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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Howson Branch Library
November 6th, 2000, 7:00 pm

WANG Annual Neighborhood Social

Reed Park
14 October 2000
10 a.m to noon

AGENDA

10:00 am - 10:30 am

refreshments, membership renewals, socializing, etc.

10:30 am - 11:30 am

MoPac and WANG—short presentation by TxDOT followed by question-and-answer session.

11:30 am - Noon

Election of ExComm members
General business
Adjourn

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September, 2000

President's Message September 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

We are the West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG), and this newsletter provides information about us and the neighborhood, and will serve as your invitation to our Annual Neighborhood Social on Saturday, 14 October 2000 at Reed Park from 10 am to noon. Inside you will find an application to join us; please do. Neighborhood associations are true "grass roots" organizations. With a current paid-up membership approaching 350 members, we are one of the strongest associations in the City. Change will come to our area, as it has come to all of Austin. We will need to not only react to, but also anticipate and guide, these developments. I believe that now is a very important time for neighborhood organizations. We have been empowered as a key stakeholder by the City concerning what transpires within our designated boundaries, as well as in the entire City, which makes sense since we are the people who live here. Our Executive Committee (ExComm) meets the first Monday of each month (holidays excluded) at Howson Branch Library at 7 p.m. for an open-to-all meeting. This is our neighborhood. Let us work together "to preserve (it) and protect it from deterioration."

West Austin EMT Station: In September of 1997, Mike Levy, then a member of the EMS Quality Assurance Team, informed WANG of the status of the proposed medic unit for West Austin. This station would provide primary coverage for an area roughly bordered by Lamar Boulevard on the East, Windsor Road on

the North, Lake Austin on the West and the southern Townlake area to the South. At that time, EMS had approved funding for personnel and vehicles for the station, but had no funds available to construct it. Believing in the need for this project, the ExComm of WANG, along with the general membership, began the process of seeing to its realization. In conjunction with EMS, it was decided to push for funding under the 1998 bond election. WANG sent representatives as speakers in favor of inclusion of this item in the bond package to the City Council, the Planning Commission, and the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee. Once the station was included in the bond package, and that package was passed by the voters, we then worked through the City Manager's office and with the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee to get priority funding. The site for the station will be on parkland just north of Deep Eddy Pool's parking lot. This inter-departmental land swap had to be approved by the Park's Board and City Council. This was accomplished last Spring. From a letter to Mike Levy from City Manager Jesus Garza dated 16 May 2000, "The design of the West Austin (EMS) Station will be completed by the end of this year with construction completion scheduled for the last quarter of 2001". This has been a long process, and of course it isn't built yet. We will continue to monitor it closely. This has been a group effort, but I want to especially thank Councilmember Beverly Griffith, WANG members Chip Wolfe and James Allman, Park's Board Chair Rosemary Castleberry, and Mike Levy.

Tarrytown Shopping Center: The controversy surrounding this Center has been intense this last year, and the ExComm

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discussions concerning the controversy have been no different. Reprinted inside this newsletter (see next page) is a response to a letter sent by the ExComm to Ms. Daniel in March 2000. Hopefully we have opened a line of communication. In my opinion, the ExComm must balance the neighborhood's desire for a center of diverse tenants with the owner's right to do as she wishes with her property, within reason.

Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program: The ExComm, after discussion, approved and endorsed RPP programs for West 10th Street from Exposition to Wayside and the area surrounding Walsh Boat Landing. The purpose of the program "is to limit the overflow of commuter or non-residential parking onto residential streets. Parking problems can occur in residential areas where adjoining land uses fail to provide an adequate supply of parking." As a contiguous neighbor to Walsh Boat Landing's parking lot since 1977, I worked for and welcome our program, but it does have shortcomings. It was not a step taken lightly, but around Walsh, until the City takes control of the Park's problems, the only other alternative was to do nothing. Questions about the RPP program should be directed to Scott James, Department of Public Works & Transportation at 499-7026.

Travis County Criminal Justice Center (TCCJC): I am once again going to use this forum to discuss a developing situation downtown. Many of us work, do business or shop in the area surrounding the Courthouse, and I feel there is a need for this information to be disseminated. The situation is Travis County's new Criminal Justice Center (TCCJC), located at 10th and Nueces Street, and the plan to move the Austin Police Department's (APD) and Travis County's Sheriff Department Central Booking facility from its present site at 7th and IH-35 to the TCCJC. There is great fear among those who live, work, own property or use educational facilities (Pease Elementary and ACC Rio Grande Campus) near the TCCJC that this move

endangers the neighborhood and will ultimately cause irreparable deterioration to the area. Since 1999 I have worked with Chris Riley, President of the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA) (Chris was raised in the neighborhood and his parents are member of WANG) in trying to get the City and County to take another look at this move. Last year's daily average at the current Central booking facility was 158 persons booked and 113 persons released—this is 24-hour a day activity. We have asked the City and County authorities to go stand on the corner of 10th and Nueces to just realize what is proposed. The building plans call for fewer than 20 parking spaces to handle the police cars and buses as well as vehicles of those inquiring after detainees or picking up releasees, all this in an area of metered parking which is currently heavily used during the day. The neighborhood west of Nueces Street consists mainly of small commercial buildings and residential homes, some of which have been converted to small office use. Directly accross from the proposed Central Booking site is the 48 unit Regency Apartments. No matter how much the County and City try to mitigate the proposal's impact on the neighborhood, this still remains a very poorly thought out project. For more information you can contact me or Paul Martin (477-5855) of DANA. You can also contact the Mayor, Council, and City Manager at Box 1088, Austin, Texas, 78767-10880

Pet Etiquette: I would be remiss if I didn't remind my fellow dog walkers to please clean up after your pets, whether it is in someone else's yard or the street. This is not the most pleasant part of pet ownership, but it is

a good way to recycle the plastic bags the newspaper comes in. This is our neighborhood, and we are neighbors. Simple courtesy goes a long way towards enhancing our quality of life.

Membership Renewals: Just a reminder that a lot of us renew at the Neighborhood Social, so bring a check when you come. We will have a membership table set up for your convenience.

I'm looking forward to the Social. The discussion on Mo-Pac should be interesting. The Texas Department of Insurance will also have information available on purchasing insurance, their website, and how to file complaints. The City will have information on its new waste water project which will go along Scenic Drive from Enfield to Mayfield Park. As always, please feel free to contact me on matters of neighborhood concern.

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In the next few months TxDOT officials and their consultants will develop their recommendations for what should be done on MoPac. Late this year or early next year, they will present their recommendations to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), the group of local elected officials that approves and funds such local mobility projects. MoNAC members, including WANG members, will be there to oppose or support the recommendations, depending on what they are.

MoNAC POSITION STATEMENT

The history of MoPac (Loop 1) has not been pleasant for central Austin. The six-lane freeway squeezed through our residential area in the early 1970’s and split apart our neighborhoods, including the historic community of Clarksville.

The design and construction of the highway led to extensive flooding of homes along Johnson Creek. The speed limit has increased from 45 mph to 65 mph, and motorists now routinely drive

75 mph or faster. Initially prohibited, commercial trucks now speed past day and night. The extensions of the highway far north and south have led to traffic counts well in excess of 100,000 vehicles per day. Traffic noise has exceeded federal standards since 1976 and steadily grows more intense. Residents alongside MoPac and its frontage roads live in fear of high-speed accidents. MoPac commuters jam neighborhood streets. Our air increasingly is fouled by vehicle exhaust.

The Texas Department of Transportation currently is studying possible changes to MoPac in our area including, among other alternatives, the addition of elevated lanes. We the member neighborhoods of MoNAC feel compelled to speak out against this or any other further intrusion by MoPac on our community. *Enough is enough!*

- No additional land should be given to expand MoPac. Our neighborhoods have sacrificed enough for this highway.

- MoPac should be depressed below ground level due to noise, safety, and environmental concerns. Construction of additional surface or elevated lanes is

unacceptable.

- If the freeway is not depressed below ground level, then noise and safety barriers must be constructed now. Initial funding for barriers was allocated years ago, yet nothing has been done.

- It is time to make public transit an effective alternative to automobile transportation in Austin. This will reduce traffic pressure on all major roadways, including MoPac.

- The Union Pacific freight tracks along the freeway should be converted to light rail or commuter rail use.

From the Bylaws of WANG:
II. Purposes

“This association shall be a non-profit, non-partisan organization open to all residents within the boundaries of a designated area within the City of Austin, Texas, who may through such association consider and deal by all lawful means with common and shared concerns, goals, and activities that affect the quality of life of its members.

“The association shall be concerned with community development, the ecology, the safety, and other related matters that indirectly and directly affect the quality and character of the neighborhood and the City of Austin.

“The association’s goal is to preserve the neighborhood and protect it from deterioration.”

Zoning FYE 9-30-00

Blake Tollett and Dudley Houghton

Tarrytown United Methodist Church (TUMC) 2601 Exposition Boulevard: The Church and WANG have sought to balance the desire of the Church to expand its facilities to accommodate its membership and ministry with the desire of the Tarrytown neighborhood to retain its residential character. In order to achieve these goals, WANG and TUMC are working on an agreement containing mutually agreed upon general principles as well as specific contractual obligations binding on both parties. What both sides are trying to avoid is the acrimonious and negative situation surrounding the expansion of established houses of worship into established neighborhoods in other parts of the city. Both sides, through their conduct during the negotiations, as well as through the agreement itself, want to be an example of how neighbors can work together. In the very near future we should have a final writing which will be distributed to TUMC neighbors for their comments, and with their agreement, the WANG ExComm will then bind itself with the Church.

West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) Corner of Exposition Boulevard and Enfield Road: WAYA desired to expand its facility. The land, which is owned by the University of Texas (UT), was unzoned, and the City required that the land be zoned prior to approving the plans for the building expansion. The ExComm agreed to support a zoning category of SF-3 (Single Family-3) restricted to “community recreational private.” In talking with WAYA’s neighbors, some neighborhood resentment was noted, so WAYA was asked, and agreed, to meet with its neighbors at the WANG ExComm meeting on 1 May 2000. At the meeting, specific issues of concern—trash, intrusive lights, and excessive music volume during dances—were raised by neighbors. WAYA addressed these issues at the meeting and in a subsequent letter which was hand delivered to their neighbors to the north. Once again, WANG thanks WAYA for doing the right thing in coming to talk with its neighbors.

1504 Robin Hood: The sale of this property this last summer caused concern in the immediate neighbors because of the property’s intense zoning category. All four corners at the intersection of Robin Hood and Bonnie Road are zoned CS—“commercial or industrial activities which typically have operating characteristics or traffic services requirements generally incompatible with residential environments, such as sales, custom manufacturing, vehicle storage or construction services.” It should be noted that even though the zoning is in place on the land, to fully utilize that zoning would require substantial variances from the City codes, and it is at these hearings that neighbors have a chance for input. Neighbors have asked

WANG to explore options available to roll back the zoning to conform to the present use of the land.

510 Atlanta Street: Current plans to develop six single family homes on this tract entails the moving or demolition of the Gustave Johnson home—the Johnson family originally developed the Deep Eddy area. Barbara Stocklin with the Historic Section of the City’s Development Review & Inspection Department approached WANG for suggestions as to how to save the home without unduly interfering with the developer’s plans. At this writing there has been no resolution, but there is great interest among immediate neighbors.

Copy of Response from DT Land Group Regarding the ExComm’s Communication over TarryTown Center

April 5, 2000

Mr. Hal S. Katz
Vice President
West Austin Neighborhood Group
P.O. Box 5722
Austin, TX 78763-5722

Dear Mr. Katz:

Thank you for your interest in TarryTown Center.

As you may know, DT Land Group, Inc. serves as agent for Ms. Daniels’ Westenfield Development Company (Westenfield) which has owned and operated TarryTown Center since 1939. Ms. Daniels has asked me to reply to your letter of March 23, 2000.

Please understand that Westenfield is aware of and sensitive to neighborhood concerns and, as a result, has continually managed TarryTown Center as a unique blend of office and retail which has contributed to making Austin one of the most livable cities in the United States. Westenfield’s ultimate goal is the creation of a cruelty-free shopping center where customers can shop knowing that the goods and services offered are not the product of animal exploitation or abuse. Toward that end, Westenfield will seek tenants whose businesses and business practices are compatible with that goal. This policy will not affect existing leases but will be implemented in all future leases. We will work closely with our tenants toward establishing a healthy and humane community for all.

We appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns with us. Hopefully, this letter will provide you with some insight into our efforts toward encouraging compassion for the world as a whole.

Sincerely,

Diane T. Land
DT Land Group, Inc.
Agent for Westenfield Development Company

cc: Westenfield Development Company

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

Members Present: Joyce Basciano, Michael Cannatti, Don Cook, Linda Dickens, Balie Griffith, Dudley Houghton, Ian Ingles, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Sara Madera, Irwin Spear, Blake Tollett.

Guests present: Susan Pascoe, Selina Serna

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee--Vicki Tatum, Karen Cannatti and Heidi Gibbons--met prior to the meeting and proposed Susan Pascoe and Selina Serna as candidates for the vacant ExComm positions. Both nominees were introduced to current WANG ExComm members and gave brief outlines of their interests and goals. Outgoing ExComm member Dudley Houghton commended the Nominating Committee for its efforts.

Annual Meeting Committee

The Communications Committee met prior to the ExComm meeting to discuss

arrangements for the neighborhood social, to be held on October 14 at Reed Park. WANG ExComm authorized a budget not to exceed \$2500 for funding signs and other expenses related to the annual meeting. A banner that could hang at the annual meeting and also be modified for re-use in subsequent years was discussed. Gwen agreed to follow up with design sketches. The newsletter for the annual meeting is estimated to be 12 pages, with Blake making a big push to gather seven pages of advertising.

ExComm Retreat

Planning for the next ExComm retreat has begun, with the proposed date set for October 28th, 9-12 AM, at either the Charles Moore House, or at Hal's office.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee noted that a forum held earlier in the day addressed light rail and the proposed work on MoPac. Austin Neighborhood Council will hold a special session to review the findings from their Dallas DART trip, which gave Austin residents an opportunity to review Dallas public trans-

portation efforts. ExComm members Balie Griffith and Ian Ingles attended the Dallas trip and expressed that they were impressed with the system's operation, development initiatives, and ridership.

Walsh Boat Landing

Dudley noted that there were several rounds of tracks in the park at the boat landing. A suggestion was made to determine whether the Austin Parks Department would contribute matching funds to provide bollards along the street. It was proposed that the bollards be set far enough off the street to allow for the installation of a future sidewalk.

Zoning Report

The Historic Landmarks Commission will hold a meeting on October 2nd to discuss an Historic District Ordinance. The hearing will be held at Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street, Room 105. Blake and Dudley provided updates on the property at 3507 Bonnie Road and on the 'Columbia Construction house on Windsor Road. Owners of a house at 3315 Windsor are requesting a decrease

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He emphasizes the importance of preserving things that make the neighborhood unique.

"Over the years, the WANG ExComm hasn't attempted to prevent growth or development," Dudley asserts, "but has tried to keep development from overwhelming the neighborhood. In most of the cases we've dealt with, we've not been entirely opposed to development, but we want it to be compatible with the properties around it. We are against the unjust enrichment of one property owner at the expense of his neighbors."

Dudley appreciates that neighborhood associations give the 'little guys' a voice. He believes that you can challenge city hall and win. He also shares that he is grateful to Blake Tollett for working so hard this past year on zoning and agreeing to take over the zoning chair duties.

The WANG ExComm extends a heartfelt 'thank-you' to Dudley for the commitment he has shown over the years. Certainly, his efforts have protected and enriched the quality of West Austin.

WANG AND MoPAC EXPANSION: THE MONAC POSITION STATEMENT

IAN INGLIS

In the fall of 1999, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and its consultants began a study of MoPac with the idea of improving mobility on the highway. Their initial ideas included adding high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, perhaps along with additional general purpose lanes. The lanes were to be on the surface or elevated above the surface. TxDOT also began considering alterations to the MoPac interchanges from 2222 to the river. They met with neighborhood groups, including the MoPac Neighborhood Associations Coalition (MoNAC), to obtain feedback. WANG is a member of the MoNAC coalition. MoNAC members have not been shy about expressing their opinions against TxDOT taking any additional right-of-way for the highway or constructing elevated lanes. MoNAC developed a position statement, below, spelling out its position on MoPac. In response to MoNAC feedback, TxDot added the option of depressing the highway below ground to its list of ideas.

In the spring of this year, TxDot displayed its ideas at several public hearings, including one at Camp Mabry on March 21. Members of our neighborhood let TxDOT know in no uncertain terms that they rejected elevated lanes and the taking of additional right-of-way. Neighbors also wanted to know why noise walls have not been constructed even though initial funding was approved long ago.

TxDOT and the consultants have revised their concepts further and they continue to seek neighbor input. They recently held a meeting which was attended by numerous neighborhood members. TxDOT now appears to be focusing on High Occupancy Vehicle lanes (HOV) lanes rather than additional general purpose lanes. They also are setting forth ideas about making the West Austin interchanges standard "diamond" interchanges (i.e. getting rid of the looping on-ramps and exits). This would require the removal of homes. Neighbors at this recent meeting were not fond of the suggested interchange alterations and said as much.

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Tract—that consists of many properties along Lake Austin Boulevard: Randall's, The Gables Apartments, LCRA land on the east side of the boulevard, and married student housing. The Tract also includes Lion's Municipal Golf Course and Oyster Landing. UT wanted to change the zoning in order to build ten-story hotels along the lake and develop multi-family apartment housing on the golf course. According to Dudley, UT administrators wanted no limits on what they could do and refused to speak to ExComm members. City Council Member Sally Shipman and neighborhood activist Mary Arnold created a powerful neighborhood coalition that joined WANG members in protesting UT's efforts. University administrators eventually had to negotiate with WANG representatives, who significantly reduced UT's zoning requests. The state legislature subsequently passed a bill that limits what can be done with the Brackenridge Tract. Dudley is quick to point out that citizens of West Austin made this happen.

Dudley also recalls that WANG members curtailed the impact of the Tarrytown Shopping Center redevelopment. This case involved rezoning and construction on the west side of Exposition. The neighborhood association worked to reduce the amount of office space, limit the height of buildings on the property, and prevent a drive-in bank teller west of Exposition. This last point was particularly important to minimize vehicle pollution and traffic on Windsor. WANG succeeded in influencing the plans for the center.

Finally, Dudley remembers the importance of developing the Neighborhood Plan in 1986. He, along with Stan Friedman, crafted the land use portion that still guides some current decisions regarding transportation, parks, and health and welfare issues.

According to Dudley, "The plan was a vast job by a great many citizens of West Austin."

While he was active in supporting these and other WANG successes over the past couple of decades, Dudley saw significant changes in the area. He notes that not only has the density of the neighborhood increased, but traffic has, as well. Additionally, he is glad to see an increase in the number of parents with young children join WANG and the ExComm. "We didn't have much of this the first 12 years," adds Dudley, and "it shows a broader constituency so parents of small children are being represented. We try to get diversity in gender and geographic area, but we had a lack of parents of small children." He notes that the City Council members are much more responsive now than they were when he became active in neighborhood politics and happily says that we don't have politics by cronyism anymore.

What should WANG members watch out for in the future? Dudley answers, "Make every effort to protect things of historical value out here in west Austin."

James R. Williams
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He describes how WANG supported the conversion of the Charles Moore House for use as a museum to the famed architect. Other historical properties that Dudley and WANG helped preserve include the Carillion Center, a convent converted to an office building; its grounds were used for town homes. "Owners of the Keith House, built in 1933, on the corner of Windsor and Harris wanted historical designation, and we helped them get it," comments Dudley, "WANG succeeded in preventing houses along Lake Austin Boulevard dating back to the early part of the 1900's from being razed. We found a way for the houses to provide economic return."

Dudley continues, "WANG members currently are trying to negotiate the preservation of the Gus Johnson house on Atlanta St. in a way that provides economic return for the property owner while preserving one of the oldest houses in our neighborhood. Additionally, WANG is helping to support the restoration of the windmill on the greenbelt, under the direction of Richard Viktorin."

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on the setback requirements and will appear before the Board of Adjustments. The Johnson house on Atlanta St. is now being considered for historic designation. Property owners and the City may reach a compromise, as there is a possibility that the house may be moved to the American Legion site on Lake Austin Blvd., thereby making room for the proposed development. There is concern from the neighbors, however, regarding the minimum rear yard setbacks and difference in elevation of the adjacent properties. Blake will write a letter supporting the neighbors, as well as the eight foot high wall along the roadway in front of the house, with the condition the at the houses use the 20' setback discussed earlier, rather than the minimum 10' setback.

Minutes prepared by Gwen Jewiss.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
MAYFIELD PARK?**

It must be quite a sight. A number of

deer recently have decided that Mayfield gardens serve fine food for moonlight dining and have "pruned" the lilies and chrysanthemums to the nub. Resident peafowl have, for their part, taken a fancy to recently planted heirloom bulbs for their entrees. A challenge, indeed, for Mayfield gardeners.

Day and night, wildlife frequent the ponds and gardens. Depending on when you visit, you may see green-backed herons, mallards, blue herons, snakes, skunks, screech owls and, of course, a multitude of turtles and colorful fish.

Over the past 13 years, Mayfield Park house and gardens have risen from critical and quiet deterioration to a vibrant, colorful destination for 10,000 local and out-of-town visitors annually.

Once the summer home of Allison Mayfield, Texas' secretary of state and chair of the Railroad Commission, Mayfield Park has become a favorite visitor spot for everyone from overstressed workers seeking respite to children, artists, photographers, and international

tourists who discovered Mayfield Park on the internet.

Last year, over 5,000 guests attended functions in the partially restored house. Now that its kitchen is available to caterers, Mayfield is the most frequently requested Parks and Recreation Department site for community events. Brides love it!

Community volunteers have restored Mayfield Park as a labor of love. "Just plain folks" have adopted the gardens and love to dig in the dirt, filling the beds with heritage plants. If YOU would like to be part of the ongoing restoration of Mayfield Park or would like to receive Mayfield Park's annual newsletter, please call Karen, at 453-7074 or Barbara at 477-6031. You will be welcomed with open arms!

Mark your calendars for Mayfield Park's 7th annual "Trowel and Error" gardening symposium on Saturday, April 14, 2001, 10:00 - 1:00. With heritage plant sales, exotic raffles, and well-known garden gurus as speakers, it's wonderful fun and extremely informative.



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Lazy days sitting under a shade tree with your favorite book. That's the summer most of us remember, but times have changed! Summer was very lively at the Howson library this year. Over 200 kids in our neighborhood took advantage of Austin Public Library's summer reading program. Kids kept track of the books they read (or had read to them) and received a prize when they brought their reading logs to the library each week.

Special programs included the song stylings of Joe McDermott, the wacky experiments of Mad Science, children's author Paul Epner's talking lunchbox, 4-H animals, a fire truck from the Austin Fire Department, a puppet show, and a grand finale party with games, prizes, face painting, crafts, and refreshments. All of this was in addition to the four regular weekly storytime programs presented by Devo Carpenter, Howson's talented Children's Program Specialist.

With the introduction of monthly

evening programs, Fall promises to be a busy time at the library, too. The first evening program was a Harry Potter party on September 14. School aged kids and their folks enjoyed watching a wizard in action, making their own magic wands and mirrors, getting their faces painted, and playing trivia and guessing games. Upcoming programs include:

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- December 14 7:00 pm**
Holiday party with Mr. Johnny

Currently on display at the Howson Library, an exhibit of paintings by the Chinese Fine Art Club provides a visual treat. The exhibit will be up through October. We hope to have rotating art exhibits throughout the year to brighten up the library.

Come see the art, browse the books, cruise the internet, and enjoy your local library.

**Austin Parks Foundation Awards
Grant for Johnson Creek
Hike and Bike Trail**

The Austin Parks Foundation (APF) has awarded WANG a \$1,000 grant to create a picnic area adjacent to the rock windmill on the Johnson Creek Hike and Bike Trail. One of eleven projects that the Parks Foundation subsidized this year, the funds will help pay for the windmill restoration and landscaping.

The windmill was built in the early 1950's by Wiley W. Bennett and stood in the front yard of the family residence at 1303 Winsted Rd. When MoPac was constructed in the late 1960's, numerous homes were removed to enlarge the right-of-way. The Bennett residence was torn down but the windmill remained. Mr. Bennett died some years ago, but his

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daughter, JoAn Bardin, still resides in Austin.

"My father had a windmill like that in his rose garden in Vernon, many years ago, and when he moved here in the early '30's, he wanted another one like it," she said. Ms. Bardin has generously agreed to match the Foundation's grant and thanks WANG and APF for their efforts.

For those who have not seen the windmill, the Johnson Creek Hike and Bike starts at the southwest corner of Mopac and Enfield Road adjacent to Westernfield Park. The windmill is approximately 1/10th of a mile down the trail.

In addition to the funds provided by Ms. Bardin and the Austin Parks Foundation, WANG is seeking contributions and volunteers. Landscaping and restoration costs are estimated at over \$4,200. Anyone wishing to donate time or materials or contribute financially should contact Richard Viktorin at 477-4353, or call WANG at 477-4028.

**You're a Good Man,
Dudley Houghton**

West Austin neighbors have been fortunate to have a long-term champion and zoning expert represent our concerns to the City. For 17 years, Executive Committee member and previous zoning chair Dudley Houghton has been integral to much of WANG's success. At the end of September, however, he retires from the WANG ExComm. WANG maintains a reputation of being one of the strongest and most influential neighborhood associations in Austin, due in no small part to Dudley's activism over the years.

True to the spirit of community volunteerism, Dudley intimates that he got as much out of his work with WANG as he put into it. He reports that he met a great many nice people through WANG and that the neighborhood association provided an excellent way to meet neighbors whom he might not have met otherwise. What kept him

most interested, he notes, was addressing management problems of a particular zoning case and discovering the strengths of the people involved. He enjoyed figuring out how to put together effective teams of citizens who could present and win neighborhood cases. According to Dudley, this skills management challenge was key to successful outcomes. Dudley says every case includes issues of traffic, precedent, and intrusion into the neighborhood, and that "personalities are much more interesting than the nuts and bolts of a zoning case."

Over the years, Dudley witnessed scores of important neighborhood issues come before WANG and challenge the quality of life for West Austinites. In 1989, WANG successfully negotiated one of its most significant compromises with The University of Texas System (UT). UT owns a sizeable amount of acreage in the neighborhood—known as the Brackenridge

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