



March 2014

Letter from the Chair

Like a bad penny, I keep reappearing! Well, I'm back as Chair of the Steering Committee. I may not love this job but I sure love the neighborhood. We moved into our house on Francis Avenue 27 years ago. Since 1987, many things have changed, but in so many ways, it has remained the same, a livable community with its unique as well as diverse qualities and characteristics. Most importantly, we have so many incredible people who live here. Our old narrow city lots along our narrow streets bring in close proximity to each other, encouraging wonderful relationships. I do what I do on the Steering Committee because of you.

There is so much that we can do to preserve, protect and enhance what we have. The possibilities are only limited by our imagination and interests. What do you like about the neighborhood? What are the opportunities to bring us together? There is a role for you to play. We are all volunteers; we all have limited time. Even if you do a little, it is a whole lot more than nothing. No effort is too small or unappreciated.

Please come to our March meeting. We have a number of agenda items for discussion including the Armstrong-Odon proposed residential development, MoPac express lanes, Cap Metro's future transportation investments as well as the latest from our committees.

See you there!

Paul Seals, Chair

March 2014 General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 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 -- Paul Seals (7:00)
- III. Approval of Minutes (7:05)
- IV. Cap Metro Presentation – Willie Cecil, Cap Metro – (7:05 – 7:15)
- V. Discussion of Armstrong Odom Project, 614 Blanco Street – Clayton Little Architects – (7:15 – 7:35)
- VI. Discussion of 501 Oakland Avenue and associated restrictive covenant – Larry Halford – (7:35 – 7:50)
- VII. Update on MoPac Express Lanes – Stephanie Lind, CH2M Hill (7:50 – 8:05)
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Zoning Committee Report – Larry Halford
Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed
 - B. Parks and Greenspaces
 - C. Historic Preservation – Daniel Armendariz
 - D. Public Safety and Transportation – Mike Sullivan
 - E. Affordable Housing – Christine Buendel
 - F. Membership – George Warmingham
 - G. Community Events – Paula Hern
- IX. Administrative and Organization Issues
 - A. Treasurer's Report – Paula Hern

- B. OWANA Website Update
- C. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- X. Other Business and Announcements
- XI. Adjourn

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


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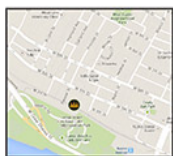
Armstrong-Odom Development Update

New condominiums are being planned for the Armstrong-Odom site at 614-616 Blanco. Please come see the design in progress which will be presented by the new owner, James Schoenbaum, and architects Clayton & Little.



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Zoning Report

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614 Blanco Street (Case C14H-1992-0002) – Property was sold. New owners will restart the review process based

on a new design. Near by neighbors and OWANA Zoning Committee reviewed the conceptual design. Project was presented to the HLC Certificate of Appropriateness Committee in Jan. *Will be presented before OWANA General Membership in March.*

505 and 507 Oakland Ave (Case NRD-2013-0047 and 0048) – Applicant has been granted a demolition permit for the two existing historic contributing structures. Use would remain office. Proposed design will have to be reviewed by HLC prior to demolition of existing structures or approval of site development permit. *Case is ongoing.*

501 Oakland Ave (Case C14-2013-0101) – Applicant has requested a zoning change from LO-V-NP to GR-V-CO-NP to allow a change of use from office to retail to allow boutique clothing store use. OWANA entered into a restrictive covenant regarding limitations to uses that would be allowed within the GR zoning classification, limits on building area and new construction of sidewalks on 5th and Oakland streets. Case was approved by Planning Commission on consent and went before Council in Dec and was approved. *Zoning Case is closed but project will remain open until Building Permit is issued.*

1607 W 10th St. (Case NRD-2013-0066) – Applicant is requesting a demolition permit for an existing historic contributing structures and is requesting a building permit. HLC denied the demo permit and has initiated Landmark Status and will be heard Feb 24th. *Case is ongoing.*

1608 W 8th St. (Case NRD-2013-0055) – Applicant is requesting a demolition and building permit for a garage apartment. Applicant received support from OWANA and immediate neighbors when project was presented before Board of Adjustment. *Case is ongoing.*



Charlotte Looney



1401 W. 6th St. (Case C14-2013-0138) – Applicant is requesting a change in zoning from LO-NP to GR- CO-NP to allow use of a restaurant. OWANA voted to support the zoning change with conditions at the Dec 2013 GM meeting. OWANA and applicant were able to reach agreement that resulted in a restrictive covenant. Case was approved by City Council. *Zoning Case is closed however case is ongoing pending building permit review.*

903 Shelly Ave. (Case C15-2014-0021) – Applicant is requesting a variance to increase the maximum impervious coverage requirement from 45% to 52.4% (existing 63.9%) in order to enclose existing deck and balcony as screened porches. Case was scheduled to be heard before Board of Adjustment Feb 10th. *Case is ongoing.*

608 Baylor St. (Case # 2014-001170PR) – Applicant is requesting a modification to allow an increase to the maximum wall length requiring a sidewall articulation to construct a detached accessory building (workshop) for an existing single family residence. Case was scheduled to be heard before RDCC at Feb 5th meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

1104 Lorrain St. (no case # yet) - Applicant is requesting an increase in FAR to construct an accessory apartment. Applicant presented to SC in Jan and was generally accepted. Applicant has received letters of support from all immediately adjacent neighbors. Case is anticipated to go before RDCC in March. *Case is ongoing.*

1717 and 1719 Palma Plaza - Requests for Demolition was approved by consent by HLC in Jan. Plans for new construction are to be reviewed by HLC prior to demolition. *Case is ongoing.*

1308 W 9-1/2 St. (Historic Case # NRD-2014-0015, Review Case # PR-13-019155) - Applicant was granted a demo permit in 2013. Applicant has requested a building

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permit and will present proposed design before HLC. Notice indicates hearing at Feb 24th meeting however it is anticipated case will be postponed until March. *Case is ongoing.*

1712 W. 10th St. (Historic Case # NRD-2013-0106, Review Case # PR-13-125819) – Applicant is requesting a demolition and building permit to make modifications to a historically contributing structure in a National Register Historic District. Case is scheduled to be heard before HLC Feb 24th. *Case is ongoing.*



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TEMPO Project Brings Temporary Public Art to Local Parks

Now Installing: Binary Branch in Johnson Creek Greenbelt Park

The City of Austin's Art in Public Places is excited to announce the installation of Binary Branch, a temporary public artwork by Jamie Panzer in Johnson Creek Greenbelt Park. The temporary artwork is part of TEMPO, a project of Austin Art in Public Places, and will be on display through July 2014. This sculpture, fabricated from wood, mimics the form of a tree, but its "branches" abide by a binary growth pattern. By combining nature and technology, the tree offers the viewer an opportunity to reflect on the phenomena that greatly determine our surroundings as well as our immediate and long-term future.

The TEMPO project launched in spring of 2013 with an open call to Austin-area artists to submit proposals for temporary artwork on City parkland. The City parks eligible for TEMPO sites are all located outside the downtown area, so that the project can reach into neighborhoods which may not currently have public art. Eleven proposals by eight individual artists and two artist teams were selected and will be installed for varying durations beginning in fall 2013 and continuing through summer 2014.



The goal of the City's Art in Public Places program is to commission art projects of redeeming quality that advance the public's understanding of visual art and enhance the aesthetic quality of public places. Temporary public artworks can enrich the civic dialogue, engage public spaces in a unique way, and attract new artists to participate in the City's public art program. The TEMPO program allows artists to explore a range of themes suitable for outdoor environments and provides the opportunity for innovative, thought-provoking artwork that effects the way people experience their environment.

More information about the TEMPO project can be found at www.austintexas.gov/TEMPO (<http://www.austintexas.gov/TEMPO>).

Pickleball Court Suggested for Mary Baylor Park

Grant Lannon, recently approached Marion Cimbala, Parks Committee Chair, about putting a Pickleball Court on the cement pad at Mary Baylor Park (just West of the Splash pad). It is the pad with the square game and shuffleboard court on it. Austin Parks and Rec Department is receptive to this idea and they want to run it by the Parks Committee, and get some input from the neighborhood.

To get things started he is going to put up temporary lines (using masking tape) and signs describing Pickleball. The nets and backstops used during play are temporary and would only be up when the court is in use. Eventually, if there are no roadblocks from the neighborhood, the department would put up permanent lines and maybe move the sign posts that are close to the pad and the bike rack on the corner of the pad. A court for Pickleball is the same dimensions as a badminton court and the pad has enough area outside the court to make it useable. The net and backstops used during play are temporary and would only be up when the court is in use (players own their own sets which include these plus paddles etc.), otherwise the only change to the concrete pad would be addition of the the court lines.

Please get in touch with Marion if you have any feedback about the possibility of the court being lined permanently for this new addition to Mary Baylor Park.

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