

West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG)

3 December 2025

The Board of Directors (BoD) of WANG came together for our monthly neighborhood association meeting on Wednesday 3 December 2025. BoD members in attendance were:

Craig Lill,

David Bolduc,

Heidi Gibbons,

Darcy Gardiner,

Kris von Rosen,

Joyce Basciano and

Blake Tollett. (Blake led the meeting)

No minutes from the Annual Meeting were presented.

Under Neighbor Communications:

· The John Lohr family at 2205 Quarry Road is looking to rebuild a free-standing single story two car garage that was destroyed a couple of years back in a fire. This rebuild will require a variance from the Land Development Code (LDC) due to its proposed placement on the lot. From their email to the WANG BoD:

In late 2022 we had a fire limited to the garage structure only, that caused enough damage that was not repairable. We demolished the garage and then had to remove the foundation due to the inability for engineers to verify the condition of the sub surface foundation integrity.

We are requesting consideration to replace the garage in its original location. The structure would be the same dimensions, square footage, shape, height, size and basic design as the original. We are not adding any plumbing or any bedroom space. The improvements will be limited to the framed structure and electrical to service the building.

A representative from the Mark Hart Architecture firm, Sammi Riddell, came to talk with us about this to be filed variance. **After discussion, the sentiment on the WANG BoD was to not oppose what we understand at this time the variance being requested.** It was noted that the LDC has a provision that would have allowed the rebuild without a variance request if the rebuild had been done within a year from the fire.

- Craig related to us that the Rawson Saunders School apparently has purchased a new site for the school and they should be moving out of the neighborhood in the next year or so.

- Conner Greissing came to talk with us about help in getting a **four-way stop at the intersection of Pecos and Bowman.** He submitted the request last year and has resubmitted it again this year. Although there is another four-way stop one block south of this intersection at Pecos and Windsor, with the ongoing increase in traffic on Pecos due to congestion on Mo-Pac along with construction and pedestrian traffic, Pecos is a dangerous road. We lost a good neighbor, Allison Baker, a couple of blocks away from this intersection on Hillview a little while back. We told Conner to keep us in the loop and to continue to reach out to his neighbors for their input.

Under **Land Matters**, Darcy gave us a brief update on the **Girls School of Austin (GSA)** expansion plans. The GSA has purchased the large residential lot just to their south along McCall and would like to increase their current enrollment cap from 150 to 200 students, increase commensurate staff, and add a library. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) the school is currently operating under will need to be redone with public hearings before the Planning Commission and the City Council. Over the years, traffic associated with the school's operation has become a problem for neighbors and they are asking that this issue and some other concerns be addressed prior to the hearings. The GSA has retained the **Ron Thrower Group** to represent them and a representative should be coming to meet with the WANG BoD early next year.

The **Annual Meeting** on November 9th was a success; a nice large crowd, good food with help from our friends at HEB Lake Austin Boulevard, and some words from our City Council member Marc Duchon.

Heidi reported that the **Austin Neighborhood Council** has a new president, Jeffrey Bowen. She also reported that the **2026 Bond Election Advisory Task Force Working Groups** have been meeting with their recommendations go to City Council early next year.

Our January 2026 meeting will be held at Howson on Wednesday the 7th. We then adjourned.