

OWANA OWL

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SEPTEMBER 2017

With Hurricane Harvey devastating Houston, Rockport, Port Aransas, and many other communities, it is difficult to concentrate on anything else. Most of us have friends or family affected by this historic disaster, and while we may continue to work on our little neighborhood, our thoughts, prayers, and hopes are primarily focused on Southeast Texas right now. Let's hope the disaster ends soon and the recovery is as speedy as humanly possible. We are also already seeing the same Austin generosity of spirit we saw after Katrina. Let's all do what we can to help those whose lives have been turned upside down.

This summer the OWANA steering committee stayed active. We sent [comments to the city on CodeNext version 1.0](#) (version 2.0 is to be released on September 15), the [Aquatic Master Plan](#), and [Historic Landmark Commission reform](#). We also held our first planning retreat, out at Lake Buchanan, and came up with some ideas for our group to become livelier, and to be more useful to us as neighbors.

This Thursday the city council was to hear Item 98, a reform of the voting requirement at the historic landmark commission. (It has been postponed at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Tovo.) While I realize this is a dry topic, important old buildings with significant architecture all over the city have been demolished in recent years because of a supermajority requirement at this commission. Our position is that a recommendation by this commission, which is all that it has the power to make, should not require a supermajority. If you have time, please join us at city hall on September 28 and sign up to show your support or testify in favor of Item 98.

At the September 5th general membership meeting, the Tuesday after Labor Day, Mayor Adler will join us for a discussion on the city's rewrite of the land development code, CodeNext. We may also discuss other hot topics with him if there's time. Denise Younger will present a proposal for a possible local historic district covering Pressler, Oakland, and Highland. Sean Williams will present some plans for Palma Plaza Park and Rick Cofer will present a proposal for OWANA to support the Pease Park Conservancy. We'll also try to talk briefly about the AISD bond proposal on the ballot this November. Finally, George Warmingham will have a drawing to give away ACL tickets.

Hope to see you all at our general membership meeting next Tuesday.

Scott Marks, Chair

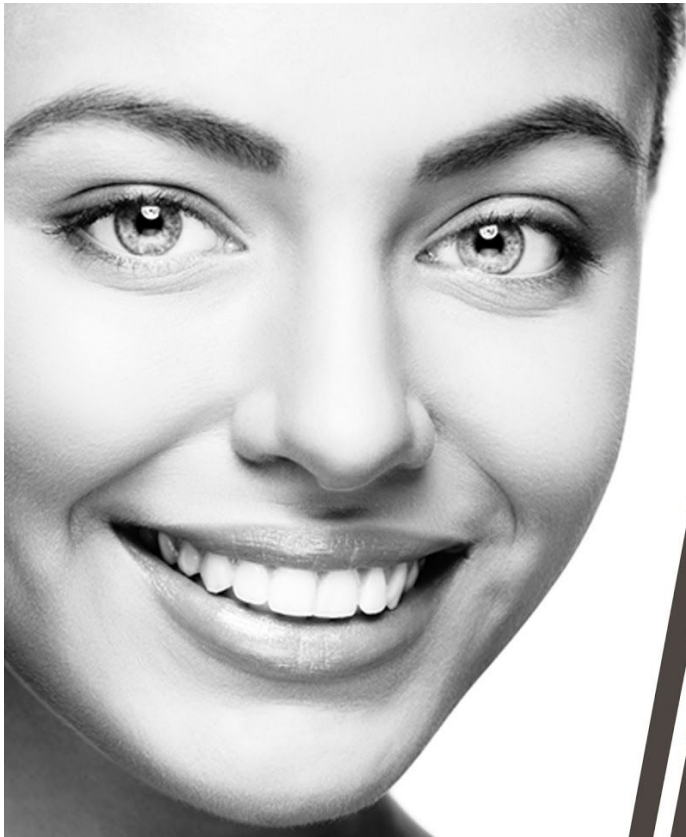
September 2017 General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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

- I. Call to Order—Scott Marks (7:00)
- II. Approval of Minutes—Sean Williams (7:05)
- III. Treasurer’s Report—Ted Barnhill (7:10-7:15)
- IV. Code Next discussion and debate with Mayor Adler (7:15-8:15)
- V. Local Historic District (Pressler/Highland/Oakland)—
Denise Younger (8:15-8:45)
- VI. Pease Park Conservancy—Rick Cofer (8:45-9:00)
- VII. Palma Plaza Park—Sean Williams (9:00-9:15)
- VIII. Committee Reports (9:15-9:30)
 - A. Zoning Committee Report – Rosemary Merriam
(including Historic Preservation with Shawn Shillington)
 - B. Community Events – Orlando Castillo/Kathleen Deaver/
Marjorie Moore
 - C. Public Safety and Transportation – Mike Sullivan
 - D. Affordable Housing – Scott Marks
 - E. Membership – George Warmingham **(ACL Tickets!)**
 - F. Steering Committee Nominations
- IX. Other Business and Announcements
- X. Adjourn

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



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But OWANA will hold a drawing for seven pairs of 3-day ACL tickets at our General Membership meeting on Tuesday, September 5.

So if you want a chance to win free tickets to Austin's best outdoor music event of the year, attend the OWANA meeting at Mathews School on September 5. To win you must be a current residential member of OWANA and be present at the meeting when we draw for tickets. Only one pair of tickets will be awarded per household.

Also, please note that we will NOT have an auction this year for additional 3-day tickets.

We hope to see you at the September meeting.

George Warmingham
Membership Chair

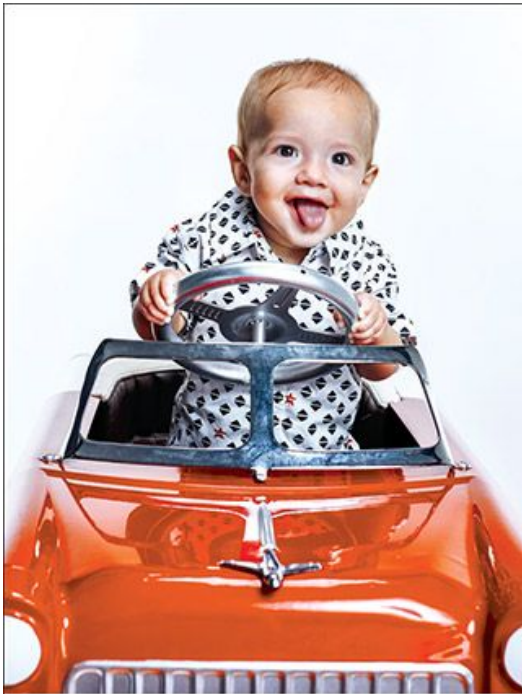
A black and white advertisement for 'The Mean Eyed Cat'. At the top, the word 'MEAN' is written in large, bold, distressed letters. A silhouette of a man in a suit playing a guitar is positioned between the 'E' and 'A'. Below this, the text 'EYED CAT' is written in a smaller, bold font. Underneath, 'LIVE MUSIC' and 'DRAFT BEER' are written in large, bold letters, separated by a small owl logo. Below that, 'BAR OPEN DAILY 11AM-2AM' is written in red, bold letters. At the bottom, 'Free Parking / 1621 West 5th Street Austin TX, 78703 / TheMeanEyedCat.com' is written in a smaller font. The very bottom of the ad features the text 'FOOD BY THE LEGENDARY' and 'STUBBS BAR-B-Q' in bold letters.

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September 2017 Zoning Report

Baylor - C15-2017-0028 — Building two new houses on split lot. Owners need a variance to change the setback facing 10th Street from 25 feet to 20 feet. OWANA has agreed to support the setback. OWANA asked and the owners agreed to provide and maintain a path for neighborhood connectivity.

802 Pressler - NRD 2017-0023 — Request for demolition permit of a contributing house to West Line Historic District and construction of a new structure. Postponed at request of OWANA until June 26, 2017. HLC meeting to assure that neighbors have a chance to weigh in on new construction. Demolition permit will be issued once plans are presented to HLC. Case ongoing.

808 Theresa - NRD 2017-0052 — Request for approval of plans for new construction. OWANA met with owners to go over plans. OWANA agreed to write a “no opposed” letter. Plans approved on consent. Case Closed.

812 Theresa - NRD-2017-0036 — HLC agreed to postpone case until June meeting to allow owner to meet with neighbor and weigh in on plans for two new houses with two ADUs at rear of property. Members of OWANA and CCDC met with owners to no avail. Owners met with HLC Certificate of Appropriateness and once again refused to alter plans. Demo permit issued at July 24th meeting. Case Closed.

804 Winflo - SP-2016-0329C — Requesting variance from Board of Adjustment to build three condos on a substandard lot of less than 8,000 square feet. Nearby neighbors, OWANA Zoning and Steering Committees and membership voted to oppose the variance. Hearing postponed by Board of Adjustment at 3/13/2017 meeting. Variance denied at June meeting. Case Closed



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Residential memberships	266	269	281	286	286	288	287	288	284			
Business memberships	24	21	28	28	28	27	27	24	31			
Total memberships	290	290 0%	309 6.6%	314 1.6%	314 0%	315 0.3%	314 (0.3%)	312 (0.3%)	315 1%			

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