

# OWANA OWL

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December 2012

Dear Neighbors:

As we come to the close of the year, I come to the end of my term as OWANA President and my third year as a steering committee officer. I've enjoyed serving our neighbors and look forward to staying involved with the best neighborhood in Austin!!

During this past year we have seen many changes and accomplishments in our neighborhood with new construction, businesses and parks being the most visible. We had our neighborhood defining restaurant Jefferey's undergo ownership change and major renovations as well as many other new business openings. Our Parks Committee was instrumental in West Austin Park and Mary Baylor parks both receiving major facelifts with new pool, splash pool, pool house renovation and landscaping. The Transportation and Zoning Committee along with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Vision Committee made great strides in our receiving several traffic lights along 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets. We've increased membership thanks to our Membership Committee and will have continued neighborhood involvement including a Holiday social thanks to our Community Involvement Committee. Thanks to all steering committee members!!

At our December general membership meeting we will have a presentation from University of Texas Dean of Architecture presenting a "vision" of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> street/west end corridor. This is the culmination of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Vision Committee and the University of Texas architecture student's two year project.

See you at the meeting.

John Teinert, Chair

## OWANA Memberships

OWANA currently has 240 residential memberships and 36 business memberships. A year ago 258 residences and 41 businesses were members of OWANA. We all need to try to make OWANA truly representative of Old West Austin.

Could you help us pass the word that OWANA represents everyone in our neighborhood? It will take only a few minutes for you to send this address: [www.owana.org/join](http://www.owana.org/join) to a couple of your neighbors and/or businesses who are not members.

Our memberships are very reasonable, starting at only \$20/yr for residents and \$50/yr for businesses. Residential members within the OWANA boundaries are entitled to vote at our General Membership Meeting and business members get to advertise in the quarterly newsletter, *The OWANA Owl*. So let your neighbors and businesses know what a great opportunity OWANA membership is. All they have to do is go to [www.owana.org/join](http://www.owana.org/join).

Thank you so much for helping OWANA!

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Membership Chair  
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**December 2012 OWANA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA**  
**4 December 2012, TUESDAY 7:00 PM**

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Mathews Elementary  
906 West Lynn

Mix and mingle at 6:45 prior to meeting

- I. Call to order - 7pm
  - II. Approve Minutes
  - III. Presentation of 5th and 6th St. Vision – Prof. Dean Almy
  - IV. Presentation AT&T property zoning change – David Hartman
  - V. Discussion of 5th and 6th street Vision.
  - VI. Nomination and election of 2013 Steering Committee officers - Mike
  - VII. Treasurer's Report
  - VIII. OWANA Committees, membership, plans, updates
    - A. Zoning and Land Use
    - B. Parks
    - C. Affordable Housing
    - D. Historic Preservation
    - E. Traffic and Safety
    - F. Membership
    - G. Community Events
    - H. Bylaws
    - I. Newsletter/Website
  - XI. Other Business and Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

VOTE MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEMS

# ZONING REPORT—DECEMBER 2012

## **1200 Shelley Avenue NRD-2012-0022 –**

Applicant has requested a demolition permit for an existing garage and has indicated they would like to construct a garage apartment in its place in the future. Case went before Historic Landmark Commission Mar 27<sup>th</sup>. *Project has started construction, case is closed.*

## **608 Blanco Street Case Number NRD-20122-0024 –**

Applicant has requested a Demolition and Building permit for a contributing house within the Castle Hill LHD. Case was scheduled to be heard by HLC March 26th. City staff advised the applicant of current regulations including compliance with CHLHD Design Standards and required

review and approval by HLC. Revised plans have been submitted to Preservation Dept. Project has been significantly redesigned to preserve the majority of the original house and an addition is proposed to the rear. Project would be constructed as single family occupancy. *No change in status*

## **1515 West 5th Street -**

The Land Rover dealership on W. 5th St has submitted an application for Site Development Permit for an addition to the west side of existing building and construction of a new parking garage on retail property to the east. ZC members discussed with the owners architect the importance of obtaining pedestrian and bike connection to the south

across UPRR, making both 5th st and Caesar Chavez elevations visually appealing through use of screening. Case is in site development review, no action on OWANA's part required

## **609 West Lynn Street –**

Applicant has applied for administrative approval of a site plan. Administrative approvals do not require public hearings and are required to be compliant with all ordinances and codes. A decision will be made by the Director of Planning Review Department after 14 days which is Nov. 16, 2012 indicating project meets these criteria. Application indicates project consists of 4 condominium units and is subject to Compatibility Regulations and Residential Design Standards.

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## **Progress Is Being Made!**

**By Mary Reed, President, Clarksville Community Development Corporation**

Last year, the members of OWANA voted to give a \$150,000 affordable housing grant to the Clarksville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) after our property manager provided them with a detailed presentation of what we would do with the money. The membership also voted to have Austin People Trust administer the funds.

As soon as the grant was approved, the CCDC board of directors hired an architect to draw up plans for top-to-bottom remodels of 1720 A & B

West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, both of which contribute to the Clarksville National Register Historic District; got bids from contractors; and pulled the required permits. As a result, the organization was ready to begin work as soon as it and People Trust signed all of the necessary legal documents. Here is what we have done to the houses so far:

- All new cedar beams and concrete piers have been installed
- New windows and doors have been installed
- Decks and new front porches have been added
- The plumbing, electrical and air conditioning have been roughed in
- Both houses have new metal roofs



**1720 A West 11th Street before work began.**

- The exteriors have been painted
- We also enlarged 1720A, turning it from a 2-bedroom, 1-bath home into a 3-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath home.

Next, we will be insulating and sheetrocking each house, finishing out their interiors, and doing some simple landscaping. We anticipate that the two houses will be occupied in early 2013.





**1720 A West 11th Street after exterior work began.**

The CCDC is the only affordable housing organization operating West of I-35 and one of the only nonprofits in the nation providing affordable housing in an affluent neighborhood. It owns nine

properties scattered through the Clarksville neighborhood and rents to thirteen families. It also owns the Clarksville Neighborhood Center, which is where the OWANA Steering Committee and the CCDC hold their monthly meetings.

If you would like to know more about the CCDC, go to

[www.historicclarksville.org](http://www.historicclarksville.org), and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [mrpraustin@gmail.com](mailto:mrpraustin@gmail.com) or 512-441-5212.

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# Join the Conversations on OWANA Yahoo Discussion Group

The OWANA Discussion Group is a great place to keep in touch with what is happening in the neighborhood. A recent string of messages concerned burglaries in the area. There was also a spirited back and forth discussion about the merits and pitfalls of short-term rentals.

If you are not part of the group, I urge you to join 187 of your neighbors and OWANA supporters who are members of the group. Since the group is hosted by Yahoo, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/owana/> and click on the blue button which says "Join This Group!" Please note that you do not have to be a member of OWANA to participate in the discussion group.

If you have any problems joining the group, please contact me at [oldwestaustin@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestaustin@gmail.com).

George Warmingham  
Membership Chair

## OWANA Discussion Group Terms of Service

September 7, 2012

1. The Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) covers the area from Lamar to MoPac and to Lady Bird Lake to Enfield Road.
2. The OWANA Discussion Group is provided as a service for residents

and businesses for the discussion of issues related to Old West Austin.

3. As of [date] these Terms of Service will apply to the OWANA Discussion Group. By participating in the Discussion Group after this date a user agrees to these Terms of Service.
4. Views expressed in this Discussion Group do not necessarily represent the official views of OWANA.
5. Membership in OWANA is not a requirement to use the OWANA Discussion Group but all users will be required to give their name, address and primary email address in order to participate.
6. No attacks will be permitted on persons or businesses. Abuse of this policy may result in the user being removed from the Discussion Group.
7. Commercial use
  - a. OWANA business members may use the OWANA Discussion Group to send up to two commercial messages a year via the Discussion Group provided that the messages include a special offer for OWANA members.
  - b. OWANA residential members may use the Discussion Group up to two times a year to recommend a product or service.

Future changes in the Terms of Service may be made from time to time by posting the new Terms of Service on the home page of the Discussion Group

## CLARKSVILLE CAROLING EVENT

Please join us for a night of fun and caroling, December 9, Sunday, at 6 pm at the historic Haskell House in Clarksville, 1703 Waterston. This event is jointly sponsored by OWANA and the CCDC. We meet at Haskell House at 6 to warm up and practice with a few holiday songs. Frances Barton of the Melancholy Ramblers will help lead the singers. She has been caroling in our neighborhood with her group of singers for several years. The house will be decorated for the holidays and open for the festivities. Come tour the renovated home and community gardens. After warming our vocal chords, hop on the truck for a hayride or walk alongside, depending on space, to carol in the neighborhood. There will be a couple designated stops. And then we will head back to Haskell House for more singing, hayrides, and refreshments. The event ends at 9 pm.

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