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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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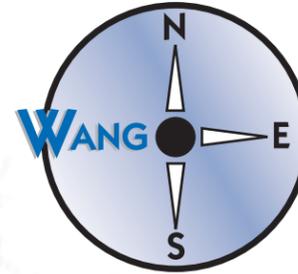
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
January 3rd, 2000, 7:00 pm

Austin, Texas 78763-5722

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West Austin Neighborhood Group



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

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THE NEIGHBOR

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December, 1999

President's Message December, 1999

Fellow Neighbors:

As most of you will have noticed, there is a new look to the monthly Neighbor. McCarthy Print has been doing a super job in layout/production design and printing, and Treasurer Ian Inglis has put in a lot of hours getting the mailing list revised and updating renewal dates. We have had a few distribution glitches, but hopefully by January we will be operating like a machine. Speaking of January, you will find in the minutes for the last two months reference to a planned retreat by the Executive Committee on January 8th to, amongst other things, set some long-term goals or areas of concentration for WANG. If you have suggestions, please give me a call after the New Year, or come talk in person at our next monthly meeting January 3rd at Howson Library at 7pm.

Walsh Boat Landing Parking Permits and Ongoing Water and Wastewater Renovations:

Key Enterprises said they would finish up over here by Thanksgiving, but now it looks like it's going to stretch into 2000. Then of course they will have to repave all the streets that they tore up. A benefit is that the City plans to repave all of Enfield from Exposition west. The Residential Parking Permit (RPP) petitions, with WANG endorsement, have been turned in, so we neighbors of Walsh should have some parking relief by the Spring. As many of you know, my personal feeling is that if the City does not take control of Walsh—through limiting boat launches to parking available on the desig-

nated lot and the imposing of the current City-wide park curfew—then Walsh should be converted to a "green park" with no motorized boat launch facilities. I asked for written comments from the membership on the permanent closure of Walsh in my messages over the Summer and in the Annual Neighbor—I received 20 responses which were evenly split for and against (interestingly, all but one had no problem with restrictions on Walsh, which would benefit the neighborhood). I plan to forward copies of all correspondence with a cover letter to Director Olivares of PARD, Chair Castleberry of the Parks Board, the Mayor and Council and the City Manager. Of course, I am glad to share these documents with any member, give me a call.

Agenda:

VoiceStream backed out of its plan to co-share a tower with AT&T on the State School campus (see May, 1999 minutes)—they built a solo tower across MoPac. PRIMECO now wants to co-share with AT&T and their representative Billy Suchor has asked to be on our agenda. Other than updates of ongoing concerns, no other items are presently scheduled. I hope to address the request for residential parking permits around O'Henry Middle School at the February 7th meeting.

On a personal note, Karen and I extend our best wishes for a stable and prosperous New Year. As always, please feel free to contact me on Neighborhood business.

Blake Tollett
3701 Bonnie Road
477-4028

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

West Austin Neighborhood Group
November 1, 1999, 7:00 pm
Howson Branch Library

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

President Blake Tollett (BT) called the meeting to order and introduced visiting representatives from the Austin Police Department -- Officer Tim Atkinson (District Representative) and Lt. David Parkinson.

APD Coverage of West Austin

After reviewing the background of the Executive Committee's request for information from the APD concerning any reassignment of West Austin Police Officers to other parts of town, BT summarized the Police Chief's written response to the inquiry. The Chief explained that the temporary assignments for the "Downtown Anytime" program were expected to benefit our neighborhood by reducing instances of drunk driving. Lt. Parkinson explained that when special projects arise, officers may be assigned on a short term basis, but are not moved permanently. Lt. Parkinson explained further that the "Downtown Anytime" Program resulted in only two motorcycle officers and one district representative (Mr. Atkinson) being reassigned, and as a result, our neighborhood did not have any reduction in patrol officer coverage.

Tarrytown Shopping Center Update

Irwin Spear (IS) reported on the status of the neighborhood efforts to open communication with Jeanne Daniels, owner of the Tarrytown Shopping Center property. According to IS, WANG has not received any formal response to our request for a meeting with Ms. Daniels. BT requested that the Committee revisit the issue in January before proceeding with any further actions.

Sidewalks

Mrs. Willis addressed the Executive Committee on the declining quality of



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sidewalks in our neighborhood, urging that we work toward obtaining better sidewalk coverage for our neighborhood. BT noted his hope that this particular issue will be adopted and addressed by the Executive Committee in the coming year.

Walsh Boat Landing

BT reviewed the status of the Walsh Boat Landing Petition and the signatures being collected to control parking around the area of the Walsh Boat Landing between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Executive Committee voted eleven to zero to approve WANG's endorsement of this Resident Permit Parking Program.

Area Traffic Concerns

WANG received a letter from the City of Austin dated December 2, 1999, responding to WANG's request for a neighborhood traffic calming program study on Winsted Lane. The letter identifies recent actions taken to increase the safety on the street: deployment of a playground sign, a speed limit sign, and a Speed Measuring and Display Device. After stating that Winsted Lane would be included in the City's traffic calming request list being considered in the Spring of 2000, the letter explained that part of Winsted Lane is under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Transportation. The letter describes options available to residents, including contacting the APD District Representative (Tim Atkinson at 486-2121 or email: timothy.atkinson@ci.austin.tx.us) or implementing the City's

Speed Watch Program, where radar guns are loaned to residents who record license plates of speeding vehicles. This information is provided to Public Works employees, who prepare letters to offending drivers requesting increased caution and awareness of the speed limit.

The Executive Committee voted eleven to zero to request a traffic calming study for Enfield Road between Lake Austin and Mopac.

BT reported that residents of Bridle Path were dissatisfied with the City's implementation of the waste water project, and that the residents would be contacting the City directly to request correction of problems encountered with the project before asking WANG for support.

Oak Wilt

BT reported that the diseased tree on West 11th was removed and that WANG paid \$1,017.50 to the arborist. With half of the funds to be reimbursed by the state, there remains \$557 in the accounts of Friends of the Park.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church

BT and Dudley Houghton (DH) reported that they have met with the neighbors and church members, that at present there has been no formal progress in the Church's request for rezoning.

Regular Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted. After noting that the Zoning Chair remained vacant, BT dis-

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cussed the zoning request submitted by the Tarrytown Shopping Center to change parking stripes. It does not appear that any action will be taken by WANG on this request. Ian Inglis made the Treasurer's report. He issued a check for \$100 to the Friends of Reed Park as agreed to at the previous Executive Committee meeting. BT reported on the printing costs associated with publishing the WANG

newsletter, requested reimbursement of \$171.24 for expenses incurred in publishing the November 1999, issue of the "Neighbor." BT also encouraged Executive Committee members to volunteer their time for stamping and stapling the publication or to come up with an alternative arrangement. The Executive Committee was reminded of the January 8, 2000, retreat.

Adjourn.
Walt McCool, Secretary



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FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

Friends of Reed Park is still accepting donations to help pay for recent construction of a stone wall and a sun shade in the renovated play area. Make tax-deductible checks payable to Friends of Reed Park. Mail to 2100 Stamford Lane, Austin, TX 78703. Questions? Call Ann Phipps at 472-3199.

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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