

NEARTOWN ASSOCIATION (NTA) MEETING
Cherryhurst Community Center, Tuesday November 18, 2003
Minutes

NTA President Raju Adwaney opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. He presented the slate of 2004 officers approved at last month's meeting:

President - Jack Rose
Vice Pres. - Mike Mark
Secretary - Laura Mullen
Treasurer - Ed Gonzales

Robert Graham moved to accept the slate; Ed Gonzales seconded. The motion carried with a show of hands.

Spur 527 taskforce leader Mike Mark spoke about the current state of the project.

?? "Phase 1," to determine the feasibility of de-coupling the Spur construction from the ongoing US 59 construction is complete. This will not be possible due to constraints of the US 59 project.

?? It is impossible to keep the inbound lanes of the Spur open during construction (new exits at S. Main and Polk will be open).

?? Discussions with contractor Walter P. Moore on the scope of services for "Phase 2," (redesign of Spur) are underway. Issues include how far north to take Spur as a below-grade structure, connections to east/west streets, and Metro's interest in light rail connections along the route.

?? The February closing date and 33 months projected length of the project will not be affected by the redesign.

Announcements

Jack Rose suggested that Neartown Association institute a named award to be given for exceptional long-term contributions to the neighborhood or the association.

Robert Graham announced that the last PIP meeting of 2003 will be held tomorrow night. A Secret Service representative will speak on currency.

Ed Gonzales announced that graffiti on the US 59 wall at Dunlavy park was removed by the State (the freeway walls are treated with a special resistant surface).

Gayle Ramsey asked if the letter to Bob Litke, City Public Works, voted on at the August NTA meeting re: oak trees at old Half-Price Books location had been sent. Jack Rose said he would look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
NTA Secretary, Dana Padgett