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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
June 5th, 2000, 7:00 pm

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West Austin Neighborhood Group



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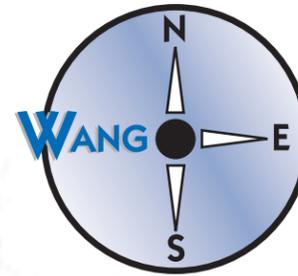
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From the bylaws of WANG:

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.

Protect Our Water!

If you see anyone dumping illegal or unknown substances into the storm sewers, please report this to the City of Austin Environmental Hotline: **499-2550**.



West Austin Neighborhood Group

Organized 1973

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

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THE NEIGHBOR

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May 2000

President's Message May 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

Tree Pruning / Street Repairs: I am sure all of you have noticed the white dashed lines on the streets throughout the neighborhood. These are sections which City crews will take up and resurface to provide a smoother roadway. Coming ahead of this paving operation will be the City's forestry crews under Parks and Recreation. To quote a letter from Emsud Horozovic, Forester, PARD, "(t)he City of Austin has a duty to provide reasonably safe vehicle and pedestrian passage on its streets and sidewalks... Public trees along the right-of-way will be pruned to a height of 14 feet over the street, and 8 feet over sidewalks... pruning routes will encompass all streets in the 78703 zip code... mulch will be placed at Lions Municipal Golf Course and be made available for the community's use free of charge... PARD crews will practice proper arboriculture and follow oak wilt prevention procedures." You will be notified before the crews come on your street to allow residents time to do their own pruning or have it done professionally. This pruning will also apply to trees out of the right-of-way but whose branches extend over sidewalks or streets.

Neighborhood Traffic: We are still on for a general discussion at the June 5th meeting about traffic. The City will have someone there to talk about calming and other solutions, and APD will be available to talk about enforcement. Let's try to focus on specific areas of concern. If you can't make the meeting, give me a call or write me and I will pass your comments on.

West Austin EMT: James Allman has been following this closely for the ExComm. At the May 11th Council meeting a public hearing was set for June 8th at 6pm at the LCRA complex. James says that this 6pm is not "time certain" (i.e.-the hearing will be sometime after 6pm-sort of time uncertain), but encourages everyone to come to

the Hancock Building at 1pm that afternoon for Citizens Comments where he will speak. This hearing is to finalize the station's location on Park's land above Deep Eddy Pool. On the funding side, our station is in the City Manager's proposed budget for next year. The negotiations with the architect is ongoing. Thank you James.

West Austin Youth Association (WAYA): I want to thank this organization for doing the right thing in coming to talk with its neighbors. Will Coates, their representative, sent me a letter dealing specifically with issues raised during the meeting-trash, pole lights and music during dances. With WAYA's permission, WANG will have the letter copied and distributed to the immediate neighbors. Contact me for a copy.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church (TUMC): As per the ExComm's directive, I attended the 8 May Board of Adjustment meeting and supported TUMC's variance request for off-street parking at Casis Elementary on Sunday mornings. A variance was required because the parking lot is more than 500 feet from TUMC's main campus. As a condition of the variance, and in response to opposition by neighbors in the area, the Board said TUMC could not use Spring Lane north of McCullough for its parking shuttle. ExComm members Dudley Houghton and Becky Combs are working on a finalized draft agreement with the Church and we should have something to report June 5th.

Agenda: The first half of the meeting will be devoted to neighborhood traffic, problems and solutions. Beyond regular updates and business, we may need to go forward on some portion of the TUMC agreement. I would hope to publish the finalized agreement in the newsletter.

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

MAY 1, 2000

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

Candidates

District 48 Candidate Democratic Ann Kitchen introduced herself and invited all present to a reception.

West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) Expansion

WAYA originally had asked for a "P" zoning designation for their expansion, but Blake suggested they apply for "SF-3," instead. WANG wrote a letter in support of the SF-3 designation and also recommended a forum for public/neighbor comment. Notices were distributed along Enfield, Bridle Path and Bonnie. Paul Bury, of Bury & Partners, presented the proposed building expansion as enclosing areas of existing impervious cover, existing basketball courts and parking spaces. The project is to be presented at the May 2nd Planning Commission Meeting and at the June 1st Council Meeting. Neighbors noted that the impervious cover is not an issue; they expressed concern, however, about ongoing noise problems and trash that collects along the edge of the property. Concerns are to be directed to Greg Reeves, Executive Director.

Additionally, neighbors report that lights being left on after events, and Mr. DeWitt asked that WAYA be notified (473-2828) when this occurs. Joyce Basciano commented that although there were plans to remove several trees, the documents presented did not indicate replacements. She also suggested that planting more trees would contribute to noise buffering.

A motion was passed, ratifying the previous phone poll supporting the expansion. Becky Combs requested that WANG write a letter to WAYA and the Planning Commission noting the neighbors concerns.

Zoning

Mr. Reznicek presented his proposed garage modification for 3313 Windsor Road that is to be reviewed at the Board of Adjustment meeting on May 8th. The proposed modification requires a variance to



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reduce the side yard from 5' to 1'. WANG had no objections to the variance request.

Tarrytown Shopping Center

On April 5th, Hal had received a brief letter from the Owner's representative. Hal was to respond, thanking them for maintaining an open dialogue and inquiring whether WANG could publish excerpts from the letter as an update to concerned neighbors. In addition, there are still several questions that WANG would like to ask on behalf of neighbors. Linda Dickens volunteered to draft a letter outlining a "community compassion statement" as a next step in expressing the aspirations of the neighbors for the shopping center.

West Austin EMT Station

James Allman reported that the swap of the PARD land had been passed. City Council has a May 11th agenda item to set a public hearing about the station. James also is enlisting the support of Warren Hassinger. June 8th is the proposed hearing date.

1998 Bond Oversight Committee

There will be a public meeting at the Waller Creek Center Room, W&WW, 625 E. 10th St., to receive input about bond expenditures.

Tarrytown Methodist Church

Blake, Dudley and Becky have been working to develop a "letter of agreement" between the neighborhood and the Church, establishing a conservation easement, a transfer of rights, and SF-3 zoning. A variance would be required to stay with the SF-3 zoning and increase the distance to the

off-site parking from 500' to 800' (at Casis). There will be a May 8th Board of Adjustment hearing to consider the variance. The neighbors seem to be satisfied with this plan. Becky also noted that the Travis Audubon Society is interested in working with TX Parks & Wildlife to establish a wildlife conservatory on Church owned property. They will not be voting on this until June. On a motion by Dudley, seconded by Gwen, a resolution unanimously passed to support the variance for parking at Casis.

Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasury contains \$3,7112.56 in checking, with \$1031.44 in savings. There is also \$1168.19 in the Oak Wilt Fund, and \$125 in the Residential Parking Permit Fund.

Proposed SF-3 Amendments

The proposed amendments would allow for two-family dwellings where previously only single family and duplexes were allowed. The overall square foot allowance would be reduced from 10,000 sq. ft. to 7,000 sq. ft., which is the same as a duplex. The maximum size of the second unit would be held to 1000 sq. ft. The 45% impervious cover limitations, setback requirements, max. 35' height restrictions, etc., would remain the same. There will be a public hearing on May 11th, in the Main Boardroom at the LCRA Building.

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@deepddy.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@deepddy.com or call Blake Tollett at 477-4028 to let us know what your interests are. Thanks for helping to improve our neighborhood association.



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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.

A Response to a Letter Sent By the ExComm Concerning TarryTown Center:

April 5, 2000

Mr. Hal S. Katz
Vice President
West Austin Neighborhood Group
P.O. Box 5722
Austin, TX 78763-5722

Dear Mr. Katz:

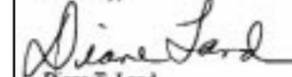
Thank you for your interest in TarryTown Center.

As you may know, DT Land Group, Inc. serves as agent for Ms. Daniels' Westenfield Development Company (Westenfield) which has owned and operated TarryTown Center since 1939. Ms. Daniels has asked me to reply to your letter of March 23, 2000.

Please understand that Westenfield is aware of and sensitive to neighborhood concerns and, as a result, has continually managed TarryTown Center as a unique blend of office and retail which has contributed to making Austin one of the most livable cities in the United States. Westenfield's ultimate goal is the creation of a cruelty-free shopping center where customers can shop knowing that the goods and services offered are not the product of animal exploitation or abuse. Toward that end, Westenfield will seek tenants whose businesses and business practices are compatible with that goal. This policy will not affect existing leases but will be implemented in all future leases. We will work closely with our tenants toward establishing a healthy and humane community for all.

We appreciate your taking the time to share your concerns with us. Hopefully, this letter will provide you with some insight into our efforts toward encouraging compassion for the world as a whole.

Sincerely,



Diane T. Land
DT Land Group, Inc.
Agent for Westenfield Development Company

cc: Westenfield Development Company

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