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## President's Message January 2002

What a wonder new year's gift—to be selected for the privilege of serving as WANG president! My thanks to everyone for the honor. I am looking forward to working with the wonderful group of people who serve on our Board. My thanks to Hal for his leadership over the last year. His footsteps may be difficult to fill, but I pledge to do my best.

My husband and I have lived in this area for the past five years. We particularly enjoy being in central Austin. Although my career often means travel out of Austin, I always look forward to returning. Our city and our neighborhoods are truly special. Preserving and protecting our special qualities must continue and will be priority this year.

Following the lead of Old West Austin Heritage District (OWAHD), WANG is evaluating a similar project for the neighborhoods west of MOPAC. As we investigate the options and challenges, we will keep you informed with updates in the newsletter.

OWAHD continues with their effort. Our December newsletter reported that their historical consultant had been released, but that was incorrect. I am pleased to tell you that the project continues. A full status report will be in the next newsletter.

I encourage everyone to become involved in WANG. This is your association and we need your talents. Please consider attending the meetings held the first Monday of every month at 7pm at Howson Branch Library on Exposition Boulevard. Your presence and participation are always welcome.

Susan Pascoe  
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## WANG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes January 7, 2002

**Attending Board Members:** Erik Cary, Joe Bennett, Selina Serna, Michael Cannatti, Linda Neavel Dickens, Gwen Jewiss, Blake Tollett, , Joyce Basciano, Ian Inglis

**Guests:** Sonia Taborsky, Lisa Weston, Sara Madera, Emily Covich, Paulinda Lanham-Mackie, Harvey Treybig, Mustaque Rumi

### Citizen Communication

**Enfield Road Reconstruction:** Paulinda Lanham-Mackie, Project Manager for the City of Austin, Harvey Treybig, Klotz Associates, Inc. project design and Mustaque Rumi, Klotz Associates, Inc. project design

The city project manager and project designers from Klotz Associates, Inc. discussed the upcoming utility and road reconstruction work on Enfield Road between Lamar and Exposition. The project has been in the design phase for one year so far, and has recently been expanded to improve water and wastewater lines and drainage, primarily east of Mopac, due to the age of the utilities in this area. The pavement is to be reconstructed as is with no expansion or capacity increases in the road bed. There will, however, be some safety improvement at the intersection of Woodlawn and Enfield. A continuous, 5-foot wide sidewalk will be added on the north side of Enfield Road and will meander to miss existing trees and utilities. Dumpsters, signs and other improvements currently situated in the city right-of-way must be relocated.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late summer or early fall with an anticipated duration of one and a half to two

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years. Work will be completed in phases, beginning with the utility work east of Mopac. Traffic will be condensed down to one lane in each direction for much of the project, and down to only one east-bound lane during some of the construction on the north side of the street. At these times, west-bound traffic will be detoured to Windsor and Lake Austin Boulevard/Sixth Street. A forum was suggested with other neighborhood groups and city traffic coordinators in mid to late spring to answer additional questions about project and have opportunity to talk to the traffic coordinator about traffic detour options.

Sonia Taborsky - concerned about lack of visibility at the corner of Pecos & Enfield Road due to the bus stop 8 feet east of the corner. The transportation committee will study the placement of bus stop and other options that may exist.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications Committee**—Committee is moving forward with one of the goals stated at our annual retreat to have an expanded newsletter in the Spring. It was motioned and approved that we pay up to \$300 for printing costs of the January newsletter, with further recommendations to come from the Communications Committee for the future plans for the newsletter.

**Nominating Committee**—Emily Covich, a prospective committee member, was interviewed and voted onto the board. Emily is a realtor who lives and offices in the neighborhood. She is interested in preserving integrity of neighborhood, especially with respect to impervious cover and zoning violations.

**Zoning Committee**—Blake Tollett noted several upcoming Board of Adjustment cases:

1403 Gaston Avenue requested a decrease in the minimum set back from 25 to 20 feet along north property line. Property is within the Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Group and WANG will get involved only at the request of that Neighborhood Group.

3202 Cherry Lane requested a decrease in the minimum front street setback from 25 to 22 feet in order to maintain a recently installed bay window. It was motioned and approved that we oppose the variance request.

3202 Enfield it was reported that the property owner hired a contractor to clear brush and put in a parking area across Enfield Road on either city or UT property. A stop order has been issued by the city; Blake will talk to city further about a remedy to this situation.

**Transportation Committee** – Ian notified the board of an upcoming MONAC meeting on January 15, 2002 at Westminster Manor at 6:30pm. A TxDot representative is expected to attend. MONAC will begin focusing attention on the city council to get them to pass a resolution supporting the December CAMPO resolution.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ian reported the following account balances: Checking \$1,129.06; Savings \$5,165.13; Oak Wilt \$1,191.10. Current membership stands at 384.

**New Business**

Friends of West Enfield Park have requested a portion of the \$765 turned over to WANG by the Johnson Creek Neighborhood Conservation Association when they disbanded in May 1997. They will be meeting on January 19, 2002 from 9am to noon to plant 81 trees at West Enfield Park and are looking for additional funding for other enhancements. Neighborhood volunteers are encouraged to attending the tree planting. The WANG Parks Committee will contact Friends of West Enfield Park to discuss.

The December Minutes were revised to correct the spelling of Sonia Taborsky's name. Minutes were approved.

—Gwen Jewiss



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