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Zilker Neighborhood Association
Executive Committee Meeting
July 6, 2009
Artz Rib House

In Attendance

Richard Gravois	Bobby Rigney
Lorraine Atherton	Andy Elder
Peggy Pfaff	Garder Sumner
Ryan Stryker	

I. Guest presentations
   a. Zilker Park soccer fields, Joanna Mesecke, Division Manager of the Central Parks department, Austin Parks and Recreation
      i. Scope of Zilker project
         1. To get rid of the dust & trip hazards, and adding water fountains
         2. Irrigations system
            a. Water from the lake (non-potable)
            b. 319 sprinkler heads
            c. Computerized
            d. Will comply with water conservation efforts
            e. No station will be watered more than twice a week
         3. Hearty turf grass
            a. 3000 cubic yards of dillodirt
            b. 46 acres of grass
         4. Granite gravel
         5. Upgrading telecom equipment
         6. Upgraded volleyball courts
            a. Water fountain
            b. Rinse shower
      ii. $2.5 Million
         1. Funded entirely by C3 Presents
      iii. Hope to open park sometime in August for mixed-use
      iv. Presentation on Parks site
   b. Austin Tree Survey, Shannon Leigh Halley, Urban Forestry Board
      i. For mapping urban trees on non-city owned land
      ii. “Citizen Foresters” will be trained to survey and report tree locations
         1. ~3 hours training module to be able to collect data on trees
      iii. Release date: October (during Think Trees week)
      iv. $10,000 grant from Urban Forest

v. Zilker Neighborhood can be its own “satellite”
vi. Goal: to be able to factor the importance and $$ value of our trees into city planning
vii. Shannon lives in Zilker, and would like to use the neighborhood for beta testing different projects
viii. shannon@treefolks.org

c. Shady Grove parking variance, Paul Linehan, agent for the applicant
    i. Asking for a variance from the additional 30 parking spaces they would need for a cocktail lounge permit, which would allow them to play at 85 decibels at their Thursday night concerts.
    ii. Using the need to proect pecan trees in their existing parking lots as the hardship
    iii. Scheduled for Board of Adjustments 7/13
    iv. Linehan will get a letter with the conditions to the executive committee in the next few days, and we should plan on taking an e-mail vote early next week.

II. Committee Reports

a. Finance
    i. Have $5211 in the bank

b. Social, Watermelon social July 27
    i. Need someone to run membership table

c. Zoning, Permits and Code Enforcement
    i. 2105 Goodrich discussed

d. Transportation and Parking, Oxford residential parking permit application
    i. Peggy to write up something about parking permits for the newsletter
    ii. Waiting for info from the city about the petition… hoping to get by Watermelon Social

III. New Business

i. Jeff Jack asks that ZNA oppose the South Shore (Grayco) PUD. **MOTION (Richard): To communicate to the city council that “The community benefits offered by this project are not superior enough to warrant violating the Waterfront Overlay.”**

1. **SECONDED (Gardner)**
2. **Motion carries**