

Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2019, 7 pm
Austin Energy Bldg, 721 Barton Spring Rd, 78704

ANC President Patricia King called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roger Cauvin, Treasurer of FAN and Evolve Austin was present as an observer.

ANC VP2 Justin Irving gave the membership report and a reminder that membership is required for voting on ANC's issues.

Michelle Cavazos, AISD Chief Officer for School Leadership and **Celso Baez III** showed a film "School Changes 2019: Reimagine, Reinvest and Reinvent" which is available on the AISD website at <https://www.austinisd.org/schoolchanges>. Austin's changing population has caused under-enrollment at some schools and overcrowding at others. There is background information on this issue at <https://www.austinisd.org/schoolchanges/background-info> and a glossary of key terms at <https://www.austinisd.org/schoolchanges/key-terms>. In February of this year the AISD Board approved the AISD staff's "Reinvention Roadmap, which will guide the district's work in repurposing, consolidation and better facility planning to bring all students into 21st-century learning spaces." (<https://www.austinisd.org/announcements/2019/02/25/reinvention-roadmap-approved-programs-repurposing-and-consolidations>) The AISD held panel discussions at community workshops in April that included AISD staff, community members, planners and developers (<https://www.austinisd.org/press-releases/2019/04/11/help-us-reinvent-our-aisdfuture>). Over the summer the AISD will come up with a plan that will ensure quality and efficient education for all schools. A draft of the plan will be presented to the AISD Board of Trustees August 12th, and to the public at community input meetings in September. The AISD Board will take action on the plan's recommendations in October. ANC members encouraged AISD staff to invite neighborhood representatives to meetings they have with Assistant City Manager Rodney Gonzales and to be sure to involve taxpayers (who don't have children in the system) in their community outreach program. The AISD was also asked to engage the public more intensely than the city of Austin typically does. There are questions and answers from the community at <https://www.austinisd.org/schoolchanges/faqs>. For more details contact: **Ali Ghilarducci**, Community Engagement Coordinator, Communications and Community Engagement, Austin Independent School District at O: 512-414-4487, M: 909-576-4622 alison.ghilarducci@austinisd.org

Dr. Michael Abelson presented "Rainey District Development & Concerns as of June 2019". He began with a brief description of Rainey Street's zoning history. Originally zoned for single family, in 2004 Rainey Street was zoned as part of the Central Business District which allowed for extreme density. Existing high rises range in height from 8 to 37 stories, approved or proposed high rises range in height from 10 to 60 stories. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area is heavy and parking and sidewalks are insufficient. The entrance and exit traffic flow into the area is limited. **Dr. Abelson** and his neighbors are very concerned that the new land development code's call for reduced parking and more density will greatly decrease the safety and security of the Rainey District. **Dr. Abelson** warned us that the extreme density of the Rainey District can happen in other neighborhoods. He asked ANC GMs for their support of his neighborhood's efforts to stop the overdevelopment of the Rainey District. **Dr. Abelson's** PowerPoint presentation, including maps of the Rainey District, is available on the ANC website <https://www.atxanc.org/agenda-minutes-and-presentations>

ANC VPI Barbara McArthur presented "CodeNEXT 4 Policy Direction", a detailed analysis of the direction City Council gave City Manager Spencer Cronk for CodeNEXT's 4th draft as stated in city documents and City Council hearing transcripts. Transition zones are being used to upgrade existing residential zoning 5 lots or more into a neighborhood from a corridor. Property owners in transition zones will not be allowed to enlarge or replace their homes with a larger home. They will have to build a minimum of 4 units on their lot. Compatibility Standards are being done away with. This will allow construction of 85 foot high structures on the corridor and slightly lower structures further into neighborhoods next to single family homes. **Barbara McArthur's** analysis includes a link to the Community Not Commodity website www.communitynotcommodity.com where citizens can find out if they live in a corridor related transition zone (although Barbara noted that transition zones can also be located in neighborhood interiors in "high opportunity areas"). In addition, existing rules for impervious cover, setbacks, etc. will be changed to allow for the construction of "missing middle" housing in our neighborhoods. Neighbors will not be notified about the code changes or be allowed to petition the city. **Barbara McArthur's** PowerPoint presentation is available on the ANC website <https://www.atxanc.org/agenda-minutes-and-presentations>. **ANC President Patricia King** asked ANC GMs to email her their positions on CodeNEXT 4 before next month's GMM.

Sector Reps Jim Lear, Jeff Bowen and Marc Duchon reviewed the resolution calling for ANC to apply for 501 C3 status that was rolled out at last month's ANC GMM. After a discussion of the proposal and an amendment to it, Justin Irving moved to approve the resolution, with the sentence "To amend the bylaws requires a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors" removed. **Barbara McArthur** seconded. **ANC VPI Barbara McArthur** seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 27:1:4 vote.

David King led a brief discussion on his resolution "Public Safety—Demolition Permits". **Bryan King** moved to approve the resolution with the addition of "major" in the "extreme repair" in the first resolve bullet. **Mary Ingle** seconded the motion. The motion passed on an 18:6:4 vote.

ANC VP2 Justin Irving rolled out a resolution calling for Transparency in City Council actions. This resolution is posted on the ANC website <https://www.atxanc.org/agenda-minutes-and-presentations>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.