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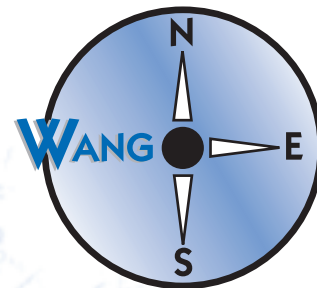
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West Austin Neighborhood Group



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October, 2000

President's Message October 2000

Fellow Neighbors:

The feedback on our Annual Neighborhood Social has been very positive. The "Neighbor" newsletter was the best, I believe, that we have ever put out—thank you McCarthy Printing, especially Teri and Ted, and a thank you to our advertisers. Our by-hand distribution of just under 5000 "Neighbors" was delayed by the rainy weather, so fortunately we also sent copies out under post to all current members. The weather the morning of the Social was pleasant enough, and the focus of the meeting on transportation issues, specifically MoPac, brought out some neighbors. The membership table reported a steady stream of renewals and the signing up of new members. The breakfast tacos were missed, but the Jim-Jim's water ice went fast and the coffee was ready by 10 a.m. sharp. The entire ExComm pitched in where they could, and I thank you, the membership, for your continued support of our efforts.

Elections—Time to Vote: Under its By-laws, WANG is required to be non-partisan, so the ExComm does not endorse any candidate or any side of the upcoming bond elections. We are asking everyone to get out to the polls, though. Very few of us live in a vacuum, and I know that I want my vote counted when others are making decisions about my future. Criticism of the process and its outcome rings truer if you participate therein.

3315 Windsor Road: Originally, the applicant in this case sought two variances from the Board of Adjustment: (1) to decrease the east property line side yard set-back from 5 feet to 1 foot, and (2) to increase the maximum impervious cover on the lot from 45% to 54%. In a special meeting of the ExComm on 2 October 2000, I sought and was granted permission to oppose the variance requests, and did so by letter filed

9 October 2000, the day the Board of Adjustment met. At the meeting, applicant withdrew his variance request on side yard set-back, and was denied unanimously on his request to increase impervious cover. The Board found there to be no hardship to applicant because the structures and drive-ways necessitating the variance had not yet been built. Applicant's addition, a garage apartment/studio, was to be built under the new code which allows the use of single site for two detached single family residences. The ExComm of WANG would like to see such new constructions accomplished without variances. This was a good case in point of too much building on too small of a lot. If you have an opinion on this, please contact an ExComm member or come to one of our meetings. I guarantee we will be seeing more cases similar to this one.

Wastewater Renovations Along Scenic Drive: Although this project is several years down the road, the City is anxious for affected neighbors to be kept informed. The scope of the project has changed so that construction on the wastewater line will now begin at the Taylor Slough lift station—near the intersection of Matthews and Scenic Drive—and go north along Scenic to Mayfield Park (the original plan had line renovation from Walsh Boat Landing to Mayfield Park). This work will not be on the gathering line our homes are connected to but rather the main line between lift stations, so crews won't be tearing up yards. More on this later.

The ExComm will be holding a retreat Saturday the 28th of October to, amongst other things, set the agenda for the next year and to elect new officers. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday 6 November 2000. As always, please feel free to contact me on neighborhood concerns.

Blake Tollett
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Be sure to visit our website at <http://www.deepeddy.com/wang/>!

City Bond Election Nov. 7th

PROPOSITION NO. 1

THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000,000 TAX-SUPPORTED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO IMPROVE ROADWAY INTERSECTIONS, ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY, PROVIDE FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY AND ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOP HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE, IMPROVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY INFRASTRUCTURE, CONSTRUCT RELATED DRAINAGE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND ACQUIRE LAND AND OTHER PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THESE PROJECTS, AND THE LEW OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE BONDS. PROPOSICION NUM. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 2

THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,400,000 TAX-SUPPORTED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO ACQUIRE LAND TO PRESERVE AS OPEN SPACES; AND THE LEW OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE BONDS.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

THE LEASE, FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 99 YEARS, OF A MAXIMUM OF 400 ACRES OF PARKLAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF LAKE WALTER E. LONG, THE LAND TO CONTINUE TO BE OWNED BY THE CITY AND LEASED TO AND MANAGED BY AN

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In the interest of information dissemination, WANG is printing the following excerpts from a letter from Irwin Spear, ExComm member, to the ExComm concerning the City of Austin bond propositions.

"The City of Austin has three propositions up for a vote on November 7, 2000 along with the Capital Metro Light Rail Proposal and a Travis County Bond Proposition, and, of course, the General Election.

"Proposition 1 for \$150 million in road bonds

"1. Unlike other bond proposals in the past where a "wish list" of desired projects is submitted to a committee for evaluation and then they and the City Council decide which projects to include and how much bond money to request, this bond proposal had no "wish list" of specific projects and no committee met to decide which projects to fund and how much bond money to seek...

"2. Although the bond funds are not earmarked for specific projects, there is a 25 page list of possible projects by CAMPO. Those possible projects that are most noteworthy for West Austin are:

"a. TxDOT wants participation by the City of Austin of approximately \$41 million to extend MOPAC north by building SH45 east to IH35 (where 1325 is currently). SH45 would also be extended west to the intersection of highways 620 and 183.

"b. Another \$38 million would be requested as matching funds by TxDOT to extend MOPAC south to connect with a southern portion of SH45 which would go east to Austin Bergstrom Airport and would also cross IH35...

"3. Two projects on CAMPO's list but not recommended by them... is the widening of Windsor Road and/or Enfield Road between MOPAC and Lamar to six lanes or alternately to five lanes with a morning/afternoon reversible lane..."

AGENDA FOR EXCOMM MEETING NOVEMBER 6TH
Election of officers
Speaker: Cindy Wade from Austin
Recreation Center
Critique of Social Committee Reports



WANG ExComm Members Ian Ingliss, Becky Combs, Irwin Spear and Joyce Basciano ready to welcome folks to the 2000 Neighborhood Social



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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.