

THCA General Meeting, 5/30/19
Eco Centro, 6:00pm

Board Members present: Cody Doege, Larkin O'Hern, Anisa Schell, Ricki Kushner.

6:10 - Cody: Welcome and introductions.

There is a kids Eco Camp being held by Eco Centro. The THCA Board voted to approve to give \$150 to sponsor

Anisa read the minutes from the March public meeting. A motion to accept them was made from the membership. Larkin O'Hern seconded. Motion carried.

There is a treasurer's report available for all members, including a transaction report from the last 12 months.

Committee Reports:

Ricki Kushner:

- There is a new member of the committee, Roman Pineda
- The storage facility behind Hawthorne on Ashby is up for redevelopment, their conceptual drawings were approved at HDRC.
- 430 & 434 E Magnolia went to HDRC for landmark designation (request for historic significance) in order to save it from demolition. It was recommended for approval by HDRC. It must now go to City Council before zoning and back City Council for approval.
- 307/309 E Evergreen went to HDRC for landmark designation (request for historic significance) in order to save it from demolition. It was recommended for approval by HDRC. It must now go to City Council before zoning and back City Council for approval.
- Both the Evergreen and Magnolia properties will go to City Council A Session on June 6th.
 - There was an email sent letting THCA know that the Councilman plans to support the designation of the Magnolia properties.
 - The same email stated that the Councilman does not plan to support the Evergreen designation, but will ask for deconstruction and salvage of the properties. People can email the councilman and let him know before the cases go to Council on June 6.
- There was an instance of a homeowner knocking down a chimney without OHP approval. HDRC did not support this change.
 - Reminder: You must get approval/a certificate of appropriateness from the City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation before making changes to exterior features on homes in the Historic Districts, including features like chimneys. If you see people demolishing parts of historic homes, you can report it to 311 or contact Ricki so we can ask OHP to check if the property owner has received a certificate of appropriateness.

Cody - Beautification: Eco Centro's Community/Pollinator Garden Grant is available. They have collected 16 suggested locations in Tobin Hill from the community. Please vote on this list after the meeting.

Rick Schell - Zoning and Development Committee:

Jacob Torres - Tobin de Mayo

- Slideshow about the event.
 - We're hoping to make this an annual event.
 - We had a great group of volunteers
 - There were about twenty sponsors and vendors
 - We had four entertainers, Mariachi de la Noche, The Reen, Army's Own Jazz Band (Biohazard Brass Band), and Gabe Garcia Band
 - There will be a survey going out for the neighborhood and sponsors to give us feedback on the event for next year.
 - Planning has already begun for next year's event!

District 1 Update: Jay Podjenski

- The Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program - E. French east of McCullough was the first street to receive sidewalk repairs. The goal of the program is to reestablish connectivity through repairs (but not replacement). Areas have been identified but if you know of a sidewalk that needs repaired in Tobin Hill, you can contact the D1 office.
 - Hope to scale this city wide next year if the pilot is successful.
 - This is just for the sidewalk, not the curb.
 - You can report it through 311, however you may have problems as this program is still new. - It is best to contact the Councilman's office.
- Scooters went to Council today. The current pilot program was extended.
 - There will be an RFP issued in order to yield a limit of 3 companies with a cap of 5,000 scooters to be allowed in the city. The RFPs will be reviewed by a committee which will include citizens, and a diverse group.
 - Beginning July 1, scooters will be prohibited on sidewalks.
 - You can report scooter violations on the 311SA app.
- Re: the Historic cases, please do give your feedback to the Councilman. 210-207-0900

Metropolitan Methodist Update:

Report regarding air traffic/the helipad. In the last 6 months:

- There have been 108 transfers on the helipad (about 18/month).
- There were 1.2 transfers per week after 10:00pm

Ideally, the helicopters fly over the highways, as long as weather allows. Metro-Methodist has reminded the helicopter company of this agreement, and they are making efforts to adhere to this.

Open for discussion and feedback:

Neighbors on Myrtle are hearing helicopters at night and don't feel that the helicopters are following the prescribed flight path.

THCA can ask the hospital to reiterate the promised/prescribed flight path.

Congressional Update: Brendan from Lloyd Doggett's office

He is now the chairman of the health committee (Ways and Means)

- He is focused on pricing of prescription drugs and surprise billing

If you want to keep updated on events, please sign up with Brendan after the meeting.

Chris King recently restored the Hertzberg clock on Houston and St Mary's, and was featured in the Express News.

Diego Bernal has a session update at the SAC Victory Center, Saturday at 10am.

Greek Orthodox Church - they will be bringing back the Greek festival in October.

N. Saint Mary's Bond update - there was a meeting a couple weeks ago. There will be wider sidewalks, bike lanes, and parking addressed. Pedestrian lighting is not being added at this time, but overhead LED lighting will be upgraded. There may be TIRZ funds available for lighting. There will hopefully be funds for additional security in the entertainment districts from SAPD.

The next public meeting will be July 18, at Eco Centro at 6:00pm

There are t-shirts and koozies left from Tobin de Mayo for purchase. \$15/shirt, \$5 - koozie.

Meeting adjourned.