project includes the planting of hundreds of new trees along the corridor, as well as native landscaping at key locations to help improve the visual appeal.
* Ways to Stay Informed and Avoid Travel Delays: visit project website at [www.183south.com](http://www.183south.com), call project hotline at (512) 640-0060 or toll free 1 (855) 245-4272. Follow on Twitter @183south or sign up on website for text/email alerts.

Presentation by Joe Straub, Rob Golding, and Fred Weber for Rodeo Austin

* Rodeo Austin is a not-for profit 501(c) organization with a staff of 15 and 1,200 volunteers, whose mission is to promote youth education and preserve western heritage.
* The organization Has given over 12 million dollars direct to youth education programs to date, and continues to support local business and vendors at their events.
* City of Austin paid for a survey- 3-4 years ago to determine if Austin could support a mixed use facility and to determine where should it be. Survey concluded that Austin would be one of the largest 15 cities that does not have an outdoor entertainment arena, and that a great place for one would be the Expo Center grounds.
* Six months ago, Rodeo went to a consultant to update that report. When done, it was determined that a redevelopment of the expo center doesn’t get a lot of pushback, and would be a catalyst for positive economic growth in this part of town.
* The Expo Center is owned by the City of Austin which leases the site to Travis County. That lease is winding down. Austin Sports and Entertainment wants to negotiate a new land use deal and is also interested in buying 40 acres next to the center which is owned by Rodeo Austin.
* The plan, which is called the East Austin District, features a 15-thousand seat arena. It’s to be the new home for the Star of Texas Rodeo as well as a new concert venue. Next to the arena is to be a 40,000-seat open air sports stadium. Space for retail and tech business ventures is also part of the vision.

Presentation by Alan Graham on Community First Phase II expansion

* Phase II includes 100 RV lots, and 204 micro homes. Expansion of farming operation, a primary and behavioral health care clinic, and surgery after care/recovery/hospice center are among expansion plans.
* Hope to break ground on Phase II by first of June – currently at the end of site development permit process.

**MOTIONS/ACTIONS:**

* Following Rodeo Austin Presentation, Chair called for motion to support the concept of a multipurpose facility at the Expo site with our ongoing input into a planned development.

-Motion made, seconded & approved by unanimous consent.

**NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME:**

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community First Unity Hall

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.