

**Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning Contact Team Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**  
**Travis County Precinct 3 Community Room**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

The below listed voting members were present:

Richard Armitage – Secretary  
Mickey Bentley  
Frank Bomar  
Charles Draper  
Stacie Engeling – Vice-Chair  
Chip Graves  
Beki Halpin  
David Hasan  
David Richardson – Chair  
Bill Schultz  
Carl Schupp (late)  
Tom Thayer  
Steffen Waltz  
Jackie Waters

The below listed voting members were absent from the meeting:

Neerav Mehta  
Chuck Winkley

**Agenda**

The agenda was distributed and the Chair called for any additional items. David Richardson requested that Travis Phillips representing the United Methodist Church be allowed to present modified rezoning request. There were also requests by Mickey Bentley to preview his proposed presentation to the City Council, by Charles Draper to discuss an article printed in the local paper, and Beki Halpin to discuss website content. The finalized agenda included the following:

1. United Methodist Church
2. Community Comments
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Update on Website Issues
5. Interpretation of the Town Center from the Neighborhood Plan (Bill Schultz)
6. Open discussion of any items pertaining to City Council meetings
7. Review proposed changes to NPCT Bylaws (Stacie Engeling and Bill Schultz).
8. Mickey Bentley Impervious Cover Exchange presentation.
9. Charles Draper comments regarding Oak Hill Gazette.

## **Oak Hill United Methodist Church Update**

Travis Phillips, representing the Oak Hill United Methodist Church, had distributed a letter dated August 12, 2008 (see copy attached) presenting their proposal limiting uses in their request to rezone part of the Church property to CS in order to allow use of their proposed new parking lot as a Cap Metro park-and-ride facility (see minutes for the July 23, 2008 meeting). Beki Halpin stated that she had heard (unofficially) that the Church property was no longer in consideration as the Cap Metro park-and-ride. Travis Phillips confirmed that Cap Metro was looking at other sites, but was not aware of any decision to exclude the Church from consideration. He emphasized that the rezoning was a necessary pre-condition for Cap Metro to consider the Church. Several members recommended that no rezoning action be taken until Cap Metro confirmed their intentions. After additional discussion, Charles Draper offered a motion to approve the requested rezoning to CS-CO with the land uses specified in the August 12<sup>th</sup> letter prohibited. Friendly amendments were offered and approved to add as additional prohibited uses the following eight land uses:

- Automotive Washing
- Drop-Off Recycling Collection Facilities
- Guidance Services
- Hotel/Motel
- Outdoor Entertainment
- Outdoor Sports and Recreation
- Research Services
- Theater

The motion to approve the requested rezoning to CS-CO, with the conditional overlay specifying the prohibited land uses listed in the August 12<sup>th</sup> letter (copy attached) plus the additional eight prohibited land uses listed above was approved with a vote of 8 YES, 4 NO, and 1 ABSTAIN.

The members voted as follows:

Armitage	YES
Bentley	NO
Bomar	NO
Draper	YES
Engeling	YES
Graves	YES
Halpin	NO
Hasan	NO
Richardson	YES
Schultz	YES
Thayer	YES
Waltz	ABSTAIN
Waters	YES

## **Community Comments**

The Chair opened the meeting for community input.

The owners of the property at 4808 William Cannon (Gail Whitfield and Marcus Whitfield) were recognized and their attorney made a brief presentation on their plan for a rezoning request from

SF2 to LO. As part of their rezoning request, they have proposed to make a dedicated conservation easement of part of the property along Williamson Creek.

Bill Schultz made a motion to informally approve the requested rezoning subject to future reconsideration of the issue at a formal meeting where proper neighborhood input is obtained. A number of members requested that any vote be tabled and rescheduled after appropriate notice to the neighborhoods. Jackie Waters suggested a non-binding show of hands indicating support for the request. There was a unanimous vote for this non-binding show of support for the request. One member abstained from the vote.

Ron Thrower made a brief presentation on changing the single-family large lot designation on the FLUM for the properties along William Cannon west of Beckett. No action was taken.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the July 23, 2008 regular meeting and the August 6, 2008 special meeting were approved without objection.

### **Update on Website Issues**

Charles Draper updated the members on a new feature for the website which allows a group e-mail notice to be sent to all OHNPCT members (voting and general). He has provided the login and password for this feature to the Secretary, who will pass the information on to the Chair and Vice Chair.

Beki Halpin requested that the reference that the Downtown Alliance is a sponsor of the Save Oak Hill Group be removed because it is not true. Charles Draper indicated that the statement was not misleading and he had no obligation to remove the reference. Discussion continued regarding whether Alan Watts' position as a network administrator for the Downtown Alliance and the fact that he was a consultant who helped in the development of the Save Oak Hill website demonstrated a link between the two organizations.

David Hasan made a motion that the Board directs the Web Master to remove the subject reference from the site. The motion was seconded by Jackie Waters and approved with a vote of 12 YES and 2 NO.

Charles Draper stated that he owned the site and the Board had no authority to require him to take any action.

David Hasan made a motion that the Board terminate the ohplan.com site as the official site for the OHNPCT. Jackie Waters seconded the motion.

Jackie Waters advised the members that she has set up an alternative site which she will make available for use as the OHNPCT website.

Bill Schultz moved that the motion be tabled until after the bylaws have been reviewed. David Hasan agreed to withdraw his motion.

### **Impervious Cover Exchange Presentation**

Mickey Bentley gave a preview of the presentation he plans to make before the City Council regarding Impervious Cover Exchange program for Oak Hill.

### **Interpretation of the Town Center**

Bill Schultz recommended that a committee be formed to interpret from the Oak Hill Plan document what the community wants in a Town Center. Not action was taken.

A discussion of how the Town Center would be discussed at the City Council hearing followed. Bill Schultz made the following motion:

“The OHNPCT continues to support a collaborative and comprehensive planning effort among the landowners and Cap Metro for the Town Center District area. In addition, the OHNPCT authorizes the Chair (David Richardson) to represent that position before the Austin City Council.”

The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 10 YES and 1 ABSTAIN (Jackie Waters). Chip Graves, Mickey Bentley and Frank Bomar were not present for the vote.

### **Comment by Charles Draper Regarding Oak Hill Gazette**

Charles Draper stated that a recent article in the Oak Hill Gazette stated that several members of the contact team who own property near the Y could vote as a block to stop the Town Center. The article specifically mentioned Steffen Waltz, Charles Draper, and Bill Schultz. Charles Draper expressed concern about these comments and hoped that such comments did not come from other contact team members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Minutes approved 10/15/2008:  
/s/ Richard J. Armitage, Secretary