

## SRCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:00 PM  
Zoom Meeting

### 1. Call to order/President's report

*Presenter/chair of meeting: Noah Balch*

Noah called the meeting called to order at 7pm; Ruth Casarez volunteered to serve as secretary.

### 2. Approve General Membership Meeting Minutes for previous general meeting

It was noted the August 20<sup>th</sup> minutes had not been posted on SRCC website, so it was agreed to postpone consideration of last month's mtg minutes until the next GM mtg so members could have opportunity to review August minutes, which will be available at: [www.srccatx.org](http://www.srccatx.org).

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Will Andrews was not present so this item was passed.

### 4. Membership Report

*Presenter: Mary Janecek-Friedman, SRCC Membership*

Mary reported that she recently transferred \$300 from the Paypal Account into SRCC's bank account. She also reported we currently have 250 paid members.

We are still looking for a permanent secretary and need volunteers to take minutes at meetings.

### 5. Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

**Planning and Zoning:** Anita Tschurr asked whether the deed restrictions resolution voted on at August mtg had been sent to council. No one has yet sent it. It was agreed that the resolution as amended at the August mtg would be sent soon. (See attached Resolution Related to Deed Restrictions) It was noted that the deed restrictions question had been picked up by the media and garnered positive TV & newspaper coverage.

Anita then raised the proposed development at 200 E. Riverside Dr & the various problems related to the proposal, specifically non compliance with city rules & procedures. She moved that SRCC send the resolution that was circulated prior to the mtg opposing the project. Mark Thompson seconded the motion. **The vote: 20 in favor; 0 opposed. Motion passed.**

**Historic Preservation:** Susan Armstrong Fisher reported on 1703 Newning (vacant lot). She stated applicant, Carey Balzer on behalf of Fergie Time LLC, wants to build on the lot & made an unsolicited cash offer to SRCC, asking SRCC not to oppose his plans. Several people expressed the opinion that it is very likely the plans will be approved by Historic Landmark Commission & the donated money could be used by SRCC to publicize the boundaries of our National Register Historic District. Wendy suggested a straw vote be taken related to whether the gift agreement should be accepted. Anita T seconded the motion. After a lively discussion of the proposed gift agreement and its possible ramifications on future SRCC actions, a vote was held.

**The vote: 11 in favor; 7 opposed; 4 abstained.**

**Finance:** No report as Sam Martin was absent.

**Mobility:** Mark Thompson reported that parking signs continue to be put up. Academy street is getting crushed with increased parking, but Hillside Street has improved. Enforcement is set to begin

10/1/24. Folks who need parking permits should visit COA residential parking program; registration now is by license plate number (no more window stickers). Hang tag system is operational for RPP parking, but hangtags also available from COA RPP site. Mark noted that Project Connect is tied up in court.

Regarding Leland project, he has learned large crane will soon be brought in at Live Oak; this will have negative effect on pedestrian access, especially kids leaving Lively Middle School. Wendy suggested SRCC write letter to developer asking for their plan to address that issue.

**Public Safety:** Tom Groce Always looking for help with neighborhood watch. He reported a recent burglary in the neighborhood and urged everyone to be vigilant and keep their doors locked.

**Parks and Environment:** David Todd. Wendy reported for David Todd that the next My Park Day will be Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, she indicated Parks Dept is putting mulch down on the unpaved portion of Sunset Ln and that for some reason, workers are “mowing” the grounds north & west of Travis Heights Elementary, and all that does is create a lot of dust in the area.

**Schools:** Gretchen Otto noted that SRCC Executive Comm had sent a letter to council opposing Torchy’s application for liquor license because of Torchy’s proximity to Lively Middle School. She stated council will take up the application again on Oct. 10 & urged folks to let council know their position about the app. This application is not similar to the one near the Ann Richards School on Panther St; there is a vast difference between that application: the location of that school & Wheatsville (located in a strip mall on S. Lamar) is quite distant, not across the street from where liquor would be sold, i.e., Torchy’s. Gretchen also indicated she believes AISD is preparing to ask voters for a tax rate increase.

**Communications:** Betty: The Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Mayoral Forum was quite successful; we had 68 persons in attendance and about 30 via Zoom. The candidates who appeared (Watson did not) answered prepared Qs from SRCC & BCNA plus a number of Qs from the audience.

## **6. Reports from Area Coordinators and Group Representatives**

TECHS CAT: No report

ANC: Betty reported that the next ANC meeting would be 9/25, but she will be out of town. Gayle Goff offered to substitute for Betty at that upcoming mtg.

SCC: no update

**EROC:** Gayle Goff introduced Malcolm Yeats, who has worked very hard on Parkland Dedication program. He used a power point presentation to explain how the new way of making parkland dedications has obliterated the community interests that had long been part of that program. Public or community concerns are no longer considered or valued. Consequently, ANC has drafted a resolution that seeks to restore those important interests by requiring notification to neighborhood organizations & other interested parties about proposed parkland dedications.

Noah made a motion that SRCC support ANC’s resolution; Gayle Goff seconded the motion.

**Vote: 20 in favor; 0 opposed; no abstentions. Motion passed.**

**SCWAB:** Ken Burnett was prepared to make a report on the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board, but because of the lateness of the hour, the report was postponed to the next SRCC mtg.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

Meeting adjourned 8:40

**Upcoming meetings:**

Early Voting begins Oct 21

GM Oct 15, Dec 17

EC Oct 1, Dec 3