

General Monthly Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2020
 East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
 Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702

6:08pm

Call to Order & Introductions/Roll Call

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Members							
Residential Residents	1	Eric Pace (S)	P	Community Stakeholders	Residential Renter:	Farah Rivera	
	2	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	Julio Perez	P
	3	-			Non-Profit/Civic:	Renee Lopez	
	4	Sara Pedrosa	P		Non-Profit/Civic:	-	
	5	-			Business/Owner:	Susan Benz (I)	P
	6	-			Business/Owner:	Crisene Casper	
	7	Kristen Hotopp (VC)	P		Business/Owner:	Kristen Heaney (C)	P
	8				-	-	

Officers Key: (C) Chair, (VC) Vice-Chair, (I) Treasurer, (S) Secretary

6:10pm

Citizen Communications

None.

6:11pm

Reading and approval of the January 2020 General Meeting Minutes

MOTION by S. Benz to approve January 2020 Meeting Minutes. Second by E. Pace. Motion carried by majority; J. Perez and S. Pedrosa abstained.

6:12pm

Officers' Reports

Chair

- New bylaws and officer elections will be sent to city.
- Hardcopy version of East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood plans are available for free because the city is moving to Highland. Contact is S. Benz.
- Teams needs a standing protocol for printing agenda printing protocol:
 - o President, or officer leading the monthly meeting, will be responsible for printing or assigning an officer to print.

Vice Chair

- Draft agendas will post online 72 hours prior to meeting.

Treasurer

- Nothing to report.

6:21pm

Standing Committee/Sector Rep Reports

Sector Reports

- Target opens March 8; grand opening March 15.
- Whole foods opens in April.
- City is planning traffic lights at Waller & 7th, Waller & 5th, San Marcos & 7th, and San Marcos & East Cesar Chavez street intersections.
- Local Sector 1 businesses are available to participate in quarterly City meetings.

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Land Use Committee Report – Susan Benz

- Standing rule: the ECCPT generally opposes demolition permit requests that impact historically “contributing properties,” as determined by the City’s Historic Preservation Office and the [East Austin Historic Resource Survey](#). This standing rule doesn’t preclude applicants from seeking support if there’s a compelling reason for consideration.
- Requested that the City postpone the hearing for 1213 Taylor St until ECCPT can review the application.

6:41pm

Unfinished Business/General Orders

None.

6:42pm

New Business

- Rodney K. Bennett, Bennett Consulting – 1213 Taylor St variance application
 - Presentation/discussion: On behalf of the property owner, Mr. Bennett requests to decrease the minimum rear yard setback from required 25 feet to 10 feet in order to erect a detached garage with a 2nd floor Studio/Guest Room. Will appear in front of the BoA to submit request in the near future.
 - MOTION by S. Benz for ECCPT to support variance application to decrease minimum rear yard setback from required 25 feet to 10 feet. Seconded by K. Hotopp. E. Pace. Motion carried by 5-2 majority.
- Casey Burack, Downtown Austin Alliance – IH-35 Corridor Project presentation.
 - The Downtown Austin Alliance is leading efforts to develop a unified community vision and plan to unify the TXDot IH-35 Corridor Project.
 - The Alliance formed a community task force and is hosting a community panel to ensure stakeholders share concerns can influence outcomes.
 - Several ECCPT members recommend the Alliance consider conducting an equity audit.

7:27pm

Announcements

- [It’s My Park Day](#) is March 7. All are welcome to join us at the [Festival Beach Garden](#) for volunteer work, meet the community, and enjoy refreshments. Kids are welcome. Contact Julio Perez with any questions.

7:38pm

Adjournment

MOTION: C. Casper moved and F. Rivera seconded motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.