



December 2015

## Letter from the Chair

*Paul Seals, Chair*

*"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens."*

My time has come. This is my last letter as Chair. I am term-limited and will be "cycling off" the Steering Committee. There will be a new Chair after the December general membership meeting with the election of a new Steering Committee for 2016. It has been an honor to represent the neighborhood and my neighbors. It has allowed me to be involved in so many different issues in our community. The more that I have participated the more I confirm that we have a neighborhood with a unique character and quality that is worth maintaining and enhancing. I may be gone as Chair but I hope to remain "in the fight."

Regarding our uniqueness, our little corner of the neighborhood put together its seventh annual talent show on Saturday, November 14. It was a potluck dinner in a neighbor's backyard, followed by music and poetry from an array of very talented people. Obviously, I was not one of the performers. The festivities included a birthday celebration and open house for the centennial of another neighbor house on Francis Avenue. Fun was had by all.

Events like these emphasize why we have chosen to live here. Our community has many wonderfully talented and friendly individuals who have a strong sense of neighborliness.

Please join your neighbors at the general membership meeting. You can see that we have an interesting agenda. It is a great occasion to stay abreast of issues that affect our neighborhood.

See you on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul



Fun & Food at the National Night Out celebration at West Austin Park.



# December 2015 Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 1 - 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. Discussion of Texas Rowing Center Dock Extension (7:05 - 7:20)
- V. Discussion of Mathew's Centennial (7:20 – 7:30)
- VI. Discussion of Restricted Front/Side Yard Parking Ordinance (7:30 - 7:40)
- VII. Discussion of MoPac/SH 45 SW Loop (7:40 – 7:50)
- VIII. Update of Pressler Extension Project and Lamar Beach Parkland Master Plan (7:50 – 8:00)
- IX. Election of 2016 Steering Committee (8:00 – 8:15)
- X. Committee Reports
  - A. Zoning Committee Report - Rosemary Merriam & Liz Fischer
    - Note: Only zoning case changes and updates of the OWL report are discussed*
  - B. Parks and Greenspaces - Joey Kazzoun
  - C. Historic Preservation - Daniel Armendariz
  - D. Public Safety and Transportation - Mike Sullivan
  - E. Affordable Housing - Scot Marks
  - F. Membership - George Warmingham
  - G. Community Events - Paula Hearn
  - H. Nominations - Mike Sullivan
- XI. Administrative and Organization Issues
  - A. Treasurer's Report - Joey Kazzoun
  - B. Other Administrative and Organizational Business
- XII. Other Business and Announcements
- XIII. Adjourn

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

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## OWANA Nominating Committee Recommendation for 2016 Steering Committee

### Returning after serving 2014 and 2015

- Judy Alexander
- Janice Burckhardt
- Kevin O'Hanlon
- Chris Rankin

### Returning after serving 2015

- Christy Butler
- Liz Fischer
- Joey Kazzoun
- Jason Laturner
- Kevin Sims

- Terry Snider

### New Nominees (or returning from earlier service)

- Julia Hendrickson
- Scott Marks
- Shawn Shillington

Thank you to **Thom Person** and **Daniel Armendariz** who have served three years and must step down from the Steering Committee.

And a special thank you to **Paul Seals**, who also must step down after serving for three years. Paul has been the OWANA Chair for six of the last seven years (two terms separated by one year). Among his many responsibilities as Chair, Paul sets the agendas and runs a very effective meeting. As Mike Sullivan says, "He is the best I ever saw at herding a flock of cats." His leadership and wealth of neighborhood knowledge will be missed on the Steering Committee.

An orange and brown advertisement for Castle Hill Fitness. The main text "LET OUR TEAM TACKLE YOUR GAME FACE" is in large white letters. The logo "CASTLE HILL FITNESS" with a castle icon is in the top right. A starburst graphic says "come see why everyone loves it!". The bottom section, in brown, states "OUR WELLNESS SPA IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" and lists services: "Offering Facials, Waxings, Massage, and Acupuncture". It also provides the address "1112 N. Lamar" and contact info "castlehillfitness.com - 512-478-4567".

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# 4th Annual Neighborhood Caroling

Co-Hosts OWANA and CCDC are pleased to announce the the fourth annual neighborhood caroling event will take place Sunday, December 19, starting at 6pm at the Haskell House. Carolers will stroll the neighborhood and celebrate the season with a visit by Santa and his helper and holiday refreshments.

## In & Around the Neighborhood

### Mopac South

During the November meeting, the OWANA Steering Committee discussed a presentaion from Keep Mopac Local. The Committee voted to approve a resolution asking the transportation agencies and city and county officials involved in the south Mopac expansion to study the entire roadway system from downtown Austin south and including the proposed SH 45. The resolution can be found on the OWANA website. More information and suggested action steps can be found at [www.keeptomaclocal.org](http://www.keeptomaclocal.org) (<http://www.keeptomaclocal.org>).

### Lamar Beach

The Lamar Beach Master Plan process started this past August. A draft master plan is anticipated in March 2016, and a final master plan is anticipated in May 2016.

A public engagement phase will be incorporated into the master planning process:

- Meeting #1: Vision Workshop – Wednesday, October 14, 2015
  - [View the Vision Workshop Presentation](https://designworkshop.box.com/s/q678bofvsbiuhikgq2bjlmkhh6firork) (<https://designworkshop.box.com/s/q678bofvsbiuhikgq2bjlmkhh6firork>)
  - [Provide your feedback](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35VY8G5) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/35VY8G5>)
- Meeting #2: Alternatives Workshop – Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Austin High School Cafeteria
- Meeting #3: Recommendations Workshop – Wednesday, January 27, 2015, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Austin High School Cafeteria

More information on the master plan process can be found on the [City's Lamar Beach page](https://austintexas.gov/departments/lamar-beach-master-plan) (<https://austintexas.gov/departments/lamar-beach-master-plan>).





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## Zoning Report

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Updated Cases

**611 West Lynn:** Case #NRD-2015-0112 - Owner is seeking a complete demolition permit. Postponed at the applicant's request to be heard at the November 16 HLC meeting. City staff also proposed a postponement or to initiate historic zoning. *Case is ongoing.*

**1115 West 11th St:** Historic Case #LHD-2015-0016 – Proposed new construction of a 2 and 3- story multi-family building. The HLC heard the case at their September 28th meeting and voted in favor of the staff's recommendations for redesign in order to meet Castle Hill LHD Design Standards. The project was approved unanimously at the November 2 Certificate of Appropriateness Committee meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

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**617 West Lynn:** Case #NRD-2015-0109 - Owner is seeking partial demo and building permits for a remodel. Proposal is to construct a rear addition in order to maintain the same height as the existing building. Case was passed upon consent at the HLC October 26 meeting. *Case is closed.*

**1410 Woodlawn:** Case #NRD-2015-0093 – Proposed new construction of two 3-story multi-family units. Architect met with Zoning committee on September 20 and there were no objections. Case was passed upon consent at the October 26 HLC meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

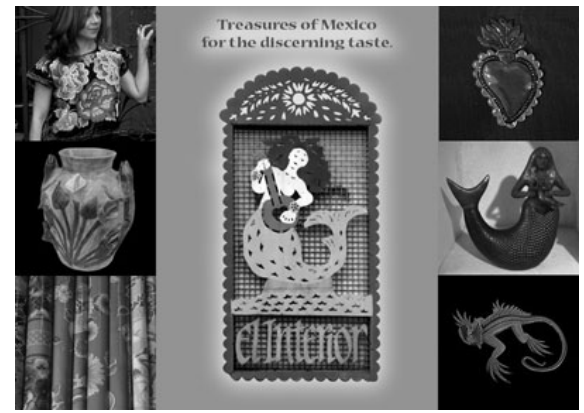
**1100 Toyath:** Historic Case #NRD-2015-0098 – Proposed renovation and 2-story addition onto a 1-story building. Applicant is discussing with Clarksville CDC. Case was passed upon consent at the October 26 HLC meeting. *Case is closed.*

**704 Oakland:** Case #NRD-2015-0096 - Proposed remodel to convert attic to living space with rear and side additions. Owner met with Zoning committee on September 20 and there were no objections. Case was passed upon consent at the October 26 HLC meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

**806 Patterson:** Case #C15-2015-0130 - Proposed partial demo and new construction requiring a basement exemption variance. Steering Committee wrote a letter in non-opposition to the variance request, as it maintains the existing streetscape. Case was heard by the Board of Adjustments on October 12 – three neighbors opposed due to soil erosion concerns but the variance was approved. *Case is ongoing.*

**1806 West 10th Street:** Case #NRD - 2015-0119 - Project postponed until the December 14 meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

**906 Robertson Street:** Case #NRD-2015-0121 - Partial demo and remodel was passed unanimously by the HLC. *Case is ongoing.*



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## Ongoing Cases

**1407 West 5th St:** Case #C14-2015-0078 - Request for rezoning of property from LI-CO-NP to LI-PDA. Proposal to build a storage facility was presented for neighborhood feedback at the OWANA General Membership meeting on June 2, 2015 and building materials were presented on September 1, 2015. Zoning committee proposed a letter in support of the project and Steering approved. Case was approved upon consent at the Planning Commission meeting on September 8, 2015. *Case is ongoing.*

**612-614 (700) Blanco St:** The Stonewall Case SP-2014-0116C – A Site Development Permit application has been submitted for a 12 unit condominium project. The proposal does meet the Castle Hill Historic Design standards which has put it in conflict with City zoning. Due to this conflict, setbacks and height variances are now required for this project to continue. *Case is ongoing.*

**Related case #C14H-2010-0006:** Case is a proposal submitted by City Staff to “modify the District Preservation Plan with regard to the applicability of Article 10 Compatibility Standards to certain properties.” This case was approved at the July 27 August 24 HLC meetings and at the August 25 Planning Commission meeting. After an agreement was made between the applicant and an opposing neighbor, the case was unanimously approved by City Council at the September 17 meeting. *Case is ongoing.*

**1631 Palma Plaza:** Historic Case NRD-2014-0078, Case #C15-2015-0110 – An application for Demo Permit on a property within a historic district. OWANA, CCDC, and adjacent property owner have a RC that stipulates existing residential structure will remain. All parties continue to meet to review new plan. Owner proposes to construct a new house and will retain the original structure. After postponements, the HLC approved the case upon consent

at their March 9, 2015 meeting. On August 10, a variance for a basement exemption was approved by the Board of Adjustments. The variance and plan are currently supported by the adjacent property owner. *Case is ongoing.*

**1401 W 6th St. Nightcap Dessert Restaurant:** Case C14-2013-0138 – concerning offsite/shared parking. OWANA entered into a Restrictive Covenant with the applicant to assure that parking issues would not have a negative impact on nearby neighbors. *Case is ongoing.*

## Trail of Lights Offers Free and Reduced Price Tickets

Offer good for Zilker Park area neighborhoods including Old West Austin

The Trail of Lights Foundation is offering several opportunities for Zilker Park area neighborhood residents to receive an exclusive look at this year's event.

### Preview Party

Night Lights is the 2nd Annual Preview Party benefitting the Trail of Lights. This special night will feature headline Jimmie Vaughan, food samples from Austin restaurants, free beer, wine and holiday cocktail samples. General admission starts at \$75/ticket. The Trail of Lights has set aside a block of 500 \$25 tickets for members of Zilker Park area neighborhood associations. These reduced-price tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. To purchase a ticket for the Preview Party, go to [www.austrailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-4](http://www.austrailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-4) (<http://www.austrailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-4>) scroll down to the \$75 level and enter code: **OWANAPREVIEW**

### STARS nights, December 6 and 7

STARS at the Trail is the Trail of Lights' outreach program which invites various nonprofit groups in Austin to partake in holiday activities at the Trail. This year 12 nonprofit organizations will be hosted at private nights at the Trail of Lights with more than 1000 participants receiving transportation, tours and special holiday activities.

The Trail of Lights has set aside a block of tickets on each night for residents of Zilker Park area neighborhoods. These tickets are free of charge and are available on a first come, first-served basis.

To get a ticket for December 6, go to [www.austrinailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-6](http://www.austrinailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-6) and enter the promo code: **OWANASTARS1**

To get a ticket for December 7 go to [www.austrinailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-7](http://www.austrinailoflights.org/tickets-2015/december-7) and enter the promo code: **OWANASTARS2**



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## Preservation Austin's Historic Homes Tour

Preservation Austin's 2015 Homes tour featured several homes in our neighborhood and around Austin. Next year, they are looking for homes in the Crestview, Brentwood, Allandale and Rosedale neighborhoods. The theme will highlight the area's postwar properties and take place from 10-4 on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

With teardowns changing our neighborhoods, Preservation Austin wants to show that families can update and expand modest houses without destroying their character. Recent renovations which retain the homes' historic appearance and materials are preferred, though innovative, quality additions are welcome.

If you know someone who owns a home that may be a good example, please contact Kathleen Deaver ([kathleen@nickdeaver.com](mailto:kathleen@nickdeaver.com)) by December 20, 2015. Please include the address, owner contact information and five photographs (one of the exterior front and several of the interior -- they don't have to be professional). The Homes Selection committee will tour the homes in January.

Or you can fill out the [Historic Homes Tour Recommendation Form](https://www.preservationaustin.org/programs/historic-homes-tour/) (<https://www.preservationaustin.org/programs/historic-homes-tour/>).

All participating families receive two tickets to the tour and a Preservation Austin membership for one year!

# August Membership Report

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Residential memberships	261	268	248	252	257	260	262	258	272	267	266
Business memberships	29	29	29	30	29	28	28	25	26	26	25
<b>Total memberships</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>291</b>

Keep reminding your neighbors and the local businesses you frequent to join OWANA. Send them to [www.owana.org/#join](http://www.owana.org/#join) (<http://www.owana.org/#join>) where residents can join online and business can download an application form.

Thanks for your continued support and participation.

George Warmingham

Membership Chair

## Join OWANA Yahoo Discussion Group

Keep in touch with your neighbors by joining the Yahoo discussion group moderated by OWANA.

If you would like to join please go to [groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/) (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/>), click "Join This Group!" and follow the instructions.

If you have any difficulties, please contact George Warmingham at [oldwestaustin@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com) (<mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com>).

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