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From the bylaws of WANG:

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. 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 to protect it from deterioration.

Protect Our Water!

If you see anyone dumping illegal or unknown substances into the storm sewers, please report this to the City of Austin Environmental Hotline: **499-2550**.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
May 1st, 2000, 7:00 pm

Austin, Texas 78763-5722
P.O. Box 5722

West Austin Neighborhood Group



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Organized 1973

*"To preserve our neighborhood
and protect it from deterioration
through advocacy and action."*

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THE NEIGHBOR

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April 2000

President's Message March 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

Tree Pruning/Street Repairs: I am sure all of you have noticed the white dashed lines on the streets throughout the neighborhood. These are sections which City crews will take up and resurface to provide a smoother roadway. Coming ahead of this paving operation will be the City's forestry crews under Parks and Recreation. To quote a letter from Emsud Horozovic, Forester, PARD, "(t)he City of Austin has a duty to provide reasonably safe vehicle and pedestrian passage on its streets and sidewalks... Public trees along the right-of-way will be pruned to a height of 14 feet over the street, and 8 feet over the sidewalk... pruning routes will encompass all streets in the 78703 zip code... mulch will be placed at Lions Municipal Golf Course and be made available for the community's use free of charge... PARD crews practice proper arboriculture and follow oak wilt prevention procedures." You will be notified before the crews come on your street to allow residents time to do their own pruning or have it done professionally. This pruning will also apply to trees out of the right-of-way but whose branches extend over sidewalks or streets.

WAYA: I conducted a phone poll of the Executive Committee (ExComm), and with their consent wrote a letter to the City endorsing the University of Texas (UT)/WAYA request for SF-3 zoning restricted to "community recreational-private". Basically, when WAYA filed a construction site plan, the City told them they had to first get the land zoned. Our letter, though not a requirement, will allow them to pass through the process more quickly. In talking with neighbors near WAYA, some mild resentment surfaced,

so WAYA has offered to send representatives to our May 1st meeting to talk. Neighbors in the area will be notified, and of course our ExComm meetings are always open.

Austin Police Department (APD): It came to my attention at last month's Town Hall Meeting that in order for APD to pinpoint where and at what time speeding is occurring in the neighborhood they needed a special "monitor box". I wrote a letter to our Commander Harold Piatt asking how WANG could help get this equipment. It also came up at the meeting that Central West Austin has no assigned Street Response Unit, which could help explain the large number of car burglaries, etc. I wrote a letter to Chief Knee asking that he begin the process of implementing the unit. In both letters I asked for a reply by the May 1st meeting.

Neighborhood Traffic: At our June 5th EXComm meeting I would like to hold a general discussion of traffic as it effects the neighborhood. This topic is usually at the top of the list when our neighbors are asked to list concerns, so I expect a good turnout. Think about what you want done, give me a call, write me or come to the June meeting. At the May meeting we will be setting up the Traffic/Safety Committee (see results of January retreat) to co-ordinate our efforts. This might be a good place to volunteer some time and expertise.

Membership: Our Tresurer Ian Inglis tells me that renewals are coming in at a good rate, and we thank you. Next month expired members will be dropped from the mailing list.

Agenda: The first 30 minutes of the meeting will be an open discussion with WAYA. Next will be updates on TT Shopping Center, West Austin EMT

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Station and TT United Methodist Church (TTUMC). On TTUMC, we hope to have an advanced agreement to submit to the ExComm. With normal committee reports, we'll be pushing 9pm as usual.

Also as usual, please feel free to contact me on neighborhood concerns.

Blake Tollett
3701 Bonnie Road
477-4028

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting APRIL 3, 2000

Attendees: Becky Combs, Dudley Houghton, Sara Madera, Chris Garrigues, Irwin Spear, Ian Inglis, Linda Dickens, Blake Tollett, Joyce Basciano, James Allman, Michael Cannatti, Don Cook

Prior to the Board meeting, Clare Barry presented information concerning her candidacy for Austin City Council.

At 7:15, Blake Tollett called meeting to order

Tarrytown United Methodist Church Presentation

Brad Cummings and Carl Beck, representatives of Tarrytown United Methodist Church (TUMC), made a presentation to the WANG Board concerning TUMC's efforts to obtain zoning variances to obtain: (1) rezoning for the new construction on the current church site as either P3 or SF3 and to allow for use of the Casis Elementary School parking lot (off-site parking variance), with whom TUMC currently has a parking agreement; (2) rezoning of the church-



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owned lots immediately south of the current church site as NO (Neighborhood Office) to accommodate a church office with subterranean parking, and (3) rezoning of the church-owned lots immediately east of the current church site whereby the lots would be restricted against any future development in exchange for the development rights of these lots being transferred to the current church site for purposes of calculating the impervious cover limitations for the existing site. WANG Board members posed questions to the TUMC representatives concerning their future plans. Surya Veeranaghovan presented neighbors' views of the TUMC variance requests. WANG agreed to solicit input from neighbors, to treat the requested variances as one package, and to work with the TUMC and neighbors on the requested variances.

WAYA Rezoning

West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) has requested a rezoning to expand size without adding new parking. Blake will investigate and report.

EMT Station Report

Parks Board approved use of Deep Eddy site for station with excess

funding for renovating the Deep Eddy Natural Science Center. WANG Board members discussed noise concerns posed by siren from ambulance at new site.

APD Town Hall Meeting

WANG will need a new representative for Police Chief's Forum to replace James Allman, whose term has expired. The representative will attend monthly Forum meetings to voice West Austin interests.

Mopac Town Hall Meeting

Ian provided information on successful and well-attended Central Austin meeting re: Mopac improvements. He reported that WANG-funded fliers publicized the meeting well. Blake will write a letter to TxDOT regarding WANG's support of the MONAC position on Mopac.

Tarrytown Shopping Center Report

As of the WANG Board meeting, no response had been received to WANG's letter to Ms. Daniel's property representative. The leasing agent, however, did promise that a response was forthcoming.

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Miscellaneous Matters

- Minutes approved with correction to Chris Garrigues' name and correction to date of minutes.
- Pease Park run report (April 22). Statement of support unanimously approved.

• City has proposed that city forestry trim trees ahead of pavement crews working in the neighborhood. WANG to notify neighborhood of recommendation.

• Treasurer's report: checking account: \$3,719.48, savings account: \$1,031.44, and oak wilt account: \$1,167.31

• Blake will activate Communications Committee (Gwen, Hal, Linda, Chris, Blake) to address improvements to newsletter generation and distribution and also to improve WANG website.

At 8:45, the Board meeting ended.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Take care of your neighborhood! Send in this membership form or call Blake Tollett at 477-4028. Please take forms to your friends and neighbors and ask them to join WANG. An active membership will be a strong voice that's heard when critical issues are debated.



- Yes, I want to join WANG.
- I want to renew my WANG membership.

I have enclosed:

- \$20 household membership
- \$10 student/senior membership

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