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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.

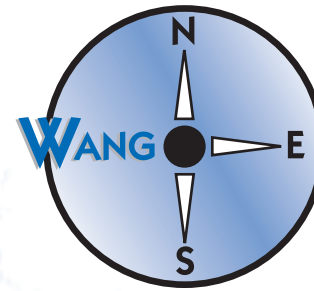
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If you see anyone dumping illegal or unknown substances into the storm sewers, please report this to the City of Austin Environmental Hotline: **499-2550**.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**West Austin Youth Association**  
**(Exposition and Enfield)**  
**September 11th, 2000, 7:00 pm**

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

**West Austin Neighborhood Group**



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

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Blake Tollett  
President

Hal Katz  
Vice-President

Gwen Jewiss  
Secretary

Ian Inglis  
Treasurer

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

James Allman  
Membership Chair

Linda Dickens  
Historian

VACANT  
Zoning Chair

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joyce Basciano  
Michael Cannatti  
Becky Combs  
Don Cook  
Chris Garrigues  
Balie Griffith  
Dudley Houghton  
Gwen Jewiss  
Sara Madera  
Irwin Spear

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Hon. Sherri Greenberg  
Hon. Beverly Griffith

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# THE NEIGHBOR

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August 2000

## President's Message August 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

Karen and I received a lesson this morning, August 13th, when we found the toolbox on our pickup had been burglarized. I had been careless lately in leaving it unlocked between uses. Our APD District Representative (DR) officer Tim Atkinson (974-5341) continually emphasizes that the majority of car break-ins involve unlocked vehicles and/or valuable possessions in plain sight. Please feel free to learn from my mistake.

West Austin EMT/Eilers Park/PARD's Aquatics Office: I have sent a letter to Jesus Garza, City Manager, asking that funds be allocated to 1) renovate and convert the abandoned Nature Science Center building at Eilers park to house PARD's Aquatics' offices (this building is adjacent to the bathrooms at Deep Eddy Pool), and 2) convert the storage yard in the NW part of the park to an auxiliary parking lot with a water quality pond and appropriate landscaping. The auxiliary parking lot would be not only for Park's Aquatics staff and pool patrons, but also would serve as parking for our West Austin EMT station. James Allman informs me that EMS has to go with a one-story design due to ADA concerns, and the on-site parking will be very limited.

Residential Parking Permits (RPP) Near Walsh Landing: The City gradually will be implementing the RPP program in the area surrounding Walsh Landing. The initial blocks are the 3700's of Bonnie and Bridle path. At a minimum, the City will add the 3700 block of Enfield, the 3600 block of Bonnie, and the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Rockmoor. As long-time readers know, I have been pushing the City to take control of Walsh for awhile. This is not the best solution, but until PARD lim-

its the launches at Walsh to space available on the designated lots, it will have to do. Questions about the RPP program should be directed to Scot James (DPW&T) at 499-7026.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church: Dudley Houghton, Becky Combs and I met with Brad Cummins of the Church on Friday 11 August. I am very optimistic that an agreement beneficial to both the neighborhood and the Church will be forthcoming. A final draft will hopefully be ready for our next ExComm meeting and will be circulated to all of the Church's immediate neighbors for their approval.

Annual Social and MoPac: Ian Inglis, WANG treasurer and MoPac lightning rod, has confirmed that representatives of TxDot will be the main speakers at our Annual Social (October 14, at Reed Park from 10am to noon). I have asked Ian to have them limit their talk to 10 or so minutes, specifically on the area of the Central corridor (RM 2222 to Town Lake), and leave the rest of the hour for questions from the audience. The Annual Neighbor newsletter that announces the meeting will be hand delivered to over 4000 homes in the neighborhood. This should be an interesting and informative Social.

Agenda: I am writing this message early in the month (Karen and I are off to New Mexico), so the only items I know for sure to be discussed are the Annual Social and the upcoming City bond election. Note: Because Labor Day is the first Monday in September, our ExComm meeting will be on the 11th.

As always, feel free to contact me on neighborhood business.

**Blake Tollett**  
3701 Bonnie Road  
477-4028

**Be sure to visit our website at <http://www.deepeddy.com/wang/>!**



**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting**

AUGUST 7, 2000

Present: James Allman, Blake Tollett, Linda Dickens, Irwin Spear, Chris Garrigues, Ian Inglis, Dudley Houghton, Becky Combs, Sara Madera, Balie Griffith, Joyce Basciano.

A representative from the Ann Kitchen campaign announced an event at Mayor Watson's home on August 21 for the District 48 Representative election.

Jill Warren spoke about her campaign for District 48 Representative and passed out material.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the president.

**Property at Atlanta and Upson**

Richard Miscoe and Fritz Taylor discussed a variance request for 510 Atlanta St., a property zoned SF-3. They plan to build six new homes on Atlanta at Upson. The early-1900's home of Gustav Johnson, son of prominent Austin businessman Charles Johnson, sits on this property, and the city has deemed this house historical. City employee Barbara Stocklin advertised to give the house free to anyone who will move it; there were 10 responses from the ad. Miscoe and Taylor prefer to demolish the house; the city refuses. Stocklin said this is one of the oldest houses in the neighborhood and that it should be kept in or close to its original location. A final disposition to the Landmark Co. will be August 28.

After some discussion about options for the house and the proposed development, James made a motion to support the house being zoned NO-MUH (neighborhood office, multi-use home) and moved to an adjacent lot, with parking available in the alley. Irwin seconds motion. Chris moves to table discussion on the house; second by Ian and passed.

**Increasing Requests for Variances**

Blake asked if there was a need for the WANG ExComm to set a policy regarding requests for variances. Dudley stated that in the past the group has supported neighbors on a case by case basis. In recent times, however, there are more variances being requested. ExComm and audience members discussed several issues regarding the processes of variance requests and



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WANG's stand on variances. No decisions were made at this time.

**Proposed November Bond Election**

Balie discussed the proposals re. the November bond issues concerning increased roads, affordable housing, parks, and open space. Balie moved support of the entire bond package; second by Dudley. Discussion followed. Blake moved to table the motion. There is a public hearing re. bonds on August 17. Balie withdraws motion.

**Friends of the Parks**

Ann Phipps announced there is no grant money from the parks department to map out the trees at Reed Park. She currently is seeking other foundations to which she may apply for funds for this project. She suggested a master plan for tree care, including planting and treatment for disease. She also reported the addition of speed humps in the park driveway and a 15 MPH speed sign.

**Annual Meeting**

Motion by Linda to hold the WANG annual social on October 14. Second by Ian and passed. The social will be held at Reed Park. WANG ExComm welcomes volunteers to help organize.

**Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Funds**

Blake suggested requesting Johnson Creek NA funds for planting trees for Westenfield and Tarrytown Parks. The neighborhood association no longer is intact.

**Duck Adventure Tours**

In response to neighborhood requests,

Ducks Adventure Tours will change its bus routes to bypass Tarrytown. It now will drive west on Enfield, left on Exposition to Lake Austin Blvd.

**Austin Aquatics**

The City of Austin Aquatics office may relocate to Deep Eddy Pool at the old Nature Science Center site. James said that he went to the city four years ago with a request to expand the parking lot and include a water quality pond and landscaping. If WANG ExComm is to support the aquatics office move to that location, then it will seek improved parking. Blake will write a letter to support the aquatics office move and will also pursue more parking space.

Balie moved to support the aquatics office's relocation to Deep Eddy and request improving parking, landscaping, and installing a quality pond. Second by Dudley and motion passed.

**Nominating Committee**

In addition to James Allman, Vicki Tatum and Karen Cannatti, Heidi Gibbons will serve on the nominating committee to seek two new members for the WANG ExComm. If you are interested in serving on the ExComm, please contact one of them or a current ExComm member. Elections will be held at the Annual Social in October.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45



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**WANG Tidbits**

**Joggers Beware!** In the past several weeks, two sexual assaults have occurred against solo female runners along the City's hike and bike trails. The first happened at dusk along Barton Creek Greenbelt and the second occurred in the afternoon along the Pease Greenbelt. Please avoid running alone on the trails, day or night, until the perpetrator is caught.

**Casis is looking for a few good volunteers.** If you would like to help out with our neighborhood's public elementary schoolchildren, please contact Casis

volunteer coordinator Vanessa Wolfe at 481-9927. Opportunities to share your time are limitless. Like to read? You can become a reading buddy. Like to cook? You can teach a hungry class a simple cooking project. Like science? You can do an experiment with an eager classroom. Please join us with your ideas and your energy!

**In 2001, Casis will reach a major milestone as it commemorates its 50th anniversary.** Come help us celebrate! Lori MacNeill chairs a committee that is planning the festivities for the school, which are scheduled for March 30, 2001. If you would like to help in

planning the celebration or if you have Casis mementos to share, please contact Lori at 469-7432 or e-mail at lmacossoc@aol.com.

**Time for the Mustang Round-up!** O'Henry Middle School will hold its major academic fund-raiser on Thursday, September 28, 2000, from 6:00 'til 9:00 pm. Come to the school to find tons o' family fun, plus delicious tacos donated by Guero's Taco Bar. We'll have bingo, a silent auction, plus more. If you have questions, please contact Angela Hawley at 347-7171. Hope you can join us, have a good time, and support O'Henry.

**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.

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