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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.

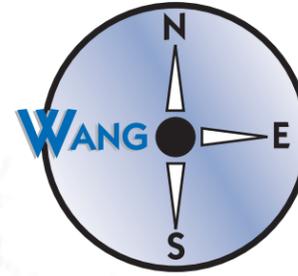
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
July 3rd, 2000, 7:00 pm

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West Austin Neighborhood Group



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through advocacy and action."*

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June 2000

President's Message June 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

Last month's open discussion on neighborhood traffic concerns was a very good start in addressing the issues. Gwen Jewiss's minutes on the inside will give those who couldn't attend a good synopsis. Our next step is to get up and functioning a Traffic Subcommittee that will liaison between the neighborhood and City, and that will in turn report to the Executive Committee (ExComm). If you have an interest in or suggestion for this subcommittee, I will be the contact until a Chair is chosen. This project is going to be complex and will take awhile to complete, but as Mr. Kite (Assistant Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation) made clear, our participation is vital.

West Austin EMT Station: James Allman, Membership Chair, is to again be commended for shepherding our project along. He reports that the Public Hearing before Council on June 8th went very well with over 20 favorable comments in support. This settles the location question. Next, construction. To quote a letter from City Manager Jesus Garza, dated 16 May 2000, to Mike Levy (Mr. Levy first addressed WANG on this project in September 1997): "The design of the West Austin Station will be completed by the end of this year with construction completion scheduled for the last quarter of 2001." I want to once again assure the membership that the ExComm will be vigilant in following the station's progress. NOTE: James and I will be working with EMS in determining siren noise intrusion into the

neighborhood. EMS regulations require them to turn it on when they enter Lake Austin Boulevard (LAB) from the south even though they can switch the light in front of Magnolia Cafe to an all-way stop mode. Once on LAB, the noise factor will be reduced to what it presently is.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church (TUMC): Dudley Houghton and Becky Combs have formed a draft response to TUMC's Letter of Agreement which has been forwarded to the Church. At the July 3rd ExComm meeting we will have a report for the membership.

Dog Walking Etiquette: As we were putting up the chairs at the library after our June 5th meeting, I found that someone had left behind a package of "Mutt Mitts"—a practical and convenient way for pet owners to assume the responsibility of their pet's waste. With the idea of putting out the bags/dispensers in our parks, I asked a member to contact the company. She found out the City was planning to put the dispensers in Tarrytown Park, and had them add Reed Park and Walsh Landing to the list. City ordinance mandates cleaning up after your pet, so maybe this will encourage folks to do the right thing.

Agenda: I would like to spend the first part of the meeting on the TUMC Letter Agreement, then on to updates and committee reports. If you can't make the meeting on the 3rd of July at Howson, don't forget the Tarrytown 4th of July Parade.

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

Blake Tollett
3701 Bonnie Road
477-4028

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

JUNE 5, 2000

Members Present: James Allman, Joyce Basciano, Michael Cannatti, Becky Combs, Linda Dickens, Chris Garrigues, Balie Griffith, Dudley Houghton, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Sara Madera, Irwin Spear, Blake Tollett.

Neighborhood Planning

Mr. Matthew Kite, City of Austin Public Works and Transportation Dept., presented options for traffic calming which could be explored as part of a comprehensive Neighborhood Plan. Scheduled construction on Bee Caves Road will introduce more traffic through West Austin streets as motorists seek ways around the construction. It was noted that West Austin is not one of the City's "selected neighborhoods" for developing Neighborhood Plans. However, any neighborhood impacted by traffic resulting from City construction in adjacent areas may request to work with City staff to develop a traffic plan. APD Officer Tim Atkinson also offered explanations for emergency services preferences for particular methods of traffic calming. As much of the discussion centered on increased traffic through the neighborhood, Officer Atkinson recommended that residents report locations and times where speeding most often occurs, and the motorcycle patrols would be adjusted accordingly.

West Austin EMS Station

At the June 8th City Council meeting at the LCRA Bldg., James Allman will make a citizen's communication and requested that everyone who is available attend to show neighborhood support for the West Austin Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Station.

Sara Madera expressed concern regarding the possible noise issue as emergency vehicles approach Lake Austin Blvd. James encouraged her to address that issue at the City Council meeting. James also noted that the architect for the EMS had contacted him to invite WANG to provide input on the station's design.

Zoning

Blake reported that West Austin Youth Association's (WAYA) Conditional Use Permit application is moving ahead. As the concerns that had been expressed by the adjacent neighbors at last month's meeting have been addressed, everyone seems content with the proposed expansion to the gym.



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The proposed garage modification for 3313 Windsor Road has been withdrawn due to some issues with impervious cover.

There has been a request for a variance to decrease the front yard setback from 25' to 20' at 2211 Woodmont. The original over-size lot had been subdivided, a portion of the original house had been demolished, and the owner would like to erect a new house on the vacant lot. Concern was expressed regarding sight lines at the three-way intersection, as well as the amount of trees that may be lost to the proposed construction and the suitability of obtaining the subdivision that would in turn, call for a variance. ExComm members to view the area and report back to Blake.

Tarrytown Shopping Center

A letter from the Diane Land, a representative for Ms. Jeanne Daniels, owner of the Tarrytown Shopping Center property, was printed with permission in last month's newsletter. Although Ms. Daniels is not available to meet with WANG, her representative is prepared to meet to continue the dialogue concerning the future of the Center. On a motion by Irwin, seconded by Gwen, ExComm members agreed that WANG representatives will request a meeting with Ms. Land.

Tarrytown Methodist Church

Blake, Dudley and Becky have been working to develop a "letter of agreement" between the neighborhood and the Church. Both a botanist and the President of the Travis County Audubon Society have been assisting WANG on this matter. WANG's goals are to establish a "wildscape area" and to maintain the SF-3 zoning.

Treasurer's Report

The treasury contains \$4569.32 in checking, with \$1032.92 in savings. There is also \$1169.51 in the Oak Wilt Fund and \$125 in the Residential Parking Permit Fund.

Membership Committee Report

Ian and James noted that printing the expiration dates on newsletter mailing labels is proving effective. Ian also has been sending a card when a membership lapses, followed up with a phone call from James. These efforts are helping to spread renewals over the year rather than having them all concentrated around the annual meeting date.

Nominating Committee and Annual Meeting Committee

It is time to start thinking about our fun and informative Annual Meeting. A committee to develop ideas for the meeting is to be established by the July meeting.

The by-laws require that a Nominating Committee be established to propose names for election to the ExComm. Each ExComm member is to contact Blake prior to the next meeting to state whether he/she will serve another term. Blake also requested that all ExComm members state which committee they would be willing to be active members of in their next term.

Miscellaneous

The City is doing tree trimming in the area and is threatening fines for residents who do not remove the excess growth from the right of way.

Minutes prepared by Gwen Jewiss



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TARRYTOWN 4th OF JULY PARADE

Tarrytown's 10th Annual 4th of July Parade will begin promptly at 9am on Tuesday morning, July 4th. The parade will begin at the corner of Exposition and Moffett, in front of Good Shepherd Church. The line-up for the parade will begin at 8am, leaving sharply at 9am, and will proceed West on Windsor to Pecos, and North on Pecos to Reed Park. Complimentary lemonade, hotdogs, cookies and more will be served. Adults and children are encouraged to walk, ride bikes, and push strollers in the parade, or simply watch and enjoy. Neighbors and friends who do not start with the parade at Good Shepherd Church are invited to join along the way. Children are encouraged to decorate bikes and strollers. Pets are welcome on leashes.

Those whose homes border the parade route are encouraged to invite neighbors, friends, and families to join them in their front yards in cheering on the Parade.

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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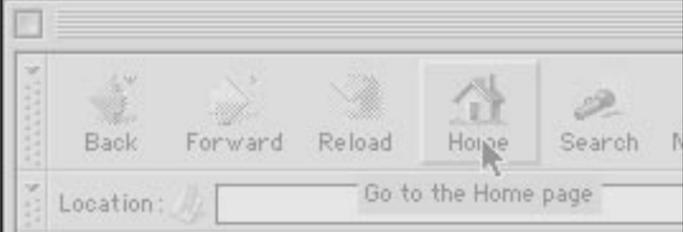
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WANG Web Site

WANG had the first neighborhood association web site in Austin, but we allowed it to get stale. We are updating the web site and now have recent newsletters on-line.

We're making incremental changes and improvements, and there is still much to do. If you have web skills and are interested in assisting with this effort, please send an email message to wang-internet@deepeddy.com. If you don't have web skills, but would like to be of assistance in other ways, please send an email message to wang@deepeddy.com or call Blake Tollett at 477-4028 to let us know what your interests are. Thanks for helping to improve our neighborhood association.