

CNA General Meeting  
February 8, 2016

EC Present:

Dave Considine  
Steven Knapp  
Nancy Mohn Barnard  
Ali Thompson  
Anne-Charlotte Patterson  
Elaine Stegant  
Roland Rodriguez  
Chip Harris  
Melissa Zone

Other: Council Member Leslie Pool

**Retiring: Representative Elliott Naishtat**

Dave has been approached by candidates who are seeking to take retiring Representative Naishtat's place in the House.

Mark Maldonada (representing Gina Hinojosa) in attendance to speak and hand out information.

Hinojosa is an education advocate; has taken a stance on open carry; understands how to collaborate with communities. She is a product of UT and George Washington School of Law. More information [ginaforaustin.com](http://ginaforaustin.com)

Heather Way, also a candidate, in attendance.  
She is a UT Law Professor; Leader in affordable housing; urban parks; drafted two bills for property tax relief; knows how to work in the legislature.

Big issues: Economic divides and affordability--losing lots of lower income children from AISD. Wants to work on property tax reform. School finance reform. Disparity between commercial and residential properties. Environment is important: Clean air and Water. Getting guns off of campuses.

**JIFC Agreement**

The church has given us access to the building without their presence. Access will be given to Dave and Nancy but we will have to sign a waiver.

**Funding for Violet Crown Spring Festival**

Violet Crown Community Work's president, Bradley Linscomb wants Crestview to sponsor the festival or to sponsor specific activities or a band, etc.

Melissa moves to sponsor the Violet Crown Spring Festival for \$250. It is seconded. Passes with overwhelming support.

### **Art at Entrances**

Melissa Zone spoke about the project. In October the committee submitted an application to the Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP). The city was thrilled about the overwhelming response but the homeowner at the Justin and Ryan wouldn't support the second location, so we were denied. The city wants us to come back with a second proposal, but we don't want to compete with the Grover project or the sidewalks at Hardy. The City wants us to get bids from the artist. Which means we have to have a design in place. Which goes first? Fundraising or Artist Submission? Looking at the possibility of second location on Justin and Reese. Is CNA ok with committee beginning an artist search?

Suggestions/Questions from the audience:

How much money are we needing?

Can CNA fund a search for artists? Provide money for an incentive?

Dave will look into making this a voting item for the next meeting and will talk to Nancy and Melissa about what is an appropriate amount.

### **Council Member Leslie Pool**

Sign up sheet for Pool's (District 7) email list.

Transportation Network Companies taking up a lot of time on council. Must make a decision by 2/19. Mayor trying to find common ground.

Pilot Knob - council approved PUD PID MUD.

PUD super majority vote - Mayor's original amendment if a PUD came through in undeveloped land, it would take a simple majority to approve and a super majority to deny. A super majority on council to overturn.

Quarter-cent Money - Sidewalks going in on Grover and Justin Lane. Also looking at some cycle pathways.

Korean church - developer has put an indefinite hold on development

### **Audience Comments:**

1. Last traffic count on Morrow was flawed. Traffic counter pulled up before study was completed. What's the best process to follow up on that?

- Michael can check in with transportation folks.

2. New neighbor is concerned about the tear downs in the neighborhood. Austin is developer friendly. Encourages City Council to examine Korean Church proposal when it comes back and to not grant conditions or waivers because it will transform traffic flow.

3. Neighbor on Richcreek upset about houses on either side of her being demolished. Also wants sidewalks on Richcreek.

### **ADU's**

ADUs can be expensive. Most homeowners will have to take on additional debt to build an ADU. If you do have an ADU, you will lose part of your homestead.

### **Christmas Social**

Feedback from the audience

In November maybe CNA can offer to help with the luminarias. This could possibly a project for CNA to take over.

**Spring Social** for March 20th at Brentwood Park - In lieu of March meeting or in addition to the March meeting? TBD.

**Newsletter** - Thanks to Chip for taking over the newsletter. We appreciate CNA's input about the newsletter. Because CNA is chartered around issues like safety, those topics tend to take priority.

**Justin Lane** - Growing interest in Grover, Justin and Morrow

**Update on IGA party** - There's supposed to be a change of ownership. IGA was going to sell the lease to Arlan's. CNA will most likely help fund a celebration for the IGA

### **CNA Dues**

Dues are now by the calendar year but there is a 90-day grace period.