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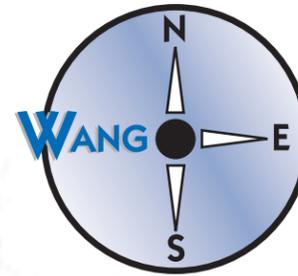
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
December 6th, 1999, 7:00 pm

Austin, Texas 78763-5722

P.O. Box 5722

West Austin Neighborhood Group



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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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November, 1999

President's Message November, 1999

Fellow Neighbors:

Three recent articles in the West Austin News have raised public safety concerns for our neighborhood. The first dealt with the ongoing reassignment of Patrol Officers (POs) from our area to downtown. I have written a letter to APD Chief Knee, in accordance with a motion passed by the Executive Committee (see minutes), asking for an APO representative to meet with us on Monday 6 December, to discuss bringing our patrol coverage up to full strength. The two other articles (November 4th and 11th by Trina Ott) dealt with two reported rapes (2500 block of Enfield on 16 May and the 3200 block of Gilbert on 23 October) which are currently being investigated. Although at this time there is no known link between the attacks, and I am not trying to correlate the attacks to the reduction in our POs, it is appropriate to remind everyone of the need to be aware of what is going on around you and your home. We live in a relatively quiet and safe area of Austin, but the reality is that crime, against property and person, is here, also. Knowing who your neighbors are—their names and how to contact them—is an important first step in creating a safe environment. If you are interested in a home security survey, our APD District Representative (DR) Tim

Atkinson (office: 480-2121, E-mail: timothy.atkinson@ci.austin.tx.us) is available to do Saturday surveys, or you may contact Rosie Salinas, a civilian employee, for help involving crime watches, security surveys, personal safety and property identification at 927-9778.

West Austin EMT Station: James Allman reports that through conversations with Director Sue Edwards of EMS and attending Citizen Bond Oversight Committees, he feels our unit is right on schedule. A rotational pool of architects has been chosen by the City to design the upcoming round of new stations, so with luck we'll will have something to look at next year.

Dog Walkers: If your dog leaves your property you are responsible for not only its control but also the need to pick up its waste. It is not fair to your neighbors otherwise, and you make responsible dog walkers look bad.

Agenda: I fully expect APD to send a representative to our 6 December, meeting, and they will be scheduled first. Next, Irwin Spear's committee will report on the Tarrytown Shopping Center controversy. I expect we neighbors around Walsh Boat Landing will have our petitions requesting parking permits in order and will ask WANG's permission to go forward. A neighbor has requested that WANG ask the City to

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do a traffic calming study on Enfield Road west of Exposition. In addition we will have updates on areas of ongoing concern such as the request for traffic calming on Winsted between Windsor and Enfield and the expansion plans of the Tarrytown United Methodist Church.

As always, feel free to contact me with Neighborhood issues. Karen and I extend our best wishes for this Thanksgiving holiday.

Blake Tollett
3701 Bonnie Road
477-4028

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

West Austin Neighborhood Group
November 1, 1999, 7:00 pm
Howson Branch Library

Committee members present: James Allman, Joyce Basciano, Michael Cannatti, Don Cook, Linda Dickens, Chris Garrigues, Balie Griffith, Dudley Houghton, Ian Inglis, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Sara Madera, Walt McCool, and Blake Tollett.

President Blake Tollett called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Oak Wilt Update

The owner of an oak wilt afflicted red oak tree at Windsor and Hopi removed the tree. The owner of another afflicted tree at West 11th and Possum Trot agreed to permit WANG to arrange for the tree's

removal using Texas Forest Service funds.

Reed Park Playscape

Ann Phipps, of Friends of Reed Park, reported that construction of the playscape started. FRP received some donations and is seeking additional funds to build a wall. The Austin Parks and Recreation Department agreed to pay one-half of the cost of installing shade awnings, but now PARD will not pay and does not want shade over anything but the swings. On a motion by Dudley Houghton, seconded by Gwen Jewiss, the executive committee voted 14-0 to donate \$100 to FRP to assist with the playscape construction.

West Enfield Park

WANG received a letter from Doug and Suzanne Wixson, seeking support in keeping West Enfield Park's pool open through Labor Day. Blake Tollett will prepare a letter of support.

Winsted Traffic

WANG received a letter from neighbors on Winsted between Windsor and Enfield requesting traffic control. On a motion by Hal Katz, seconded by Walt McCool, the executive committee voted 14-0 to request a city study for traffic calming in Winsted Lane between Windsor Road and Enfield Road.

Other Safety Issues

The executive committee will invite Tim Atkinson of the Austin Police Department to attend the December 6 meeting and discuss re-assignment of West Austin patrol officers to the downtown area. On a motion by Hal Katz, seconded by Linda Dickens, the executive committee voted 14-0 to send a letter to APD regarding safety and traffic concerns and to request policing of the neighborhood. James Allman agreed to write the letter to APD.

Proposed Trash Haulers' Regulations

The executive committee discussed a proposed ordinance regulating trash haulers' hours of operation. Under the proposal, trash haulers would be limited to operating during the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. within 1000 feet of residentially zoned property. On a motion by Walt McCool, seconded by Ian Inglis, the executive committee voted 13-1 to support the proposed ordinance. Blake Tollett agreed to prepare a letter of support to the city.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church Update

The executive committee discussed the church's pending applications for a zoning change to "GO," general office, for the main campus area and to "NO," neighborhood office, for the two lots on Exposition north of the main campus block. The church is also seeking variances from city parking requirements. Surya Veerarahavan, one of the neighboring property owners, discussed his concerns about the proposed rezoning and variance requests. Blake Tollett and Dudley Houghton agreed to meet with the neighbors and the city's case manager and to invite the church to meet with WANG to discuss neighborhood concerns.

Other Business

Gwen Jewiss volunteered to serve as WANG's representative and a sector representative to the Austin Neighborhoods Council. The executive committee discussed holding a retreat to review the committee's goals and concerns. The retreat was tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
Walt McCool, Secretary



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