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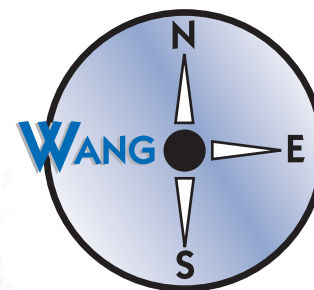
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Howson Branch Library
November 1st, 1999, 7:00 pm

P.O. Box 5722
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West Austin Neighborhood Group



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and protect it from deterioration
through advocacy and action."*

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THE NEIGHBOR

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October, 1999

President's Message October, 1999

Fellow Neighbors:

I want to thank everyone who was able to make our Annual Social. I am biased, but I think we are getting better at this every year. I want to especially thank the Friends of Reed Park for making us welcome and touring folks down Taylor's Slough to the lake, and Janett Long Fish, our extremely interesting guest speaker. Maudie's Cafe donated the delicious breakfast tacos, Starbucks gave the coffee, and Randall's provided the cups and paper products. An additional big thanks to our advertisers whose support covered the printing of The Annual Neighbor. In reading the minutes of our 4 October meeting you will find our in-house critique, but your comments and input are always welcome.

Membership/Annual Dues: James Allman has asked me to challenge each member to sign up one neighbor to WANG (a membership application will be on this newsletter). I cannot stress enough the need for a strong and active membership at this time in our City. Neighborhood groups are looked to as a major stake-

holder in any interaction between the City and the Neighborhood. WANG is one of the oldest groups in the City, and we are listened to. On a monetary note, Ian Inglis asks that you check your renewal date on the mailing label and to please renew if it is time. Agenda: The next ExComm meeting will be November 1st (always the first Monday unless it is a holiday) at the Howson Branch Library. We'll have updates on ongoing concerns such as the Tarrytown United Methodist Church expansion, oak wilt, and the Tarrytown Center. Hopefully, we neighbors of Walsh Landing will have our permit parking petitions completed and will be able to ask the ExComm for permission to go forward. We'll see you at 7pm.

As always, feel free to contact me on Neighborhood business.

Blake Tollett
3701 Bonnie Road
477-4028

Next Meeting of Executive Committee:

7:00 pm
November 1st, 1999,
at the Howson Branch Library
2500 Exposition Boulevard

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

West Austin Neighborhood Group
October 4, 1997, 7:00 pm
Howson Branch Library

ExComm Members present: Blake Tollett, Baliey Griffith, Dudley Houghton, Linda Dickens, Chris Garrigues, Gwen Jewiss, Don Cook, Michael Cannatti, Irwin Spear, James Allman, Ian Ingles, and Sara Madera

Subcommittee Report —

Tarrytown Shopping Center (due to article in West Austin News the majority of the 16 members in the audience were here for this discussion): Irwin Spear (IS), Subcommittee Chair, led off with a reading of his letter dated 18 September 1999 to Jeanne Daniels owner of the center. In his letter IS (1) expressed concern over the closing of the Grocery and Cafe Mozart, and rumors of further restaurant/business closures, (2) pointed out that many residents of Tarrytown, especially the elderly, depend upon the Center, (3) that while the ExComm of WANG does not dispute her right of property and understands her concern for the ethical treatment of animals, we would like to see a "neighborhood center with restaurants that serve a variety of patrons, as well as other diverse businesses that fulfill daily needs" and (4) invites Ms. Daniels to open dialogue with WANG about the future of the Center. A reply date of 10 October was suggested. IS reported that at our 9/25 Social many attendees expressed interest in the Center's future, even putting forward the idea of a neighborhood consor-

tium buying the Center. A member of the audience, a life long resident of Tarrytown, said he knows Ms. Daniels (as well as knew her mother — Mary Lou Crusemann) and that he doubted that WANG or any organization could get Ms. Daniels to a negotiating table. It was pointed out that WANG had opposed zoning/variance requests by the family in the past. There was a discussion of a boycott of the Center, but that course of action was discouraged because the negative impact would first affect the tenants with whom we have no grievance. General discussion of WANG's role beyond representing the neighborhood; zoning questions if Center is to be converted to offices, etc; impact of Center's demise on property values and general quality of life. **Decided:** If IS receives no response from Ms. Daniels by October 10th then he will call another subcommittee meeting which will report to the ExComm at our November 1st meeting.

Pete Price, Principal of O'Henry Middle School (414-7100), was introduced from the audience. Mr. Price was asked by Dudley Houghton (DH) about the portable buildings along Exposition — they will be removed as soon as the permanent classrooms are finished.

Traffic Calming on Winsted Lane between Windsor and Enfield: Bethany Ramey (15 year resident, architect) asked for help from WANG in solving Winsted traffic problems-on any one day 4800 vehicles pass on the street of which over 1/2 are speeding. General discussion of speed

hump/pillows — the ExComm is divided on the use of these to calm traffic. IS restated his position that enforcement of traffic laws would help on the speeding issue. Ms. Ramey was urged to contact our APD District Representative Tim Atkinson (480-2121). James Allman (JA) will help Ms. Ramey liaison with APD. Ms. Ramey stated that a stop sign at Griswold and Winsted might be preferable — it was pointed out that stop signs are not normally used as a means of traffic calming, but accidents — of which several have occurred in that area — can influence their placement. **Decided:** WANG will fully support and help the residents along Winsted to achieve their goal of safety.

Oak Wilt: Blake Tollett (BT) has been working with Emsud Horozovic (Oak Wilt Specialist at PARD) on two red oak infestations. A letter was sent to the resident at 3321 Windsor Road asking that they remove the infected tree before the disease has a chance to spread-no reply back. The second tree at 2308 W 11th will be removed at WANG's expense. The Friends of the Park organization is holding money for oak wilt suppression which WANG can solely direct the use of, and this appears to be an appropriate use. **On a motion** from Hal Katz, seconded by Linda Dickens, BT is authorized to proceed with helping financially to remove the infected red oak at 2308 West 11th by directing the use of funds held by Friends of the Park.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church (TTUMC): There has been

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- Yes, I want to join WANG.
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plans to transfer development rights from a vacant lot it owns on Spring Street to accommodate the additional building on its main property. Blake will attend a meeting at the church on Monday, September 20, and will invite the church to attend a future executive committee meeting as its plans develop.

Annual Meeting

Linda Dickens announced that McCarthy Print, Inc. will print the newsletter for the annual meeting, and will also begin printing the monthly newsletter. The newsletter for the annual meeting will be eight pages, and Linda and her committee sold 4 3/4 pages of advertising.

Ann Phipps, of Friends of Reed Park, said that they have arranged for tours of the park to the lift station during the annual meeting. She will also obtain drawings of the planned playscape improvements to display at the meeting. Linda Dickens, Gwen Jewiss, and Walt McCool will invite the principals of O. Henry Middle School and Casis, Dill, and Bryker Woods Elementary Schools to the annual meeting.

The committee thanked Linda Dickens and Hal Katz for their hard work on the annual meeting and newsletter.

Other Business

Treasurer Ian Inglis said there is \$2,582.38 in the checking account, and \$1,027.09 in the

savings account. The committee voted 11-0 to approve the minutes of the August 2, 1999 meeting.

Linda Dickens reported that the committee working on the Tarrytown Shopping Center issues met and is drafting a letter to the center's owner expressing WANG's concern and asking for a meeting to discuss them.

Ian Inglis shared a notice regarding Texas Department of Transportation's MoPac/Highway 183 study. The study is oriented toward the construction of high occupancy vehicle lanes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by
Walt McCool, Secretary

Playscape Construction Under Way

If you have been by Reed Park play area lately, you will know that the playscape construction project is moving along quickly. The play equipment will be installed within a couple of weeks, perhaps by the time you receive this newsletter. The project is scheduled for completion before Thanksgiving. Finally, after four years in process, our neighborhood kids will have both swings and climbing/sliding equipment!

The play area will be enlarged, stretching farther under the trees at the west end and out towards the creek on the south side. The youth swings will be moved under the trees, where the toddler swings have been. The toddler swings will be moved east, toward the pool, and also will be cut

down somewhat to comply with current safety standards. In between the two swingsets will sit the new play equipment which features a curved slide, a spiral slide, a fire pole, a three-way periscope panel, a "Tap-a-Tune" panel, a cafe panel, several climbing structures, and a set of "Floating Stones," which will be unique to our park. The play equipment will be constructed in tan, green and dark red, and set partly in rubber safety surface to allow for wheelchair accessibility. The safety surface extends under the toddler swings, as well. The rest of the play area will be filled with pea gravel.

In addition to the play equipment improvements, we will also see a new three-tiered water fountain set just east of the existing concrete picnic tables. A van-accessible handicapped parking space has been constructed by the picnic tables and the bollards

(short wooden poles) on the north side of the driveway have been replaced. Finally, a new stone wall, 18" high and 18" wide will serve as a barrier between the play area and the driveway. This will provide seating and enhance the usefulness and beauty of the play area and the park overall, as it sits just down hill from the lime kiln.

Friends of Reed Park has received a number of contributions to help pay for this special wall, as well as for a sturdy fabric sunshade that will cover the toddler swings. Any (tax-deductible) donations you can make to these costly yet important efforts will be greatly appreciated. You may send donations to: Friends of Reed Park, 2100 Stamford Lane, Austin, TX 78703. Please call Ann Phipps at 472-3199 if you have any questions.

Ann Phipps

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concern expressed by neighbors about the up-zoning requested by TTUMC. Specifically, if the Church ever sells the property the neighbors want it to retain the original zoning of SF-3. Dudley Houghton (DH) has agreed to continue working with the Church. Gwen Jewiss had questions about parking on the site and requested to work with DH.

Permit Parking: BT reports nothing new.

Zoning: DH asks to resign as Zoning Chair — he will be available as needed.

Treasurer's Report: Ian Inglis reports a balance of \$1027.72.

WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

Committee members present: Joyce Basciano, Don Cook, Linda Dickens, 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 5:15 p.m.

Zoning and City Issues

Dudley Houghton distributed a notice from the City of Austin regarding planned improvements to Lions Municipal Golf Course. Dudley also shared a letter from

Membership: James Allman reports 65 new members.

Don Cook will send a thank-you note to Janett Fish for being our speaker at the Social.

Critique of Neighborhood Social:

What worked **(1)** food & coffee, **(2)** playscape for kids, **(3)** talking to neighbors, **(4)** Reed Park location, **(5)** temporary construction fence funneled people past membership tables, **(6)** newsletter/advertising, **(7)** attendance by local school principals and **(8)** the fire truck. What needs attention **(1)** yard signs-more easily read and better distribution, **(2)** invest in a WANG banner-can be used at 4th of July parade, etc., **(3)** a second newsletter/Social in the Spring, **(4)** amend by-laws to

move meeting to later in the year, **(5)** explore idea of home tours sponsored by WANG and **(6)** have a neighborhood map with pins showing residences of WANG members/Social attendees.

Election of Officers: On a motion

from Hal Katz, seconded by Don Cook, the following officers were elected: Blake Tollett, President; Hal Katz, Vice President; Walt McCool, Secretary; Ian Inglis, Treasurer; James Allman, Membership; Linda Dickens, Historian; and Zoning, vacant.

Linda Dickens asked the ExComm members to consider a 1/2 day retreat to focus and evaluate the upcoming year's work.

Adjourn

annual meeting.

Tarrytown United Methodist Church Proposed Rezoning

Dudley Houghton and Blake Tollett reported on a meeting they attended with the church. The church wants to build a meeting hall on the northwest corner of its property, and enlarge its sanctuary toward Spring Street. The church also wants to demolish two residences that it owns south of the church on Exposition and build a one-story office building with underground parking at that location. The church plans to request a rezoning from SF-3 to GO for the office building, and seek a variance to reduce the required parking for the office. The church also

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WANG Annual Social

With over 250 neighbors joining in, WANG celebrated its **Annual Social** on September 25th, at Reed Park.

The children scrambled on the playscape and on Fire Engine No.10 while adults enjoyed the interesting stories of Janett Long Fish. Other neighbors strolled down to Taylor Slough to view the much-anticipated lake-side park.

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Finally, WANG is grateful to Janett Long Fish and the Austin Fire Department for providing entertainment.



Even the grown-up neighbors loved the fire truck!



Speaker Janett Long Fish delighted the crowd with her Tarrytown Tales



Janett Long Fish and WANG President Blake Tollett



Sara Madera, James Allman, Irwin Spear, and Gwen Jewiss, all sitting behind the table, welcome neighbor Rindi McDonald



Hal Katz and Kellie Bailey with neighbors Dana Fallon and Sean Fallon



Louise Iscoe describes friends of Reed Park projects to Kathy Keig while little Jordan plays peek-a-boo.



Ian Inglis is ready to sign up new members



Joel Dickens, firefighter-in-training



(left to right) Cole McDonald, Louis Cannatti, and Michael Dickens are ready to roll