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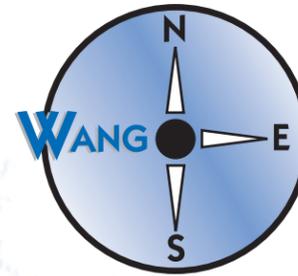
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
April 3rd, 2000, 7:00 pm

Austin, Texas 78763-5722

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West Austin Neighborhood Group



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*"To preserve our neighborhood
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March 2000

President's Message March 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

I am going to take advantage of this month's message to inform you of a developing situation downtown. I have hesitated in this matter because I own commercial property in the area, but because many of us work or do business/shop in the area, there is a need for the information to be disseminated. The situation is Travis County's new Criminal Justice Center (TCCJC) (located at 10th and Nueces Street) and the plan to move the Austin Police Department's (APD) and Travis County's Sheriff Department Central Booking facility from its present site at 7th and IH-35 to the TCCJC. There is great fear among those who live, work, own property or use educational facilities (Pease Elementary and ACC Rio Grande Campus) near the TCCJC that this move endangers the neighborhood and will ultimately cause irreparable deterioration to the area. Since last Spring I have worked with Chris Riley, President of the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA) (Chris was raised in our neighborhood and his parents are members of WANG) in trying to get the City and County to take another look at this move. Last year's daily average at the current Central Booking facility on 7th and IH-35 was 158 persons booked and 113 persons released-this is 24 hour a day activity. We have asked the City and County authorities to go stand on the corner of 10th and Nueces to just realize what is proposed. The building plans call for fewer than 20 parking spaces to handle the police cars and buses as well as vehicles of those inquiring after detainees or picking up releasees, all this in an area of metered parking which is currently heavily used during the day. The neighborhood West of Nueces Street consists

mainly of small commercial buildings and residential homes, some of which have been converted to small office use. Directly across from the proposed Central Booking site is the 48 unit Regency Apartments. No matter how much the County and City try to mitigate the proposal's impact on the neighborhood, this still remains a very poorly thought out project. For more information you can contact me or Paul Martin (477-5855) of DANA. A public meeting on this will be held in the near future.

West Austin EMT Station: As per direction by the ExComm, I have asked Councilmember Griffith to request a CAF on the project from the City Manager which should give us a definite construction schedule. On the land acquisition question, the Parks Board will be discussing the transfer of the site above Deep Eddy Pool to EMS for the station at a meeting on Tuesday 28 March at 6:30pm at PARD (200 South Lamar). Interested parties don't necessarily need to sign up to speak but can come and be counted.

Agenda: At this writing the only agenda request is from ex-WANG ExComm member Tina Contros who now is on the Board of Old Enfield Homeowners' Association. They are planning a 5K Run to benefit Pease Park on the 22nd of April and would like support from WANG. We should have reports of the Town Hall meeting with APD and the TxDot meeting concerning Mo-Pac, as well as updates from other areas of interest.

As always, feel free to contact me on issues of neighborhood concern, and I'll see you at Mayfield Park on 8 April at 10am.

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 Garrigues, Balie Griffith, Dudley Houghton, Ian Inglis, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Sara Madera, Walt McCool, Blake Tollett.

Corrections to Last Month's Minutes

The spelling of Chris Garrigues name to be corrected as noted above. The vote supporting the permit parking along Tenth Street was 12-1, rather than 13-0.

Candidates

District 48 Candidate Democratic Primary Mandy Dealy introduced herself and presented her positions. City Council Place 5 Candidate Will Wynn introduced himself and presented his positions.

West Austin EMT Station

James Allman reported that he had met with Council member Beverly Griffith to secure her support in expediting the West Austin EMT Station. It was noted that the swap of the PARD land is to be discussed at the March 14th PARD meeting. B. Tollett and James will attend the next Employees Association board meeting to present our case and enlist their support.

On a motion by Hal Katz, seconded by Linda Dickens, the committee voted unanimously to authorize Blake to write a letter to Council member Griffith requesting that she ask that the City Manager institute the "CAF" process on the West Austin EMT Station.

On a motion by Dudley Houghton, seconded by Balie Griffith, the committee voted unanimously to authorize Blake to write a letter to Chair of the Parks Committee, Rosemary Castleberry, requesting that PARD approve the transfer of the land just north of Deep Eddy Pool, as per State Law Ch. 26, to expedite the construction of the West Austin EMT Station.

Walsh Boat Landing

As discussed at the last meeting, Blake Tollett is writing a letter asking PARD to institute and enforce a curfew at Walsh Boat Landing. It was noted that this is the only park in the City without a curfew.

Tarrytown Shopping Center

It was noted that Hal Katz had not yet sent the letter to the Tarrytown Shopping Center (TTSH) Owner and Property Manager. With minor comments by various committee members, and a request for response prior to one week before the next ExComm meeting, it was agreed that the letter should be sent. If no response is received, a certified letter is to follow.



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Discussion ensued regarding generating and circulating a petition. A motion by Irwin Spear, seconded by James Allman, in favor of proceeding with the petition passed on a vote of 7 to 3, with 3 abstaining. Language expressing sentiments of customers calling for the continued diversity of the shopping center is to be developed for further discussion at the next meeting.

MOPAC

Ian Inglis reported that TxDOT is considering adding lanes to MOPAC between the river and Northland. At a MONAC meeting last fall, the concept of elevated lanes was brought up, and Ian expressed displeasure. At the last planning meeting, several scenarios were exhibited; elevated lanes, depressed lanes, and additional on-grade lanes encroaching into the MOPAC right of way. Ian encouraged everyone to attend the various public meetings being held in March and to make West Austin's concerns known. On a motion by Dudley Houghton and seconded by Linda Dickens, it was unanimously agreed to add WANG's name in support of MONAC's position statement. The ExComm also unanimously voted to authorize \$250 for the making and distribution of fliers announcing the public meetings to be distributed to residents living along MOPAC.

Zoning

On behalf of Rebecca Stout, Mark Madera presented plans for a proposed renovation, including a request to reduce the side yard from 15' to 9.7' along 12th Street. It was noted that the homeowners have already secured the support of the majority of the neighbors. Since most ExComm members had not had the opportunity to visit the site prior to the meeting, no action was taken. It was noted that a stop sign is to be installed on

Enfield Road at the intersection of Robin Hood. Blake Tollett also reported that a request had been made for a traffic study at Lake Austin Blvd. and 7th Street. Chris Garrigues asked that Deep Eddy and Hearn streets be include, as well. A unanimous motion was passed in support of the study. Blake added that Angelo Zaterelli would like the City to come to discuss traffic in our area.

Treasurer's Report

The treasury contains \$3,685.80, with \$1030.85 in savings. There is also approximately \$1100 in the Oak Wilt Fund. Ian Inglis noted that WANG has received additional renewals which have not yet been tallied. Blake noted that WANG had received a request for support from Mayfield Park. On a motion by Balie Griffith, seconded by Linda Dickens, the committee voted to donate \$250.00.

History

Linda Dickens and Gwen Jewiss gave an outline of the preliminary plans for developing a West Austin History as a WANG fundraiser. Linda and Gwen had met with Allison Hanks to discuss working with her and the foundation being formed to record oral histories. Gwen also had spoken with Sharmyn Lilly to talk about collaboration with the Austin History Center (AHC). Everyone is encouraged to contact Linda and Gwen to suggest names of possible interview candidates, as well as to volunteer for interviewing, research, and transcribing. Gwen noted that WANG history volunteers may be able to join on of the AHC's oral history training seminars. Additional progress to be reported at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. The minutes were prepared by Gwen Jewiss.



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