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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.

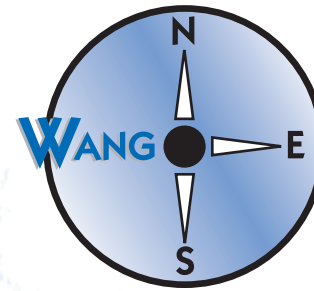
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Howson Branch Library*  
*March 6th, 2000, 7:00 pm*

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

**West Austin Neighborhood Group**



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  
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Vice-President

VACANT  
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Ian Inglis  
Treasurer

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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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February 2000

## President's Message 23 February 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

Mayfield Park Spring Gardening Symposium: On April the 8th you are invited by Friends of the Park to Mayfield's annual symposium, "Trowel and Error". This year's program features "From Deer to Drought-Plants For Tough Conditions," Sheryl McLaughlin, KLBJ-AM garden program host and garden designer, discusses drought-hardy and deer-resistant plants; "Heirlooms 2000," Kathy Thompson from Heirloom Gardens highlights old-fashioned roses; and "Herbs For All Seasonings," Cathy Slaughter from Gabriel Valley Farms talks about ethnic and traditional herbs for garden design, kitchen, fragrance and crafts. I have been going to this event for several years now, and it is a wonderful way to spend the morning. A beautiful setting, interesting and useful information and a chance to support a neighborhood jewel.

APD-Town Hall Meeting: The public is invited to a town hall meeting with the Austin Police Department on Monday, March 20th, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3208 Exposition Boulevard, from 7 to 9pm. This meeting is styled as an open discussion session on issues related to law enforcement in our neighborhood. For more information you can contact the APD Office of Community Liaison at 459-1877.

West Austin EMT Station: As you know from reading the newsletter, WANG has been very involved in bringing a new EMT station to our area. WANG sent representatives to the Planning Commission, City Council and the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee to push for inclusion of the project in the last bond package. We worked for the passage of the bonds necessary, and

then asked the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to schedule the project in a timely manner. CBOC recommended that design on the station begin this year and construction begin in 2001. A tentative location for the unit, pending negotiations and approval by the Parks Department, is the abandoned white house just north of Deep Eddy Pool parking lot. So far, so good. Membership Chair James Allman informs me that we now need to renew our efforts, because there are some unsettling reports that our station is starting to fall behind schedule. James has taken on the task of getting to the bottom of this and will report to the ExComm at our next meeting on 6 March at 7 pm at Howson Library. The Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager Jesus Garza can all be contacted in writing c/o City of Austin, PO Box 1088, Austin 78767-1088. I assure you that your ExComm will be vigilant on this matter.

Agenda: Our first order of business will be to find a new Secretary for the ExComm. James Allman will update us on the West Austin EMT Station. Irwin Spear will update us on any activity at Tarrytown Shopping Center as well as be asking the ExComm for specific guidelines on future actions by WANG. I will ask the ExComm to approve a \$250 donation to Mayfield Park's annual fund raiser. Deedee Hefley has asked WANG to ask the City to do a traffic study on Upson between LAB and W. 7th Street. We will then discuss the committees/goals outlined in last month's newsletter which was the byproduct of our retreat in January.

As always, please feel free to contact me on matters of neighborhood concern.

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

**Minutes of the Executive  
Committee Meeting**  
FEBRUARY 7, 2000

Members Present: James Allman, Joyce Basciano, Michael Cannatti, Don Cook, Chris Garriegues, Balie Griffith, Dudley Houghton, Ian Inglis, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Sara Madera, Walt McCool, Blake Tollett.

**Tenth Street Restricted  
Parking Proposal**

Ed Barbee presented a petition approved by neighbors on the south side of West Tenth Street to restrict parking between Wayside and Exposition. Parking would be restricted to vehicles with residential parking permits only from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pete Price, Principal of O. Henry Middle School, discussed the school's support for the permit parking program and the neighbors' right of access to their homes. Mr. Price suggested that the restricted parking stop at 5:00 p.m. and stop at Norwalk instead of Wayside, as the school needs parking on the south side of West Tenth for evening activities. After discussing the various possibilities, the committee voted 13-0 to support the proposal for permit parking on the south side of West Tenth Street from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and from Exposition to Wayside.

**Need for Sidewalks in West Austin**

Elizabeth Willis reported that she met with Walk Austin regarding the need for sidewalks in west Austin. Children and elderly are the groups most affected by the lack of sidewalks in the inner city. Ms. Willis proposed that a unified effort be coordinated among inner city neighborhood associations where the city has neglected sidewalks. Hal Katz noted that the committee had suggested choosing a neighborhood street and submitting a request that the city install sidewalks on that street.

**Traffic Study**

The committee discussed a request for a traffic study on Windsor west of



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MoPac. The city is selecting areas in which to conduct traffic studies. On a motion by Hal Katz, seconded by Balie Griffith, the committee voted 13-0 to send a letter requesting the study.

**Oak Wilt**

The committee noted that there are \$1,166.78 in funds left over from the Texas Forestry Association's oak wilt eradication project. On a motion by Don Cook, seconded by Walt McCool, the committee voted 13-0 to transfer the funds to a money market account to hold for future oak wilt remediation. Ian Inglis and Barbara Anderson will be signatories on the account.

**Walsh Boat Landing**

Blake Tollett suggested making a proposal to the City Parks Board in support of a curfew at the landing. The normal curfew at city parks is 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. Blake will ask the Parks Board to place the item on its agenda.

**Tarrytown Shopping Center**

Blake Tollett presented a report from Irwin Spear identifying options for WANG's participation in efforts to work with the shopping center owner, including writing letters to the owner and initiating a petition drive. On a motion by James Allman, seconded by Don Cook, the committee voted 11-1-1 to send a letter drafted by Hal Katz and to support a petition drive. Balie

Griffith voted no, and Sara Madera abstained. James Allman will bring a draft petition to the March committee meeting.

**Budget**

Dudley Houghton discussed the per household cost of the neighborhood group's operation, and the limited amount of discretionary funds available for projects. He suggested creating a reserve fund for future printing costs and other contingencies.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasury contains \$3,554.03, with \$1,030.27 in the savings account.


**Becky Combs Elected to Committee**

On a motion by Dudley Houghton, seconded by Sara Madera, the committee voted 13-0 to appoint Becky Combs to complete Walt McCool's unexpired term on the committee.

**Roberta P. Crenshaw Award**

Blake Tollett announced that outgoing Secretary Walt McCool was awarded the Roberta P. Crenshaw Award for service to the neighborhood. Blake and Sharmyn Lilly invited several of Walt's friends to be at the meeting as Roberta Crenshaw presented Walt with a commemorative plaque.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The minutes were prepared by Walt McCool.



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**MOPAC Improvements Open House**

Over the next several months, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plans to study potential improvements to MOPAC, especially the MOPAC and 183 interchange. One of the proposals includes building an upper deck on MOPAC.

Three open houses will provide the opportunity for citizen questions and comments, and the one for our central community will occur on March 21, 2000. Please attend the public meeting at Camp Mabry, 2200 W. 35th Street in Building 82 to find out how plans might affect your neighborhood.

The night's agenda is as follows: 5:00-7:00 — open house to view concepts and speak with staff; 7:00-7:30 — presentation by TxDOT project manager Parsons Brinkerhoff; 7:30-9:00 — view study concepts, speak with staff and offer comments. Come ready to share your improvement ideas with TxDOT staff.

**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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