

**Old West Austin Neighborhood Association Regular Steering Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 5, 2004  
Clarksville Community Neighborhood Center  
Minutes**

**\*Next Meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup>, CCNC, 6:30 p.m.\***

**1) Welcome and Introductions**

\* SC ATTENDING (11; quorum = 7): Jake Billingsley, Robin Carter, Steve Colburn, Paula Gruber, Jim Kaighin, Greg Leitich, Linda MacNeilage, Chris Schoerre, Kammi Siemens, Saralyn Stewart, Gene Waugh

\* SC NOT ATTENDING (1): Sarah Uribe

\* OTHERS (5): Margaret Bruch (presiding), Barbara Stroud, Nancy Toelle, Katie O'Neill, Laura Morrison

Margaret Bruch, the outgoing President, called the meeting to order at 6:40. Our neighborhood association was fortunate to have several dedicated out-going members present at the meeting and will be reaping the benefits of their hard work in the months to come. Packets were handed out to attendees explaining the roles and responsibilities of all officers, functional positions, and subcommittees in anticipation of electing new members. ACTION ITEM: Margaret will send links to the neighborhood association website, the neighborhood plan, bylaws, lists of all steering committee members with addresses and e-mail, and other helpful information.

**2) Elections and Meeting Format**

MOTION: The OWANA Steering Committee moved to elect incoming officers.

- Chair – Linda MacNeilage (passed unanimously)
- Vice Chair – Steve Colburn (passed unanimously)
- Secretary – Kammi Siemens (passed unanimously)
- Treasurer – Sarah Uribe (elected and passed unanimously in absentia)

Discussion: Steering committee meetings will be held the first Monday of every month from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Meeting location will be the Clarksville neighborhood center in February and possibly in private homes on a voluntary basis after that time. General membership meetings will be held quarterly from 7-9:00 pm and will continue to be held at Matthews Elementary School. ACTION ITEM: Both of these locations need to be paid for their use and meeting locations posted in newsletter.

**3) Calendar Committee Report (Nancy Toelle)**

The calendar committee successfully raised \$5,000 in its first year. Goal for this year is \$3-5,000 which they are close to reaching. Funds will be applied to the historic preservation application to the National Historic District. Last calendar sales are Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> in front of BookPeople.

**4) Zoning and Platting Committee Report (Steve Colburn)**

The neighborhood appears united in containing to the areas defined in our neighborhood plan as limiting large, new multi-dwelling construction in the area. We were successful in avoiding demolition and initiating full wins for historic zoning at 609 and 611 West Lynn. A parking variance has been requested by a property owner for 1401 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. ACTION ITEM: Jake Billingsley will draft a letter from the OWANA Steering Committee about sidewalk landscaping at 1710 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. reiterating what the Landowner previously agreed to do, when it was agreed, and what has been accomplished to date. The letter will include any pertinent details regarding changes to the administrative waiver process

regarding sidewalks and other public amenities at this site. The letter will be sent to the incoming Chair and Vice Chair.

A Zoning and Platting meeting will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> to re-address the Nokonah request to change the zoning on the ground floor to accommodate offices and pedestrian-oriented uses as well as the retail activities previously allowed. Committee members were asked to attend and show support for the neighborhood. MOTION: (passed unanimously) "OWANA Steering Committee requests a postponement of the action item scheduled for the 1/6 meeting until two weeks after the minutes of the last Zoning and Platting meeting become public." ACTION ITEM: Laura Morrison will send a letter from the incoming Chair, Linda MacNeilage. The letter will reference the breach of procedure at the last Zoning & Platting meeting, in which the issues was re-opened after the meeting's tie vote was registered, as one reason to request a postponement. Outgoing Co-Chair, Barbara Stroud, will send a second letter referencing the OWANA General Membership vote opposing the Nokonah request for a zoning change (retail to office and pedestrian-oriented uses on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

There will be another meeting of the Historic Landmark Commission on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., One Texas Center, 505 Barton Springs Rd. (3rd Floor Training Room) to vote on Historic Landmark designation for and/or discuss demolishing the three houses at 802/4/& 6 West Lynn St. If they are not declared Historic Landmarks, they will be demolished with the new owners stating they will build duplexes there.

#### **5) Membership Committee Report (Saralyn Stewart)**

Approximately 170 households are current OWANA members. A .PDF membership form is on the OWANA website, dues are now \$20. ACTION ITEM: Terry Goode will change previous figure from \$15.00 to \$20.00 on website. Goal: increase the number of business memberships, which are \$50.00. ACTION ITEM: All steering committee members are asked to identify any businesses nearby who could be asked to join OWANA. Incentives could include ad or space in the newsletter, signage identifying them as an OWANA member. Business members, do not have voting capability as this is reserved for residents within the OWANA geography. ACTION ITEM: Members of the membership committee will look at creating varying levels of business membership with different incentives for each at increasing costs of membership.

#### **6) Miscellaneous**

Katie O'Neill is currently the OWANA representative at the Austin Neighborhood Council and at the West End Austin Alliance. Representation will be shifted to Laura Morrison, with Katie serving as back-up. Laura will continue to manage the e-group. Linda MacNeilage asked Margaret Bruch what progress had been made in the application for National Register Historic District by Terri Myers of Preservation Central. Margaret reported that nothing had been done. For future discussion: should OWANA reinstate its 501 (c) (3) status?

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by Kammi Siemens, Secretary.