

SRCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (www.srccatx.org)

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

1. 7:00 Welcome and Announcements--Presenter: President, Noah Balch
2. 7:05 Approve Minutes from March 18, 2025 (Meeting minutes available at: www.srccatx.org)
3. 7:10 Treasurer's Report--Presenter: Treasurer, Will Andrews -- All reports available upon request: treasurer@srccatx.org
4. 7:15 Membership Report—Mary reminded members of Potluck Supper at 7:00 on May 6, 2025. Sign up to help by emailing membership@srccatx.org.
5. 7:25 Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

a) Planning and Zoning—Anita attended a meeting re 200 E Riverside, learned that the Firestone Development is on hold, announced the additional meeting re S Congress Transit Station & removal of properties from the GSRC FLUM/SRCC Area 8 on 4/16 at 6pm 409 E Ben White (see Item 7); **b) Historic Preservation**—Clif Ladd reported that a demolition permit for 1324 Alta Vista had not been opposed and discussed the need for a new committee chair; **c) Finance**—Sam received a funding request from the Jean Mather Memorial Committee that will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting; **d) Mobility**—Mark reported: An RPP survey is out until 4/25 for input on the program, the city has asked for 2 attendees to meetings on 4/30 and 5/7 to discuss light rail on S Congress and that the exit for Woodland Ave from SB IH35 is now closed & will not re-open; **e) Public Safety** – Tom offered resources for those interested in neighborhood watch & Wendy raised concerns about students skipping school and hanging out in Little Stacy and potential interventions were discussed; **f) Parks and Environment**—David reported that the prescribed burn of 25 piles in Blunn Creek Preserve was well-managed & safely completed and the KAB clean-up on Saturday was successful; **g) Schools**—Gretchen commented on Lively's knowledge of school-skipping issues and said that 2 important house bills for school funding were on the floor for business 4/16: HB 2 & 3 and requested support if possible at 8:30 a; **h) Communications** – Betty now has more info on using multiple microphones at hybrid membership meetings & would like to discuss further at the next Exec Committee meeting to better identify intended accomplishments of their use.

6. 7:35 Reports from Area Coordinators and Group Representatives (items with no info indicate no report was given)

a) TECHS CAT; b) ANC; c) SCC; d) EROC—Gayle reported that the EROC bi-annual meeting will take place on 6/3 & that neighbors have aligned regarding discussion with the developer's agent in the Time Insurance cases; **e) GSRC NPCT**—David reported a neighbor complaint of chronic noise and disruptions from St Edward's and asked for ways to address; **f) SCWAB; g) St. Edward's**

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

7. 7:55 City of Austin ETOD Vision Plan [ATTN Area 8] Discussion of South Congress Transit Center Station Area Vision Plan and implications for the SRCC neighborhood. This item is rescheduled to be heard by Planning Commission April 22, 2025. Presenter: Ana Villareal, Principal Planner, City of Austin

ETOD = Equitable Transit Oriented Development

The presentation included the ways in which transit stations for Project Connect might be “enhanced” to create housing and economic opportunities for existing and future residents. Now, the visualization of the South Congress Transit Center is being addressed. This new process involves the creation of a new Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for the station area. Because the new station FLUM includes a portion of the GSRC NP (Greater South River City Neighborhood Planning Area), this portion of properties within the new station area FLUM will be removed from the GSRC NP. [Slideshow](#)

This is very late to learn about a change of this import. It is of major concern to SRCC members because it will change input and review of future changes to properties in the new station FLUM. Currently, any change requests to properties in the GSRC FLUM must be presented to the GSRC Contact Team, members who are most familiar with their plan, for review and consideration. Simply getting a notice that something is being changed (what would likely happen if the properties are no longer in the GSRC FLUM) is not the same process as engagement and review of a change request for properties in an NP.

Even though there is assurance that the notification process will not change, many remain skeptical about the level of input and engagement they will have if property is removed from the current NP FLUM. Note that the Planning Commission will hear this case in 1 week (4/22/25)

Also go to speakup.org/etodstationareas to relay your input and see the additional meeting tomorrow at St John’s in the announcements below.

8. 8:05 Wildman Woods Play Project

Presentation regarding Wildman Woods Project, designed to provide play space suitable for children of all abilities. Presenters: THES representatives (10 min) Introduction: Gretchen Otto, Schools

The PTA members Lucia Gamboa and Sara Pierce presented a [slideshow](#) (to be attached here later) regarding a vision for an updated playground. The original playground was designed and constructed as an Eagle Scout project by a former student. It included fixed “instruments” that could be used as part of play by the children. The area was named Gene “Wildman” Brandon, who was a kindergarten teacher at THES and a member of the band Omar and the Howlers. Mr. Brandon passed unexpectedly during the 2014 school year. The updated playground would include a refurbishing of those “instruments” as well as many improvements to the area. The PTA is seeking input from SRCC regarding funding sources.

Am SRCC member expressed concern about the noise produced by the instruments, and another described the noise previously as the same produced regularly during playtime by children. Another SRCC member expressed a desire to be able to “cut through” the park, as was allowed prior to the locking of gates the past few years.

9. 8:15 Norwood House

Update on Norwood House Renovation Project, communications with COA Parks Department, and plans for moving forward. Presenters: Wolf Sittler, Travis Holler; Historic Preservation (10 min)

The Revive Norwood Alliance met with PARD Director Aguirre and PARD staff and were presented with 3 options: Restore this historic gem for an estimated \$20-25 million, tear it down and build a viewing platform or tear it down and do nothing.

The Alliance will continue to advocate for restoration of this property which already has a new foundation, subfloor, reinforced rafters and roof decking. Travis Holler, a new member of the group, emphasized the timeliness of the issue due to the city's new draft feasibility study. The Alliance will continue to demonstrate widespread support for this project to the Council, highlighting its potential as a community resource amidst ongoing development in the area.

10. 7:45 Vote for Candidates for Elected Positions [VOTE ANTICIPATED]

Proposed Slate of Officers--Presenter: Ruth Casarez (10 min)

The following candidates for the following year were presented to the membership and approved by proclamation:

OFFICERS:

President: Mary Fealkoff

Vice-President: Robin Sanders

Co-Vice-President: Ken Burnett

Secretary: NO CANDIDATE

Treasurer: Will Andrews

Membership Secretary: Mary Friedman

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Planning & Zoning: Anita Tschurr, Chair

Historic Preservation: NO CANDIDATE, Clif Ladd, Co-chair

Finance: Sam Martin, Chair

Mobility: Mark Thompson, Chair

Parks & Environment: David Todd, Chair; Jeff Kessel, Co-chair

Schools: Gretchen Otto

Communication: Betty Weed

Public Safety: Tom Groce

AREA COORDINATORS

Area 1-Anita Tschurr And Marylin Orton

Area 2-Russell Fraser Area And Theresa Corsentino

Area 3a-Jo Webber And Lisa Audiffred

Area 3b-Brooks Kasson

Area 4a-Sam Martin And Carol Martin

Area 4b-Sarah Campbell

Area 5-Neal Nuwash And David Swann

Area 6-Taylor Coppock

Area 7-Melissa Pepper

Area 8- Kim Lanzillotti And Vicky Moerbe

REPRESENTATIVES

Austin Neighborhood Council -- Betty Weed

Travis Heights Art Trail--Charlotte Bell

East Riverside (EROC) -- Gayle Goff

South Central Waterfront--NO CANDIDATE

Greater South River City NPCT (GSRC) -- Elloa Mathews

Travis Park Apts/Austin Interfaith -- Neal Nuwash and Anita Tschurr

St. Edwards -- Elloa Mathews

South Central Affordable CDC--Mary Friedman

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief discussion of Potluck Supper at Good Shepherd on the Hill –May 6.

Community Conversations on Transit Centers (ATTN: Area 8)--Equitable Transit-Oriented Development as currently planned has the potential to damage our neighborhoods, culture, and history. It is promoted as an eco-sustainable plan creating desirable “walkable communities.” However, NACA (North Austin Civic Association) anticipates that replacing existing residents using public transportation with more affluent residents will increase, not decrease, car ownership and usage in the area. Join us to share your thoughts and learn about the future of the South Congress Transit Center: Wednesday, April 16 | 6:00–8:00 PM--St John-San Juan Lutheran Church, 409 W Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78704. For questions or language requests, contact Monica, Chair NACA Contact Team. nacacontactteam@googlegroups.com

Upcoming meetings:

GM (3rd Tuesday) May 20, June 17, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Dec. 16

EC (1st Tuesday) May 6, June 3, Aug. 5, Sep. 2, Oct. 7, Dec. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: contact Tom Groce, SRCC Public Safety

Chair at: tgroce71@gmail.com

If you have questions about using the Neighborhood ListServ:

<https://groups.io/g/SouthRiverAustin>

Check crime reports and statistics here:

https://www.krimelabb.com/_basic/view/v_welcome.php

The next General Membership meeting is May 20, 2025

The next Executive Committee (Potluck) meeting is May 6, 2025