



September 2007

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Paul Seals, 2007 Chair, OWANA Steering Committee

School Days

As we start a new school year, we must reflect on the importance of a neighborhood school to the vitality and character of a neighborhood. Mathews Elementary is an integral part of our neighborhood. My daughter, Anna, was at Mathews, when it celebrated its 75th anniversary. Now, as recent college

graduate, she will be working there with another generation of students. Maintaining and enhancing the neighborhood so that it is attractive to families with school-age children is one of the over-arching goals of our neighborhood plan. Watching student and parents walking to Mathews reinforces the livability of our neighborhood.

On the periphery of the residential core, the neighborhood is facing the development of commercial projects. With a number of them, the neighborhood has been successful in encouraging mixed-use, consistent with our neighborhood plan. These developments are a mixture of retail and residential uses. Our plan encourages a 3 to 1 ratio of residential to commercial uses. We urge the incorporation of "family-sized" residential units and we work to encourage neighborhood-friendly and pedestrian-friendly retail uses in these projects. Currently under construction is the 5th Street Commons Project on the south side of 5th Street. Next for construction will be the development at 5th and Pressler. In both of these developments, we have encouraged the incorporation of residential units designed for families. We are currently in similar discussions with developers of The Castle and adjacent properties.

It is in the best interests of Mathews and the neighborhood that we work with developers to maintain and enhance the integrity, diversity and character of the neighborhood by encouraging mixed-use developments with lower mass and intensity of the retail uses in lieu of large "destination" commercial uses. Development is not going away. Our challenge is to fight, direct, encourage or do whatever it takes to ensure that developments are assets to the neighborhood.

See you at the general membership meeting, Tuesday, September 4.

Paul Seals

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UPDATE ON CITY'S PLAN TO MOVE THE ANIMAL SHELTER

OWANA joined the GoValle/Johnston Terrace Neighborhood Planning Team, PODER, and the following neighborhood associations: River Bluff, Springdale, Gardens, Terrace/Boggy Creek, Grove, Tillery Square, Brook, Stuart Circle and TANK Community Coalition in calling for a 60 day moratorium on any action relating to furtherance of relocating the animal shelter. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO FIXAUSTIN.ORG

WEST AUSTIN DOG PARK RENOVATION

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As you have probably noticed the renovation and new landscaping of the West Austin Dog Park are complete. We are really pleased with the amazing work that Tracen Gardner and DirtCo have done, it has completely transformed that part of the park and will certainly be a big help in preventing further erosion. Dogs, dog owners, and folks who use West Austin Park are very pleased with the results.

The Canine Social Club, a volunteer organization of dog owners and friends of dogs, financed this project by raising \$12,700.00 through fundraising events and a grant from Austin Parks Foundation. Because of the many restrictions that the city put upon the project and the weather, we now find that the project has cost more than we raised. We would like to be able to pay DirtCo in full. The project is about \$3,000.00 over in cost. **The Canine Social Club is planning a fundraiser/ opening celebration for Saturday, September 29th**, which will include a 'progressive party' at neighboring homes around the park, a silent auction/rummage sale, and a ribbon cutting. The Canine Social Club invites everyone in the neighborhood and friends to attend. Watch for our flyers and your email for more information on the event. We are also requesting support from OWANA to help us raise the needed funds. This is of course, one of our neighborhood parks and these renovations have enhanced the aesthetics of the park a great deal. We would like to request that OWANA support this project in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Thanks to all for your support.

Marjorie Moore for the Canine Social Club
Email Marjorie Moore at majmoore@grandecom.net.

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TREES FOR OWANA – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You have heard about the free tree program and now it is time to get more organized.

We will be having a block walk on **Sat. Sept 8** to hang information packets on doors. These "door hangers" will provide the program info and a mail in post card for residents to indicate their interest in receiving a free tree to plant. On Sat, Oct 27, we will visit each requesting yard, review for suitability and mark the appropriate planting location. The trees will be delivered on Fri Nov 2 to Matthews Ele School and will be available for pickup by the residents on Sat Nov 3.

I am attaching a map of the neighborhood with 8 sections (Please see <http://www.arton5th.com/OWANA/Aug07/Ads/owanaactmap-newlegend.jpg> for map). Captains have been identified for each section and will organize volunteers to canvass their area on Sept 8th. If you would like to help out with this worthwhile project, please contact your area captain or David Art (934-5290).

Thank you.
David Art

Captains

Section 1 - Beverly Dunn	478-2669	beverlyd@austin.rr.com
Section 2 - Brooke Bailey	391-1635	brooke_bailey@sbcglobal.net
Section 3 - Carrie Heinley	922-6294	carrie.heinley@gmail.com
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Section 5 - Marion Cimbala	476-6814	marioncimbala@sbcglobal.net (email preferred)
Section 6 - Paige Frederick-Pape	472-3181	pfred@austin.rr.com
Section 7 - Nancy Toelles	494-8658	nmt10@sbcglobal.net
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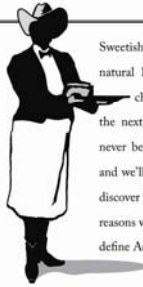

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ZONING REPORT

1214 W. 9th Street

The City made the determination that the building permit had been extended and therefore, the construction is legal. However, review of other permits indicated a citywide problem with misinformation made available through the newly implemented AMANDA program related to expired permits.

1300 Block of Woodlawn, Adjacent to 1631 Palma Plaza

After months of negotiations, a restrictive covenant was created that, among other restrictions, limits the number of units to be built; access to the units; and retention of the historically contributing structure on Palma Plaza. A separate agreement regarding a contribution to affordable housing was reached between CCDC and the new owners. The sale of the vacated right-of-way was heard by City Council on 6/21/07 and was approved unanimously. (Contact Jean if you would like to review the restrictive covenant.)

1621 and 1623 Enfield Road

Construction of the two 2-story condominium units has begun. The plans indicate a total of 6 units with ingress/egress off of Enfield. The construction of these units is within City Code and will not require variances. The Zoning Committee will continue to monitor this project.

Mean-Eyed Cat

City Council heard this case on 6/21/07 and voted to approve the change in use from "restaurant" to "cocktail lounge" for the tract of land occupied by the Mean-Eyed Cat.

1206 Lorrain Street

Members of the Zoning Committee met with concerned neighbors about the potential demolition of this historically contributing structure. The new owner has indicated that he would like to replace the duplex with 4 units. The Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) heard this case on 7/23/07 and voted unanimously to initiate historic zoning. City Staff will present their findings to the HLC on 8/27/07.

The Castle Project

Members of the Zoning Committee and concerned neighbors have met with the new owners and their agents on several occasions to discuss the proposed plans for this area. Lists of concerns and solutions have been generated and will be discussed and voted on at the 9/04/07 General Membership meeting.

1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, & 1108 Baylor Street

The prospective owner met with Zoning Committee members to discuss potential plans of constructing 20 to 25 "Garden Style" condominiums at these sites. The prospective owner is currently under contract to purchase 1100 and 1102 Baylor (closing in September) and is negotiating with the owners of the other structures at this time. The properties are currently zoned GO-NP and the owner would like to rezone to add MU. However, it was suggested that the properties be rezoned to MF-3 or MF-4 since the proposal is for residential use only. It was also strongly suggested that a soil-engineering test of the properties be conducted, as there are several underground springs in this area. There has been no further contact with the prospective new owner since the May meeting.

717 Brownlee Circle

The owner presented plans for development of 4 condominium units on this property to the Steering Committee on 5/7/07. Due to the slope of the property, the City was requiring that a rainwater runoff detention wall be built on the lowest point and this would need a compatibility setback variance in order to erect the 3' to 4'-high wall. The request was to be heard by the Board of Adjustment on 6/11/07 but was postponed to 7/09/07 due to opposition by an adjacent neighbor. Members of the Zoning Committee met with the owner and the neighbor and learned that the plans have been reconfigured and that a variance is no longer required and the Board of Adjustment application was withdrawn.

905 Theresa Avenue

The new owner requested a demolition permit for this historically contributing residence. The Historic Landmark Commission originally scheduled the hearing for 5/21/07, however, the case was twice postponed and the hearing occurred on 7/23/07. During that time, members of the Zoning Committee and CCDC met with the owner to discuss the future plans for the property. With input from Karen McGraw, an architect and historic preservationist, the owner has agreed to retain the front entry of the existing structure and incorporate it into the new construction of a 2-story residence. The Historic Landmark Commission heard the case on 7/23/07 and voted to approve the partial demolition of the structure. The Zoning Committee will continue to work with the new owner on this project.

September General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM

Matthews School Cafeteria, 906 West Lynn @ West 9th

Agenda

Registration and Social Gathering 6:45 PM – 7:00 PM

- I. Call to Order - Paul Seals 7:00 PM
 - II. Approval of Minutes – David Art 7:02 PM
 - III. Austin Police Department Neighborhood Discussion
Officer Kevin Covington 7:05 PM – 7:20 PM
 - IV. Development and rezoning proposals for “The Castle” and adjacent properties
- Jean Stevens 7:20 PM – 7:35 PM
 - V. Neighborhood Parks funding request and update Larry Halford
and Marjorie Moore 7:35 PM – 7:40 PM
 - VI. Austin Community Trees Update David Art 7:40 PM -7:45 PM
 - VII. OWA Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Report – Laura Morrison 7:45 PM
 - VIII. WEAA Meeting Report – Laura Morrison 7:50 PM
 - IX. Austin Neighborhoods Council Report – Linda MacNeilage 7:55 PM
 - X. Special Committee Reports 8:00 – 9:00 PM
 - A. Zoning and Land Use Committee – Jean Stevens
Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed
 - B. Membership and Fund-raising Committee – Chris Schorre
 - C. Public Safety & Transportation Committee – Richard McCown
 - E. Historic Preservation Committee – Brooke Bailey
 - XI. Administrative and Organization Issues 9:00 – 9:05
 - A. Treasure’s Report – Dan Grappe
 - B. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
 - XII. Other Business and Announcements 9:05 – 9:10 PM
 - XIII. Adjourn 9:10 PM
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Cipollina West Austin Bistro	1213 W Lynn St	http://www.cipollina-austin.com/
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Cowgirls & Flowers	508 Walsh	http://www.cowgirlsandflowers.com/
Creekside Whole Health Center		http://www.ekubala.com/location.htm
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Questions?

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