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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Howson Branch Library*  
*December 3rd, 2001, 7:00 pm*

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**West Austin Neighborhood Group**  
P.O. Box 5722  
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West Austin Neighborhood Group

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November, 2001

## President's Message November 2001

### Annual Social Report

On October 20, 2001, WANG held its Neighborhood Social at Reed Park. This year's social had a family theme and included a petting zoo, moon walk, representatives from the Fire Department, Austin Police Officer District Representative Tim Atkinson, Lt. Col. John Stanford with Camp Mabry, Susan Web with the Humane Society Mobile Adoption Unit, Cappy Manly with the Austin Nature and Science Center paleontological exhibit, bagels, and Jimjim's Water Ice. Even with all this fun we did manage to take care of some business, which included reporting on the affairs of the association and adopting new bylaws. The following individuals were also reelected or elected as members of the executive committee: James Allman, Joyce Basciano, Joseph M. Bennett, Mike Cannantti, Erik Cary, Linda Dickens, Balie Griffith, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Selina Serna, and Blake Tollett. A special thanks to Linda Dickens and Blake Tollette for all their hard work in planning and putting on the event.

### Tree and Trail of Lights

The 150-foot tall Zilker Tree will be red, white and blue this year in memory of those who lost their lives during the events of Sept. 11 and in a holiday tribute to the Spirit of America. The Zilker Tree was assembled Thursday, Nov. 1. The Tree Lighting ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2. The Zilker Tree, recognized as one of the tallest holiday trees in the nation, consists of more than 3,300 light bulbs and was designed by an Austin Energy technician in 1965. Austin Energy crews, who have redesigned it this year to be a swirl of red, white and blue, assemble the tree each year. The tree stays illuminated until the start of the New Year.

The Trail of Lights, consisting of more than 40 lighted exhibits with holiday themes, opens Sunday, Dec. 9, and remains open nightly through Dec. 23.

### City Police Academy

APD's Citizens Police Academy is taking applications for the 47th CPA session, scheduled February 12, 2002, to April 30, 2002. The Citizens Police Academy consists of twelve weeks of instructional sessions during which students are introduced to the functions and operating procedures of the Austin Police Department. The academy focuses on educating the public about the role of the Police Department in the community. The CPA course is held each Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Austin Police Department facilities. Any person who lives or works in Austin may apply to the academy, which opened in 1987 and has graduated more than 1,300 participants. Those interested in applying should contact Officer Joe Muñoz, Program Coordinator, at 416-5557. Applicants may also download an application from the APD web site at [www.ci.austin.tx.us/police](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police) and forward it to Officer Muñoz, fax number 499-8615, or mail it to: Citizens Police Academy Austin Police Department 715E. 8th Street Austin, Texas 78701.

### Call for Volunteers

WANG welcomes individuals who are looking to get involved in neighborhood issues through one of the committees. Issues include sidewalks, historical district designation, MoPac, zoning, membership, newsletter, and acting as a liaison with community groups and governmental bodies. Individuals interested can contact me at [hkatz@hwlaw.com](mailto:hkatz@hwlaw.com) or 703-5715.

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**Minutes of ExComm Meeting  
October 20, 2001**

Members Present: James Allman, Joyce Basciano, Michael Cannatti, Erik Cary, Linda Dickens, Balie Griffith, Gwen Jewiss, Sara Madera, Irwin Spear, Blake Tollett, Susan Pascoe

**Neighborhood Social**

WANG held its annual Neighborhood Social at Reed Park from 10 AM to noon. The event was well attended by neighbors and families who enjoyed many activities, including a petting zoo, a face painter, a moonwalk, and a dinosaur activity table hosted by Austin Nature and Science Center. Our local fire station firefighters allowed guests to climb into the big, red truck; police officer Tim Atkinson answered neighborhood safety questions; Camp Mabry state liaison John Stanford fielded questions about that base; the Humane Society brought along four-footed friends looking for homes. A violinist and a guitarist from The Three Muses provided a backdrop of lovely musical entertainment.

**Business Meeting**

At approximately 11:20, the ExComm held a short business meeting. Vice President Linda Dickens thanked all for attending and gave a brief overview of WANG's accomplishments over the past year. All ExComm members present were introduced, and their committee positions noted. She noted that the revisions to the By-Laws, as required to convert WANG to a Texas Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association (TUUNA) had been sent to all members. After a call for questions and comments, the new by-laws were accepted unanimously. Next, neighbors present at the meeting voted in the new WANG executive committee. Finally, the national Association for Women in Communications Clarion Award for the most improved newsletter was presented to McCarthy Print, and they were thanked for their ongoing support.

—Minutes prepared by Gwen Jewiss

**Minutes of ExComm Meeting  
November 5, 2001**

Members Present: Joe Bennett, Joyce Basciano, Michael Cannatti, Erik Cary, Balie Griffith, Gwen Jewiss, Hal Katz, Ian Inglis, Irwin Spear, Blake Tollett, Susan Pascoe, Selina Serna.

Guests: Edward Bellingrath, Roger Noack, and Sara Madera

**Citizen Communications**

Roger Noack spoke against providing additional sidewalks in the neighborhood. In particular, he expressed concern with the proposed sidewalk to be installed in the right of way of his side yard, at Bonnie & Exposition. It was noted that at the area being discussed, the bike lane has already ended to make way for additional lanes at the intersection. Currently, bus riders and other pedestrians walk in the street at this location.

Several members of the ExComm replied that WANG has heard many times over the years that increasing sidewalks is one of the priorities of residents. The locations where sidewalks are installed have more to do with how the funding is achieved than with specific requests. It is a balance.

**Camp Mabry**

Edward Bellingrath spoke on behalf of the neighbors who live adjacent to Camp Mabry, as well as in his capacity as the Vice President of the Highland Park West / Balcones Neighborhood Association. Representatives have initiated a dialogue with the officers at Camp Mabry regarding the traffic, lights, and clear-cut swath created for the new fence line. WANG President Hal Katz has been participating in the Liaison Committee that had been established. It was noted that the military is endeavoring to move the lights back further into the base, away from the neighbors' property. Furthermore, the intention is to return to pre-September levels of security and activity as soon as is reasonable. Mr. Bellingrath is looking for support from WANG in the effort to convince the City and the State to turn the Camp into a park. Several ExComm members stated that similar efforts had been put forth previously, with no success. The State had intimated that if and when the Camp is deactivated, the land would be converted to development by the successful [highest] bidder. After further discussion, it was noted that WANG would like to be part of the process, but does not believe that action is necessary at this time.

**Zoning Issues**

WANG will send a letter to the Pemberton Neighborhood Association noting that we received a notice regarding a zoning issue and that we would be willing to help if asked to do so. Susan to forward the notice to the appropriate parties.

It was also determined that WANG had not received a response from the City regarding the enforcement of impervious cover limitations. Blake will follow up.

**Officers**

ExComm agreed to vote in new officers at the upcoming retreat, to be held on December 13, 2001, from 6-8 PM, location to be announced.

**Sidewalks**

Selina stated that she was looking for door-to-door volunteers to speak with property owners who would be impacted by the proposed CapMetro sidewalk improvements. Bus routes were divvied up at the end of the meeting.

**Historic District**

Susan reported that she and Gwen had spent some time scanning the microfilm files at the Austin History Center. They had printed out the Sanborn Maps of the area showing that most of West Austin had been developed by 1950. Susan and Irwin to confer on the requirements for the preliminary submission and advise all if any assistance would be desired. A goal for the preliminary submittal was set for year-end.

**Liaison Committee**

Blake reported that the Police Chief's Forum met on October 26th and discussed Homeland Security in Austin. A more extensive discussion will take place on Tuesday, November 13th, from 7-9 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3208 Exposition.

Hal also reported that the Camp Mabry Liaison Committee had met with Camp Mabry state liaison

John Stanford on October 15th and toured the base. They were briefed on Dept. of Defense requirements and neighborhood concerns.

Gwen commented that the agenda of the recent Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) meeting had stated that the West Austin Neighborhood Group had requested support in opposing the widening of the intersection at 24th Street and Lamar. In fact, and although most WANG members do oppose the widening, WANG had not made this request.

**Budget from the Annual Social**

Blake reviewed the costs from the Neighborhood Social, noting that there had been a proposed budget of \$2500 in addition to advertising revenues, which amounted to \$2,240.00. Expenses totaled \$5014.96, leaving the out of pocket costs at \$2774.91, consequently \$274.91 over budget.

**Neighborhood Parks**

Ann Phipps was successful in obtaining the grant to plant trees at Reed Park. The Board voted unanimously to approve the issuance of \$250 in matching funds as previously agreed to.

**Transportation Committee**

The ExComm discussed the proposed widening of the intersection at 24th Street/Windsor and Lamar. On behalf of the Pemberton Neighborhood Association, Susan Pascoe requested WANG's support in opposing the widening to provide two lanes turning west onto Windsor Road from northbound Lamar. Irwin's motion to do so passed on a 9-0-2 vote. Hal will write a letter.

Ian reported that the OWANA had presented a concept to run a light rail line west from Seaholm Power Plant to the LCRA offices next to Tom Miller Dam. There was much discussion regarding the zoning of the properties along Lake Austin Blvd., as well as the timing of UT's intentions to further develop their properties. It was noted that OWANA has requested support on this from CapMetro.

Ian reported that the Special Team had improved upon the Technical Team's recommendations, voting down most of TxDOT's issues. The plan is to stay in Phase 1 of the study, develop a consensus building committee to go through the entire project. Another goal is to make TxDOT a peer, rather than a controller. The full CAMPO board will vote at 5:45 on November 19th at the Thompson Conference Center.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ian reported that there is \$1724.53 in checking, \$4573.69 in savings, \$1190.70 in Oak Wilt funds. The current membership stands at 395 members. WANG received approximately \$1300 from memberships at the Neighborhood Social. The Board also approved reimbursements for other MONAC related costs.

**Minutes**

The September minutes were corrected to indicate sidewalks to be installed on Windsor, "between Pecos and Schulle", as well as "to Rockmoor" if requested by neighbors.

—Minutes prepared by Gwen Jewiss



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