



March 2016

Letter from the Chair

Let me start with a big thanks to **Paul Seals**, who has served as Chair Extraordinaire for so many years we've lost count. We'll begin our March meeting by recognizing him for his generous service to our neighborhood. We are so appreciative and all very hopeful he will choose to remain involved.

2016 will be an exciting year for OWANA, and we hope you'll get involved as well. We're celebrating the 100-year birthday of Mathews Elementary and making plans for the future of Lamar Beach, the 65 acres along Lady Bird Lake between Mopac and the YMCA. As always, there will be lively debates about the history and the future of Old West Austin.

At our March 1st meeting, a group of Mathews students will pitch ideas for OWANA to sponsor during the 100-year celebration of our beloved elementary school. We'll talk about plans for the northern shore of Lady Bird Lake that could include relocating Cesar Chavez Street. Denise Younger will update us on streets that may be moving toward residential permit parking. Historic preservation and zoning cases, as always, need your input.

Hope to see you at the meetings and in the neighborhood. If you prefer email, you can contact me at smarks.austin@gmail.com or the group with the Yahoo Groups email list (see www.owana.org). Maybe we'll even turn to texting and tweeting this year. Whatever the forum, let's keep improving Old West Austin so that the kids running around this neighborhood will love living here with their kids decades from now.

Scott Marks, Chair



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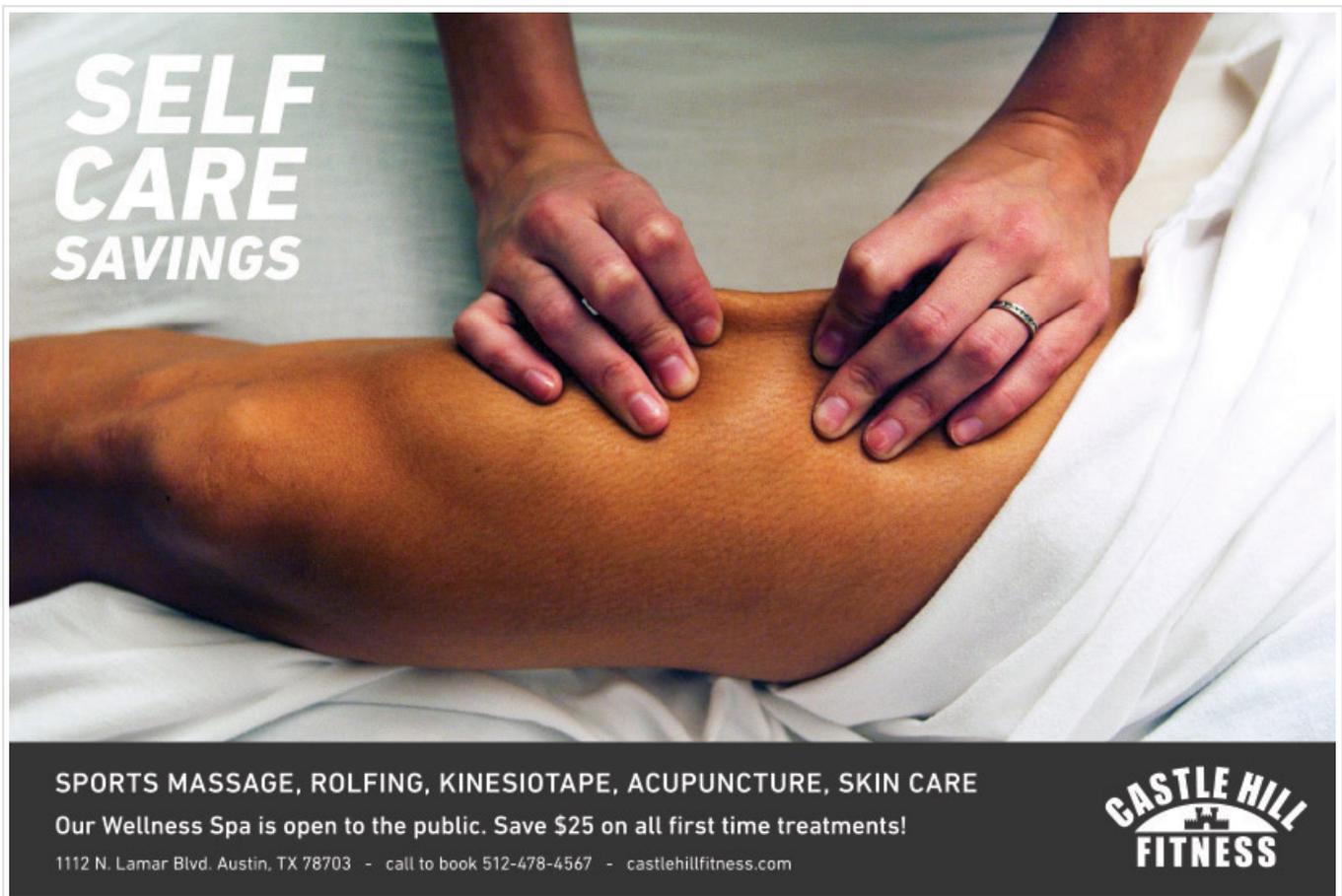
March 2016 Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 1 - 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 – Scott Marks (7:00)
- III. Approval of Minutes (7:05)
- IV. Recognition of Paul Seals, Chair Extraordinaire (7:05 – 7:10)
- V. Treasurers Report (7:10-7:15)
- VI. Discussion of Mathews 100-year birthday sponsorship opportunities – Mathews students (7:15 – 7:20)
- VII. Update on Residential Parking Permits—Pressler, Oakland, Highland (7:45-7:50)
- VIII. Update on Lamar Beach Master Planning (7:30-7:45)
- IX. Steering Committee Vacancy
- X. Approval of Certain Annual Expenditures
- XI. Committee Reports
 - A. Zoning Committee Report - Rosemary Merriam
 - B. Parks and Greenspaces - Joey Kazzoun
 - C. Historic Preservation - Shawn Shillington
 - D. Public Safety and Transportation - Mike Sullivan
 - E. Affordable Housing - Scott Marks
 - F. Membership - George Warmingham
 - G. Community Events - Christy Butler
- XII. Administrative and Organization Issues
- XIII. Other Business and Announcements
- XIV. Adjourn

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



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Updates: Mopac & Lamar Beach

Mopac

Beginning Saturday morning, February 20, 2016, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority will be temporarily reducing northbound State Loop 1 (MoPac) from three lanes to two lanes between Lady Bird Lake and Enfield Road. The lane reduction is needed to create space for workers to begin excavating an underpass that will allow drivers leaving downtown Austin on Cesar Chavez Street to access the new northbound Express Lane.

In addition to the lane reduction, crews will be realigning the two northbound lanes as they come off the Lady Bird Lake Bridge. The realignment will require drivers to navigate a curve. An advisory speed limit of 50 mph will be posted. Drivers are urged to slow down and use caution when passing through the area.

Construction of the express lane underpass is expected to take at least six months. Once work is complete, northbound MoPac will return to its original three lane configuration.

Additional information can be found in the [Mopac Realignment Fact Sheet](#)

<http://www.owana.org/newsletters/2016-march/Mopac-NB-Express-Lane-Fact-Sheet.pdf>) [pdf].

For more information about the ongoing MoPac Improvement Project visit www.MopacExpress.com (www.MopacExpress.com).

Lamar Beach

The Lamar Beach Master Plan process started this past August 2015. A draft master plan is anticipated in March 2016, and a final master plan is anticipated in May 2016.

A public engagement phase will be incorporated into the master planning process:

- Meeting #1: Vision Workshop – Wednesday, October 14, 2015 ([View the Vision Workshop Presentation \(https://designworkshop.box.com/s/q678bofvvsbiuhikgq2bjlmkhh6firork\)](https://designworkshop.box.com/s/q678bofvvsbiuhikgq2bjlmkhh6firork))
- Meeting #2: Alternatives Workshop – Tuesday, December 15, 2015 ([Watch the webinar \(https://designworkshop.app.box.com/s/vnqdsfwf58gsq26b8p4cdoy3yy2nzano\)](https://designworkshop.app.box.com/s/vnqdsfwf58gsq26b8p4cdoy3yy2nzano))
- Meeting #3: Recommendations Workshop – Wednesday, January 27, 2015 ([Watch the webinar \(https://designworkshop.box.com/s/m33uovhpc86j5gpykrbn6dfyuresieb\)](https://designworkshop.box.com/s/m33uovhpc86j5gpykrbn6dfyuresieb))

The feedback survey results from each meeting and more information on the master plan process can be found on the [City's Lamar Beach page \(https://austintexas.gov/department/lamar-beach-master-plan\)](https://austintexas.gov/department/lamar-beach-master-plan).



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What is the Zoning Committee & What Does It Do?

The OWANA zoning committee was established to support the goals of the Old West Austin Neighborhood Plan to protect residential properties and the residential core of Old West Austin and Clarksville. The Zoning Committee reviews all projects that require zoning changes or other types of permits. The chair sends out all permit notices received from the City of Austin to OWANA members on the list serv. This how all OWANA neighbors are kept informed on projects happening in their neighborhood. The Zoning Committee either contacts applicants directly who then are asked to attend a zoning committee meeting to share their plans or members of the committee are contacted by owners/developers who ask for a meeting.

The committee meets monthly to review all permitted projects and zoning change requests within the OWANA boundaries. The committee works with individual applicants to provide feedback on projects and inform applicants on the goals of the association. The committee acts as an informational source for the applicant and avoids taking adversarial positions on projects whenever possible.

In 2003 OWANA spearheaded the designation of our neighborhood as a National Historic Register District. As part of this effort, all properties within OWANA were researched and classified as either contributing or non-contributing to the Historic District. Therefore, a primary goal of the Zoning Committee is to protect the historic housing stock of contributing properties to ensure that OWANA maintains its National Register status under federal law.

The Zoning Committee also facilitates interaction among project applicants, nearby property owners, and city staff. The goal of the Zoning Committee is to find workable solutions that respect the historic fabric and streetscape of the neighborhood.

The Zoning Committee meets one a month or more if needed. Also members may attend a variety of city meetings including the Historic Landmark Commission, the Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, and the Austin City Council whenever neighborhood projects are up for review or when the City is considering major land use policy initiatives. The re-writing of Austin's land use code, Code Next, for example, would fall into this category.

For questions regarding permit notices, residents of OWANA can contact zoning committee members:

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Zoning Report

February 2016

611 West Lynn - Case #NRD-2015-0112 - Proposed demolition permit. Postponed at the applicant's request at the November 16 HLC meeting. City staff recommends historic zoning. At January 25 HLC meeting, commissioners voted to initiate historic zoning. Postponed until March 28 HLC meeting at applicant's request. *Case is ongoing.*

812 Theresa - Case #NRD 2015-0135 - Proposed demolition permit. Owner met with the Zoning Committee and heard objections to demoing the house and suggestions for applying for a partial demo. He later e-mailed and said that because of the neighborhood's opposition he was postponing until February 22 Historic Landmark Commission meeting. Owner requested another postponement until HLC meeting on March 28. *Case is ongoing.*

806 Baylor - Case #NRD 2015-121233 - Restore the original appearance of the house; construct new rear addition. Proposal approved on consent calendar at February 22 HLC meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

716 Patterson - Case #NRD 2016-145208 - Remodel and addition. Approved on consent calendar of Historic Landmark Commission at February 22 meeting. *Case is ongoing.*



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710 Augusta - Case # NRD 2015-0750668 – New construction-subdivision requesting zoning change from SF4A to SF3 in order to build a duplex. Case will be heard at March at BOA hearing *Case is ongoing*.

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608 Baylor Street - Case #NRD 2016-000020 - A variance is requested to reduce side yard setback in order to install two rainwater collection tanks. Scheduled to go before the Board of Adjustment on March 7. *Case ongoing*.



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Upcoming CCDC Events

The CCDC has two really fun events coming up in May. One has become a super popular annual tradition and the other is something new.

Family Fun Fest

The CCDC's annual Family Fun Fest will happen this year on Sunday, May 15 from 1-5pm. And, we are excited to announce that there will be some changes to this year's Fest that we think you will like: a new pony ride company; a new photo booth that will include GIFs that you can download immediately to your social media sites or your email address; a new clown, who will also provide entertainment during the last hour of the Fest (He used to work for Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus and was voted "Favorite Kids Entertainer" by readers of Austin Family Magazine); and some new food options.

Clarksville History Scavenger Hunt

Then, on Saturday morning May 21, the CCDC and Preservation Austin will host Clarksville History Scavenger Hunt. The Hunt will be a fun way for kids (and their parents too) to learn about the fascinating history of Clarksville, participate in fun activities, and maybe even win a cool prize.

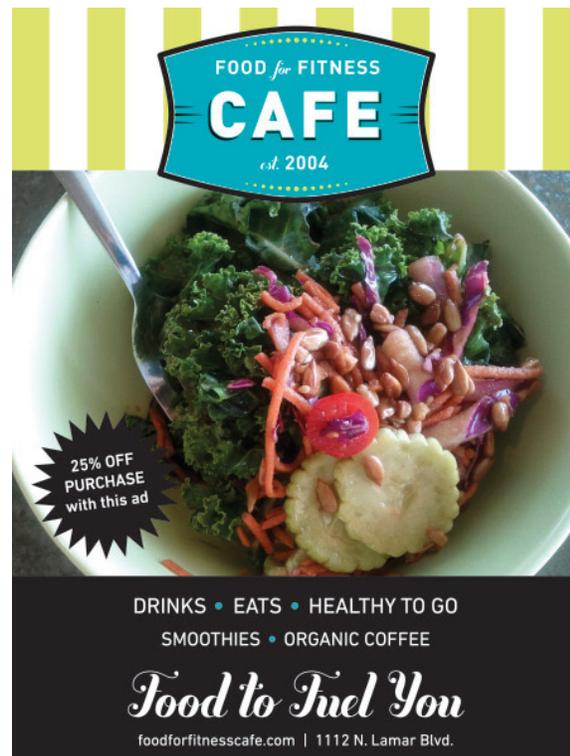
We will be distributing fliers door-to-door within Clarksville about both events, posting info on neighborhood list serves and emailing people closer to the dates. However, we want to give you plenty of advance notice so you can pencil in the dates for both events on your calendars.

Questions? Get in touch: Mary Reed at mrpraustin@gmail.com

P.S. We need volunteers for both events. So if you want to help out at either or both, let me know. We cannot do these events without helpers. Even an hour of your time would make a big difference.



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2016 Membership Report

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Residential memberships	274	279									
Business memberships	31	32									
Total memberships percent change from previous month	305 (0%)	311 (+2%)									

Keep reminding your neighbors and the local businesses you frequent to join OWANA. Send them to www.owana.org/#join (<http://www.owana.org/#join>) where residents can join online and business can download an application form.

Thanks for your continued support and participation.

George Warmingham
Membership Chair

Join OWANA Yahoo Discussion Group

Keep in touch with your neighbors by joining the Yahoo discussion group moderated by OWANA.

If you would like to join please go to groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/ (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/>), click "Join This Group!" and follow the instructions.

If you have any difficulties, please contact George Warmingham at oldwestaustin@gmail.com (<mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com>).

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