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June 2011



Letter From the Chair

Like summer days, some interesting issues are heating up in the neighborhood. I invite you to attend and participate in the general membership meeting on June 7th at Mathews. Your input is not only solicited but sincerely appreciated.

We will have an update on MoPac. The status of the Managed Lanes project and related Direct Connect will be presented. How will the impact of these projects on our neighborhood be mitigated? There are a number of opportunities for us to participate and impact decisions. We need to ensure that our voices are heard in the decision-making process.

Related to the MoPac, particularly the Direct Connect component, we will have an update on our on-going visioning project for the 5th/6th Street Corridor. Again, the stakeholders in the neighborhood are invited to participate in this process to create a vision and plan for this significant gateway to our neighborhood.

At the June meeting, we will discuss a plan for the disposition of the \$300,000 in affordable housing funds that OWANA received as part of the Pressler Project several years ago. The Steering Committee will present to the general membership for consideration a proposal for the use of these funds. This is intended to be a discussion item to get substantive input of the general membership prior to any final approval at a subsequent general membership meeting.

Finally, on the good news front, we all are looking forward to the upcoming official opening of the new swimming pool in West Austin Park. Please come to the meeting and get an update on the pool as well as other related park activities.

What neighborhood issues are most important to you? Come to the meeting, join OWANA, and volunteer in any capacity to help maintain and enhance the unique character and quality of our neighborhood.

See you at Mathews on June 7th.

Paul

Splash Pad Now Open

It sure feels like summer out there, and fortunately the splash pad is now open! Please come on over and have some fun!

The hours are 9am-8pm seven days a week through September 12. To turn the water on, hit the big button on the largest section of the rainbow. The water will cycle on for 20 minutes at a time.

The support posts for the new shade canopy over the splash pad were recently installed. Work crews will take final measurements after the posts are set, then manufacture and install the canopies in during the next 2-3 weeks.

Affordable Housing Funds Update

It is time to put the affordable housing funds given by The Gables to OWANA to work in our neighborhood. The funds have been in escrow since 2009. The unique challenge has been how to perpetuate the funds (\$300,000) so that the neighborhood benefits and affordable places to live in our cool neighborhood are generated.

While \$300,000 does not buy much land in our neighborhood, it can be creatively applied to promote affordable housing within OWANA boundaries. The challenge is how we apply the \$300,000. Do we offer loans, grants, vouchers? How do we assure affordable rates if funds are used for alley flats? What other ways can the funds be used for affordable housing within the OWANA boundaries?

The escrow agreement between Gables and OWANA provides for a designee of the funds to be proposed by OWANA and approved by Gables. PeopleTrust, the mortgage lending/affordable housing development subsidiary of PeopleFund, has been suggested as the management entity for the affordable housing funds. Are there are other Austin entities with expertise and interest that can manage the \$300,000?

The questions above have been explored at length and will be discussed at the General Membership meeting June 7. **If you would like more information and/or would like to offer a viable suggestion for the affordable housing funds, contact Scott Marks at SMarks@coatsrose.com and Christine Buendel at c_buendel@yahoo.com before the June 7 General Membership meeting.**

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It will take only a few minutes for you to copy and paste this link www.owana.org/join into an email and send it to a couple of your friends and/or businesses who are not members. Our memberships are very reasonable, starting at only \$20/yr for residents and \$50/yr for businesses. Resident members within the OWANA boundaries are entitled to vote at our General Membership Meeting and business members get to advertise in the quarterly newsletter. So let your friends and businesses know what a great opportunity OWANA membership is. Thank you so much for helping OWANA!

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June General Membership Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 - 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM

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

- I. Registration and Social Gathering (6:45 – 7:00)
- II. Call to Order -- Paul Seals (7:00)
- III. Approval of Minutes (7:05)
- IV. Update on MoPac: Managed Lanes and Direct Connect – Mike Sullivan (7:05 – 7:15)
- V. Update on OWANA affordable housing funds and proposed disposition (no final action to be taken) Scott Marks, Christine Buendel, and Kelly Weiss (People Trust, People Fund) (7:15 – 7:35)
- VI. Discussion of 5th/6th St. Corridor Initiative – Laura Porcaro (7:40 – 7:50)
- VII. Austin Neighborhood Council Update and Consideration of any ANC Resolutions – (7:50 – 7:55)
- VIII. Consideration of use of OWANA Zoning Funds to provide fee assistance for downzoning properties from MF3 to SF3 – Laura Porcaro (7:55 – 8:00)
- IX. Committee Presentations and Reports
 - A. Zoning Committee Report - Larry Halford
Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed
 - B. Parks and Greenspaces – Marion Cimbala
 - C. Historic Preservation –
 - D. Public Safety and Transportation – Mike Sullivan
 - E. Affordable Housing – Christine Buendel
 - F. Membership – George Warmingham
 - G. Community Events – Christine Buendel
 - H. Bylaws – Kurt Sauer
- X. Administrative and Organization Issues
 - A. Treasure’s Report – Brooke Bailey
 - B. OWANA Website Update – Christopher Rankin
 - C. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- XI. Other Business and Announcements
- XII. Adjourn

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

June 2011 Zoning Report

1007 Blanco

Proposal is to waive the Castle Hill Local Historic District Design Standards to allow garage at front of new structure. Staff recommendation is to approve the waiver contingent upon HLC review of final design. We asked Dick Clark the applicant to postpone so the city could send out proper notification of public hearing and the zoning committee could meet with him for review of plans.

708 Patterson

Buass House Historic Landmark C14H-1978-0047

Proposal to demolish the rear addition, construct a new addition, rehabilitate the original structure. Staff recommendation is to approve the application as proposed with the recommendation that existing window sashes be repaired when possible. Zoning and nearby neighbors met the architect at the property to review plans. All comments favorable and in support of the project. Neighbors asked to move the carport to West side of property and architect will incorporate suggestion into the site plan. HLC approved on consent on 5/23/11.

Third Base

Owners applied for an Outside Music Venue Permit to make them compliant with new regulations on outdoor TV speakers. Four years ago a Restrictive Covenant with OWANA stated outside TVs were allowed in lieu of late night hours. Third Base has now applied for a LATE NIGHT BEVERAGE PERMIT which would allow alcohol sales until 2AM Thursday-Saturday and until midnight Sunday-Wednesday. Nearby neighbors met with owner to discuss options to mitigate noise impact to neighborhood. Still negotiating terms to see if a compromise could be reached before moving forward with opposition.

1204 W. 9th Street C15-2011-0022

The owner and the applicant came together with zoning committee on the night of April 11th at the BOA. Owner offered a 15 ft front yard and backyard setback regardless of the outcome as long as the applicant opposing dropped any future appeal. All parties agreed, the BOA voted to pass the appeal and stated the city was incorrect in their assessment of the front and rear addresses. The city may appeal the BOAs decision, but win win for the neighborhood.

711 Brownlee Circle (West Line) NRD-2010-0115

Construct a new single-family house and relocate the existing ca. 1951 house. The relocation permit was approved by the HLC on 4/25/11 and the commission previously reviewed the replacement structure plans in 2010.

Enfield – Pleiades Condo – Pease Place

Zoning Committee met with developer and architects to review site plan. No variances are needed and the 25 unit MF condos are expected to be completed in October. Total building is 35,000 sq feet, 40 feet in height, stucco, native stone, grey metal exterior. They imagine an intimate, quaint MF project that is semi-urban lifestyle with a sense of neighborhood targeting 30-70s no kids. Green building project with recycled carpets and bamboo floors. \$150K-\$395K for studios to 2 bedrooms. They will wrap sidewalk around Pease Rd side so neighbors can walk to Enfield.

1108 W. 9th Street

C14H-1978-0051 – Brass-Goddard House, Proposal: Construct a new garage addition; remodel the rear addition; construct a screened porch. HLC Granted the Certificate of Appropriateness as proposed.

801 Highland Avenue

C14H-2008-0019 – Blondie Pharr House

Proposal: Raise the house 28", demolish the existing garage and rear addition; construct a new rear garage addition; replace windows; construct an elevated front porch; construct a new chimney. HLC granted the Certificate of Appropriateness with the recommendation that the applicant consider a brick chimney for greater compatibility with the historic character of the house.

802 Blanco Street

LHD-2011-0004 –Caste Hill Local Historic Distric

Proposal: Construct an addition to the rear of the 2nd story of the porte-cochere. HLC granted the Certificate of Appropriateness with the recommendation that the applicant incorporate a vertical board or other visual separation between the new and existing construction per the Castle Hill Local Historic District Design Standards.

Zoning, cont.

1716 Palma Plaza
NRD-2011-0017 (Old West
Austin)

Proposal: Construct a new full-width addition across the back of the house. HLC accepted staff recommendation to delineate between the original house and the addition.

700 Oakland Ave

Demolition completed of burned out duplex from fire in 2007. MF3 structure was a boarded up for 3 years, so neighbors are inquiring. Property is under new ownership and indicated they will apply for building permit to construct a single family craftsman style home instead of multi family structure that previous owner proposed.

1315 W. 6th Street West End Bistro

Site plan approved but project may not go forward.

1211 Lorrain St NRD-2010-0162 (Contributing, MF3)

Add a second story and construct a new guest house in the rear. Project under construction.

Suggested Admendments to OWANA Bylaws

The following admendments are available for review and discussion at the June general membership meeting. A vote on these admendments will be taken at the September general membership meeting.

Article V. Meetings of the Membership

4. All annual, regular, and special meetings of the members shall require notice specifying date, time, place and agenda as known. Such notice shall be delivered to each member household not less than 7 days nor more than 30 days prior to the meeting. All such notices shall be posted on the OWANA website and also delivered to the members by email, by inclusion in the OWANA newsletter, or by U.S. Mail.

Article VI. Steering Committee

5. The Steering Committee shall hold regular meetings each month in which a regular meeting of the membership is not scheduled, at a time and place designated by the Steering Committee. Notice of the time and place shall be published on the OWANA website or in the newsletter of The Association not less than 7 days prior to the meeting.

6. Special meetings of the Steering Committee may be called by the Chairperson or by any four of its members. There shall be at least 48 hours notice of a special meeting to all Steering Committee members, which notice shall be posted on the OWANA website and also given by email or telephone call to all Steering Committee members.

Article VII. Officers

3. c. c. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the membership and the Steering Committee. Approved minutes of Steering Committee and draft general membership meetings shall be posted for review on the OWANA website prior to the next general membership meeting. The Secretary shall, with the Chairperson (or Co-Chairs), be responsible for providing the required notices for meetings to all members. In the absence of both the Chairperson (or both Co-Chairs), and Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary shall call the meeting to order, ask for nominations for a Chair pro tem, and conduct an election.

Article VIII. Committees

1. Members of standing committees shall be elected each year by the Steering Committee as soon as possible after the annual meeting. Members shall be selected from the general membership and from the Steering Committee and the members of the standing committees shall be identified on the OWANA website. Each standing committee shall select a chairperson from among its members.

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Parks Update

West Austin Park Update

As the temperature hit 100 degrees on May 25th weren't you thinking wouldn't it be nice to take a dip in the pool?! Well, that time has arrived. The pool will be opening up for business on June 7, so come take a dip before the neighborhood meeting. The regular hours will be: Tues-Fri 4-8 p.m. and Sat-Sun 2:30-7 p.m. through August 20. Since the pool is now on a circulating system the 30 minute chlorine breaks are a thing of the past.

Come celebrate the new pool on Splash Day – June 11th. There will be family friendly events, and a movie. Games include a watermelon scramble, penny diving and some goofy relays. There is a rumor that the moms will perform their synchronized swimming routine, you don't want to miss that! The movie will be something fun and it will start around dusk. Thanks to BJ and Carrie Heinley for making the movie happen. Bring a picnic dinner and join us!

The pool isn't the only thing happening at the park:

- The pea gravel in the playground has been replaced by engineered wood mulch which is sustainable, non-toxic, ADA compliant and splinter free;
- The Friends of the West Austin Park are working on a grant to get the bathroom building re-roofed and repaired;
- The infrastructure of the stone walls is being assessed so that we can determine what repairs are needed;
- There will be a day to plant shade foliage around the pool; and
- There will be another work day in the park to help with mulch, watering and perhaps removal of parts of the backstop.

Of course the ultimate summer time event will be the July 4th in the park. Keep an eye on the OWANA list serve for more details.

Mary Baylor Park Update

The Splash Pad is open! Come play and cool off. The hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week through September 12. To turn the water on, hit the big button on the largest section of the rainbow. The water will cycle on for 20 minutes at a time.

You will notice some new posts near the splash pad and those are the support poles for the new shade canopy! The installation will be completed during the next 2-3 weeks. A huge thanks to neighbor Brooke Bailey for her efforts to get us some shade!

Thanks also to Sandy Cartwright for organizing a watering schedule to keep the grass and trees alive during what is sure to be one of our hottest summers ever.

Have fun. Enjoy our parks!

For more information about anything mentioned here contact Marion Cimballa at marioncimballa@sbcglobal.net.



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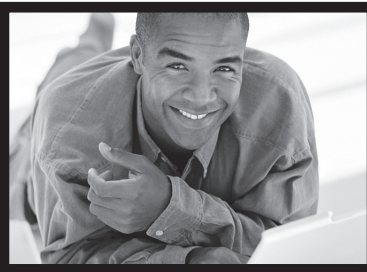
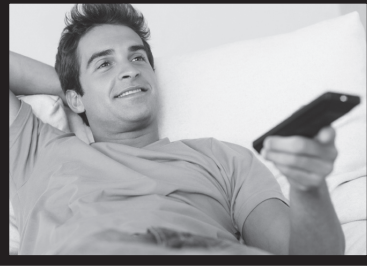
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