

Draft Minutes

SRCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (www.srccatx.org)

TUESDAY, February 4, 2025 @ 7:00 PM by Zoom

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AGENDA

Only members may vote. As an officer, you should be a member. Please confirm by emailing membership@srccatx.org. And please register 24 hours in advance.

1. 7:00 SRCC Welcomes Members and Guests

Verification of quorum. President's Report

Presenter throughout unless otherwise noted: Noah Balch, SRCC President (5 min)

2. 7:05 Approve Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Vote on motion to approve minutes of Dec. 3, 2024, EC Meeting. For review and editing, minutes are available at: www.srccatx.org.

(5 min)

Minutes approved by the committee.

3. 7:10 Treasurer's Report

All reports available upon request: treasurer@srccatx.org

Presenter: Will Andrews, SRCC Treasurer (5 min)

Our Treasurer shared current financial status including payment of annual dues and software fees. For detailed information, email treasurer@srccatx.org.

4. 7:15 Membership Report

Members please pay dues to participate in SRCC business and actions, such as voting and making motions.

Discussion of continuation of hybrid meetings, including challenges and managing expectations.

Report from South Central Austin CDC meeting

Presenter: Mary Janecek-Friedman, SRCC Membership (5 min)

- Membership Chair confirmed a quorum for this meeting. Current membership: 255.
- Discussion of Hybrid meetings: Challenges with technical difficulties and vote-counting issues discussed. Two members shared their experiences attending over zoom. For remote participants, audio issues make understanding conversation at the meeting difficult, which can lead to feelings of exclusion for remote participants. A proposal was made to limit hybrid meetings to 2-4 a year. A decision is postponed until new officers are installed.
- Introductions: Teresa Corsention has attended meetings and served as Area

Coordinato. She shared her involvement with the South Island Park project and a proposed wildflower meadow in the East Live Oak area.

5. 7:20 Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

a) Planning and Zoning; b) Historic Preservation; c) Finance; d) Mobility; e) Public Safety; f) Parks and Environment; g) Schools; and h) Communications (10 min)

Parks: discussion of a recent park clean-up in honor of Jean Mather. Members discussed three proposed memorials for Jean Mather:

- Re-naming of Stacy Park shelter house in her honor
- Posthumous award for distinguished service
- Induction into the Austin Women's Hall of Fame

6. 7:30 Reports from Area Coordinators and Representatives

a) TECHS CAT; b) EROC; c) ANC; d) SCC; e) SCWAB; and f) St. Edward's (10 min)

SCA CDC: Representative discussed the purpose of the organization and difficulties with funding. The organization exists to support affordable housing within a 2 mile radius of neighborhoods represented in the CDC. Money for projects comes from a fee in lieu paid by developers. No money has come in for several years. In addition, CoA struggles with funding continuing services at current locations.

GSRC NCPT: The function of the NPT has been to voice ideas and opposition to proposals that do not follow the neighborhood plan. The NPT contact team has not been active recently. Discussion about the difficulty of the NPT contact team's efforts and members speculated on the relevance with the new zoning changes. A former member of the contact team explained that the NP is still in effect

7. 7:40 Planning and Zoning Items:

Application to build new structure at rear of 1804 Brackenridge

Application to remove carport to build addition at 1908 Kenwood

Application for alcohol permit for Waller Creek Boat House, 74 Trinity

Presenter: Anita Tschurr, Planning and Zoning Chair (10 min)

- The chair of P&Z discussed the proposed hosting of music events at the rowing club on the north side of Town Lake, expressing concerns on the noise to residents in the area.
- Also discussed was the request for increased height for a new building near the Watermark. The construction was originally planned to be 90 feet, but has been extended to 180 feet.

8. 7:50 Historic Preservation

Update on Norwood House, letter to new PARD Director

Presenter: Historic Preservation Representative (5 min)

Historic Preservation: Reports regarding 1507 Alameda and 503 E. Annie.

Norwood House: Reevaluation and park update: an introductory letter was sent to the new Parks Director. If interested in being involved in this project, contact Wolf Sittler, wolfvsittler@gmail.com.

9. 7:55 Officer Candidates

Update from informal Nominations Committee about efforts to fill SRCC officer positions

Presenter: Ruth Casares (5 min)

A Nomination Committee is being formed and has had a few informal meetings. A formal report will be provided at the March General Membership meeting for the April election. If interested in participating, contact [Ruth Casarez, rucasar@swbell.net](mailto:rucasar@swbell.net).

BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS

10. 8:00 Mobility

Request alternatives to mobility plans contained in current Project Connect schematic and DEIS as follows:

SRCC reviewed and discussed in committee the light rail project plans for the intersection of South Congress Avenue and Riverside Drive (“Plans”), which Austin Transit Partnership (“ATP”) presented in their Project Connect Draft Environmental Impact Statement. SRCC voted by resolution to oppose the Plans because their implementation would negatively impact our local culture, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and locally funded sidewalk construction projects.

To implement the Plans, the City would need to remove parking on South Congress Avenue and narrow the pedestrian and bicycle lanes. This would result in (i) a dearth of parking options for visitors, locals, and businesses, and (ii) compromised safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Some of the secondary impacts would include (i) gridlocked traffic, (ii) lower revenues for businesses, (iii) overcrowding and traffic spillover in the charming local neighborhoods, (iv) more car accidents and serious injuries to pedestrians, bicyclists, and commuters, and (v) less parking for locals.

On February 18, 2025, SRCC resolved that the City should prevent ATP from using Austin’s voter-approved tax for Project Connect to destroy the world famous and eclectic nature of South Congress Avenue. Accordingly, SRCC requests that the City seek and implement alternative mobility plans for South Congress Avenue that comport with the goals of Project Connect, including safer mobility options that enhance the historic corridors of our City.

VOTE EXPECTED

Presenter: Mark Thompson, Mobility Chair (15 min)

Discussion proposing opposition to the proposed plan for South Congress and Riverside rail project. Deadline for plan opposition input: March 11. Several members discussed: combining efforts with other neighborhood organizations, drafting a letter with resolution and getting signatures from neighbors, a single document with a large number of signatures can express strong opposition. A member involved with mobility discussed the draft environmental impact statement shared with the public has opened a comment period rather than a request for opinions. Encouraged the team to focus their comments on the environmental impacts, including cultural resources, historic preservation, archaeology, and safety. Agreement was reached to work on a unified approach to present concerns.

The membership agreed to draft a resolution to be voted on by the general membership, with the aim of making an impact. A vote among the EC approved the creation of a document passed. **Vote: 15 support, 0 not support, 0 abstain. Passed.**

11. 8:15 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SRCC's **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** program is always looking for more participants. Anyone interested should contact Tom Groce, SRCC Public Safety Chair at tgroce71@gmail.com.

Work is being done to update the website, for input contact Mary, membership@srccatx.org.

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 17th, with a presentation from Jocelyn Voks of Cap Metro.

This link will take you to information about subscribing, unsubscribing, and posting a message to the neighborhood ListServe: <https://groups.io/g/SouthRiverAustin>

Upcoming **General Membership** meetings: Feb. 18; Mar. 18; April 15; May 20

Upcoming **Executive Committee** meetings: Mar. 4; April 8; May 4

Frequently used acronyms:

ACF: Austin Community Fund

ANC: Austin Neighborhood Council (<https://www.atxanc.org/>)

BoA: Board of Adjustment

CDC: Community Development Corporation

EROC: East Riverside/Oltorf Combined Contact Team

FLUM: Future Land Use Map

GSRC: Greater South River City Neighborhood Planning Contact Team

NCCD: Neighborhood Conservation Combining District
NHPA: National Historic Preservation Act
NPCT: Neighborhood Planning Contact Team
PC: Planning Commission
PUD: Planned Unit Development
SCC: South Central Coalition of neighborhood associations
SCWAB: South Central Waterfront Advisory Board
SF: Single Family zoning category
ZAP: Zoning and Platting

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