

Meeting with Councilman Peter Svarzbein

### Cincinnati Avenue

The meeting began with KPA Chairman Intebi suggesting that Keith Pannell kick off the proceedings with a summary of the issues associated with the projected Cincinnati Avenue make-over. Keith reiterated the various widely held concerns related with parking, unruly behavior, noise, lack of “diversity’ and generally pointing out that the original plan, initiated by Peter, was promoted as a pedestrian, family oriented facility, etc., but was seemingly heading in a very different direction. Keith added that in the absence of safeguards and detailed restrictions, including their enforcement, he personally suggested the \$1.5 million expenditure be used for other area improvements, since the cosmetics could be deemed wasteful.

Peter responded that if you lived close to the area in question, surely such negative aspects were to be expected. Chuck Horak interjected that this was an old avenue of thought and articulation, and would further alienate KP residents and, therefore, could not be travelled productively. Peter has subsequently told Charlie that he regrets his comments.

Mathew McElroy was present and introduced as the key city person with overall responsibility for the Cincinnati make over, replacing Carlos Gallinar who now works for the EPISD. Mathew came up with several ideas that could have a large impact.

1 “Intelligent” parking meters could be placed along Stanton from the area of Albertsons to beyond Robinson, and under questioning Peter stated that the business owners were in some form of agreement (they would have some meters (or time) reserved for their employees) – this represented a change of attitude from a meeting ~ 2 years ago when the same idea of parking meters along Stanton was negatively received by the business community.

2 The provision of city space, as in the proposed commercial use of sidewalks, would be used to initiate special restrictions and orderly behavior in the area. He specifically noted the absence of outside amplification and a clear 10.00 PM cessation of such amplification for the special occasions such as Mardi Gras.

3 The income resulting from the proposed parking meters, and rental of the new available city sidewalk space, could be specifically used to hire (EPPD?) personnel to ensure enforcement of parking, noise, vandalism, litter, etc. restrictions, in the residential neighborhood.

These are very useful contributions to the preservation of KP residential harmony. At the end of this Cincinnati Ave. focused discussion, Peter asked Keith to send him an email outlining the various issues as a written record.

### Gregory rezoning

Chuck Horak delineated the Kern Place residents overwhelming opinion that changes associated with re-zoning within Kern is a no-go. He also noted that many of us were sympathetic to the dilemma of the applicant, Kara, in this particular case, since it seemed that the City had somehow provided an avenue for the applicant to invest in her retirement dwelling *via* a change in zoning, coupled with tax incentives. Was this a policy? Mathew responded that although he was not associated with this specific issue within the city planning section, he knew the persons involved and assured us that there was no Machiavellian aspect to the city action. It was simply an explanation of legally

possible routes for development of the specific plan. We later learned that Kara has indeed appealed the CPC decision to deny her application.

Lola asked Peter if he was going to oppose the re-zoning when it came before the City Council and he nodded his agreement to that proposition.

NCO/Smart Code:

Mathew gave us some information on the differences between proceeding with an NCO vs SmartCode plan for Kern Place. The NCO Committee members who had worked in trying to get the SmartCode adapted to our needs/wants in Kern a few years ago were happy (and surprised) to hear that SmartCode is probably a better/easier way to go for us.

The meeting ended on that note. A light lunch (chicken wrap) was offered by Peter to the folks present. Mine was great and so was Charlie's.