

Austin Neighborhoods Council
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2019, 7 pm
Austin Energy Bldg, 721 Barton Spring Rd, 78704

ANC President Patricia King called the meeting to order at 7pm, followed by a welcome, introduction and opening remarks. ANC VP2 Justin Irving reported a membership of 81 neighborhood associations. Sector 8 Representative Jeffrey Bowen reported on the issues of most concern to the Southwest sector.

Attorney Fred Lewis spoke on “Planning Commission Conflict of Interest Legal Status”. Fred gave a history of the issue and where it stands today. The Attorney General will take Austin to court if the City Council fails to fix the problem.

Barbara McArthur, ANC VP1, presented “Land Development Code, ‘What’s Next’”. City Staff (Transportation Dept and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development) has sent an implementation plan to City Manager Spencer Cronk, that contains some of the most contentious aspects of Code NEXT. This is being done before Cronk has had time to create a new land development code rewrite process.

Stevie Greathouse, Program Manager, Planning and Zoning Dept., gave a presentation on the future of land use planning. Jolene Kiolbassa, Chair and David King, Commissioner, Zoning and Platting Commission gave a response to Stevie’s presentation and an update on the activities of the Small Area Plan Joint Sub-Committee. Planning and Zoning Department Director Greg Guernsey made a few comments.

Open Floor Neighborhood News – Neighborhood representatives mentioned a lack of code enforcement with respect to occupancy, new floodplain boundaries and corridor plan boundaries as current and future issues.

Austin Fire Wise Alliance President Joyce Statz presented her organization’s mission and goals.

Kerry Price, Austin Classical Guitar Education Chair, spoke about the programs his group offers to the community. His presentation included a brief performance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm