

# OWANA OWL

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## June 2014

### Letter from the Chair

On May 11th, Mother's Day, the neighborhood lost "Mama Rose", one of the special people who make our neighborhood a special place. Rose Marie Sullivan was 82 and lived most of her life in Old West Austin. Although born in Houston, she had deep roots in the neighborhood. With her family, she moved back to Austin, where she lived in a house, owned by her grandmother, not too far from Mathews Elementary, and attended Austin High School. After their marriage, Mama Rose and Papa Joe raised their seven children in the neighborhood. Many of their children have now raised their families in the neighborhood as well.

She modeled volunteerism and service to others. Although involved in many organizations as a volunteer, she has left an indelible mark on many of the students who have passed through Mathews. After "retiring," Mama Rose became a fixture in the Mathews library. She and Papa Joe maintained the library as a place special to the students. They were invaluable to the librarians over the past 22 years. She volunteered to the very end in spite of her struggles with her health. She always met us all with a smile and good humor.

Mama Rose is a model for all of us in the neighborhood. She used her time to support what she thought was important – her family and Mathews. What do you think is important in our neighborhood? What can we do to enhance and maintain the great things around us? Who will be the next Mama Rose?

See you at the general membership meeting.

Paul Seals, Chair

# June 2014 General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2014 - 6:45pm to 9:00pm

Mathews School Cafeteria (906 West Lynn at West 9th)

- I. Registration and Social Gathering (6:45 – 7:00)
- II. Call to Order (7:00)
- III. Approval of Minutes (7:05)
- IV. Discussion of Town Lake Animal Center, Austin Pets Alive, and consideration of resolution supporting lease renewal (7:05 – 7:20)
- V. Update on Lamar Beach Parkland Master Plan (7:20 – 7:25)
- VI. Update on Pressler Extension including a proposal for Art in Public Places (7:25 – 7:35)
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Zoning Committee Report  
*Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed*
  - B. Parks and Greenspaces
  - C. Historic Preservation
  - D. Public Safety and Transportation
  - E. Affordable Housing
  - F. Membership
  - G. Community Events
- VIII. Administrative and Organization Issues
  - A. Treasurer's Report
  - B. OWANA Website Update
  - C. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- IX. Other Business and Announcements
- X. Adjourn

*NOTE: Votes may be taken on any scheduled agenda items.*

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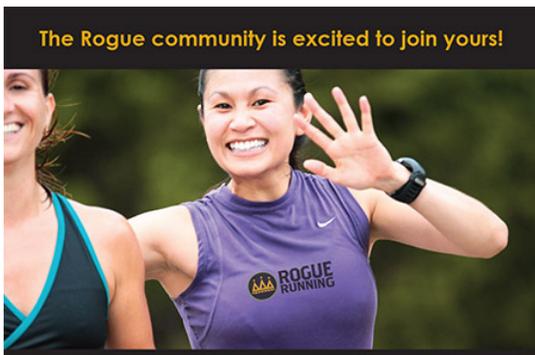
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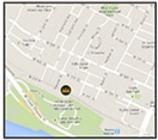
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## Update on TLAC Adoption Center

### OWANA to Vote on Resolution to Support Master Planning that Includes APA and the TLAC Adoption Center

Some of us may recall, in 2007 OWANA unanimously passed a Resolution opposing the relocation of the City's animal center, known as TLAC (Town Lake Animal Center) to East Austin. Our resolution was based on seeking respect for neighborhood plans (our neighborhood plan called for the animal center to remain and the Govalle-Johnston Terrace neighborhood plan called for affordable housing, not an animal center, in their neighborhood) and a belief that keeping the animal center in the heart of the city was an integral piece to ending the killing of homeless pets.

Though, the City Council voted to move the City's animal center to Levander Loop in East Austin, the Council's vote to relocate the animal center was conditioned on an amendment made by Lee Leffingwell that an adoption center remain at the TLAC site. It seems that in 2007, the City Council and OWANA recognized how important it was to keep an adoption center in such a vibrant, prime city location. Well, it seems we were right.

Austin is now in its third year of achieving No Kill status and is currently the largest city in the US to have ended the killing of its homeless pets. And just as we thought, the TLAC adoption center has been an integral part of our effort and success. Last year, APA found homes for 3,476 pets from the TLAC site and the City found homes for 7,400 from Levander Loop location. Many of the homeless pets at TLAC are more difficult to place (feline leukemia cats, parvo dogs, large dogs with behavior issues, ringworm cats, puppies and kittens needing bottle

feeding) and therefore are in need of more exposure at a prime location. Almost all of these pets come exclusively from the City and are the ones that cannot be adopted elsewhere. The TLAC location is critical for these pets who already have a million reasons to not be chosen.

The TLAC site and surrounding area, known as Lamar Beach, will be going through master planning. On June 12th the City Council will vote on whether to proceed with master planning with key stakeholders, such as APA, WAYA, and YMCA.

At our June membership meeting, OWANA will vote on a Resolution to support the City's intent to master plan the Lamar Beach area with key stakeholders, which specifically includes, plans for Austin Pets Alive to remain at the TLAC location.

*Lorri Michel is a long-time advocate for Austin's homeless pets. She lives at 917 West Lynn with her husband, Michael, and former gubernatorial candidate, Woodrow the dog.*

## Zoning Report

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**1401 W. 6th St.** (Case C14-2013-0138) – Applicant is requesting a change in zoning from LO-NP to GR-CO-NP to allow use of a restaurant. OWANA voted to support the zoning change with conditions at the Dec 2013 GM meeting. OWANA and applicant were able to reach agreement that resulted in a restrictive covenant. Case was approved by City Council. *Zoning Case is closed; however case is ongoing pending building permit review.*

**1608 W. 8th St.** (Case NRD-2013-0055) – Applicant is requesting a demolition and building permit for a garage apartment. Applicant received support from OWANA and immediate neighbors when project was presented before Board of Adjustment. *Case is ongoing.*

**1308 W. 9 1/2 St.** (Historic Case NRD-2014-0015; Review Case PR-13-019155) – Applicant was granted a demo permit in 2013. Applicant has requested a building permit. Case was passed by



consent by HLC on April 28th. Applicant will work with Preservation Dept prior to release of demo permit. *Case is ongoing.*

**1010 W. 10th St. Condos** (Baylor & 10th) (Case SP-2014-0130C) – Approximately 12 units. *Owner has not requested any variances.*

**1607 W. 10th St.** (Case NRD-2013-0066) – Applicant is requesting a demolition permit for an existing historic contributing structure and is requesting a building permit. HLC denied the demo permit and has initiated Landmark Status. Feb 24th HLC recommended council approve historic landmark status. Planning Commission referred case to Council without making a recommendation. City Council Case C14H-2014-0001 May 1st hearing postponed to Aug 28th. *Case is ongoing.*

**1622 W. 10th St.** (Historic Case NRD-2014-0029) – Applicant is requesting a demolition permit for a contributing structure to the Clarksville NHD. Case was listed on April 28th HLC, but was postponed HLC May 19th Staff Recommendation: Initiate historic zoning. *Case is ongoing.*

**614 Blanco St.** (Case C14H-1992-0002) – Property has been sold. New owners will restart the review process based on a new design. Nearby neighbors and OWANA Zoning Committee reviewed the conceptual design. Project was presented to the HLC Certificate of Appropriateness Committee in Jan and was presented before OWANA General Membership in March.

**505 and 507 Oakland Ave.** (Case NRD-2013-0047 and 0048) – Applicant has been granted a demolition permit for the two existing historic contributing structures. Use would remain office. Proposed design will have to be reviewed by HLC prior to demolition of existing structures or approval of site development permit. May 19th HLC Staff recommendation for 505: Renovating Bungalow adding small office building. *Case is ongoing.*

**1717 and 1719 Palma Plaza** – Requests for Demolition was approved by consent by HLC in Jan. HLC May 19th Staff Recommendation: Release the permit with the recommendations



that the applicant simplify the range of materials for the proposed house and set the garage back from the front facade. *Case is ongoing.*

**903 Shelly Ave.** (Case C15-2014-0021) – Applicant is requesting a variance to increase the maximum impervious coverage requirement from 45% to 52.4% (existing 63.9%) in order to enclose existing deck and balcony as screened porches. Case was scheduled to be heard before Board of Adjustment Feb 10th. *Status unknown at this time.*

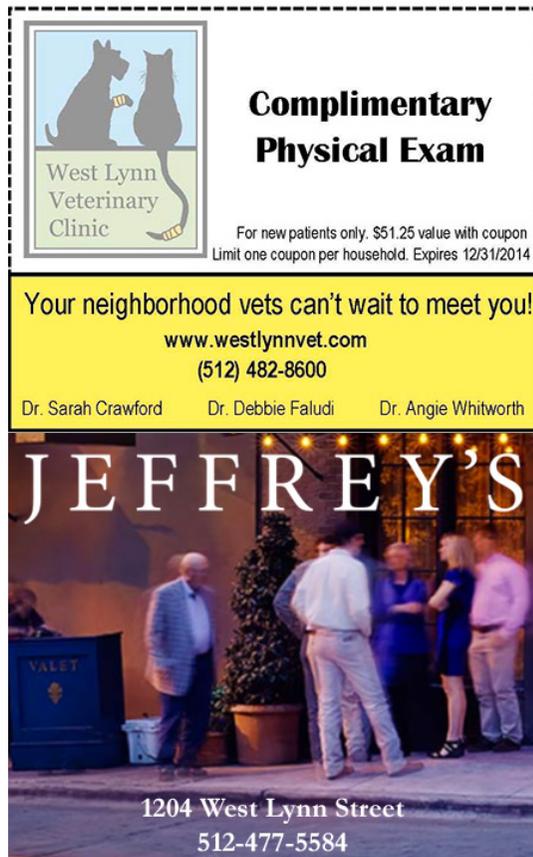


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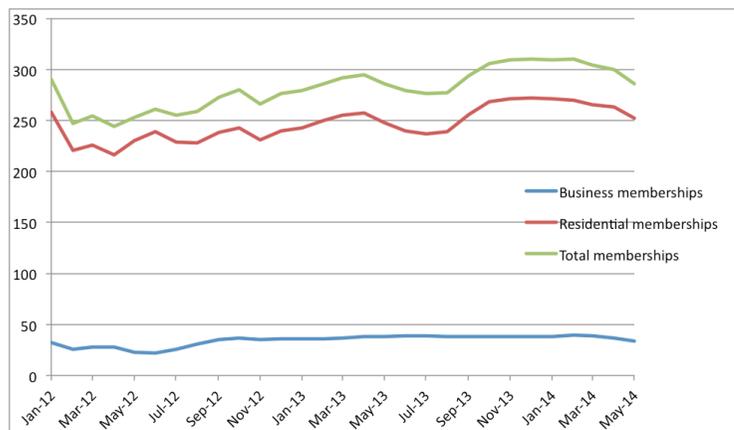
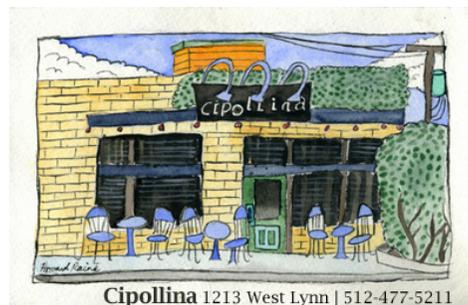
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## Call for Art: Pressler Street Extension Project

The City of Austin Art in Public Places program has an artwork opportunity associated with the Pressler Street Extension Project. The artwork opportunity is wide open at this point. Find out more about the opportunity on the City's AIPP Opportunities page. (<http://austintexas.gov/departments/aipp-opportunities>)

Project manager Sue Lambe will discuss the Request for Qualifications and next steps at the OWANA quarterly meeting on June 3rd. She will be requesting a volunteer to be an advisor to the selection panel charged with selecting an artist or artist team. Please share this opportunity with Texas public artists, or Texas artists interested in working in the public realm.

Feel free to contact Sue with any questions at 512-974-7852 or email her at [susan.lambe@austintexas.gov](mailto:susan.lambe@austintexas.gov) (<mailto:susan.lambe@austintexas.gov>)



## June Membership Report

In January OWANA had 310 residential and business members. At the end of April, we had 286, a 7.7% drop. OWANA knits our neighborhood together and is the only place to discuss important neighborhood concerns and issues which affect all of us.

So please ask your neighbors and/or local businesses to join OWANA. Send them to [www.owana.org/#join](http://www.owana.org/#join)

(<http://www.owana.org/#join>) where residents can join online and business can download an application form. Thanks for being an ambassador for OWANA!

*George Warmingham*  
*Membership Chair*

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