

# OWANA OWL

Watching over Old West Austin since 1983



MARCH 2018

Hello OWANA,

As your new Chair, I'm super excited about the year to come for the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association. There is tremendous energy and opportunity in our neighborhood and it is thrilling to be a part of it. We made great progress last year bringing our community together and we have even bigger plans this year:

- Stepping up our efforts on neighborhood improvements and community engagement
- Continuing the movies and music in the park and the other events that were so successful last year
- Reaching out to even more people to engage with OWANA and participate in committees relevant to their interests
- Working on improvements to the parks and sidewalks
- Engaging with the city, developers, and homeowners to facilitate development that benefits the community

A big focus for me this year is on being open and welcoming to all the people that make this such a wonderful place. With so many new faces in the neighborhood, we have a great opportunity to work together to make Old West Austin an even better place to live and raise a family. Thank you for helping us help you help us all.

*Shawn Shillington, Chair*

## **March 2018 General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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

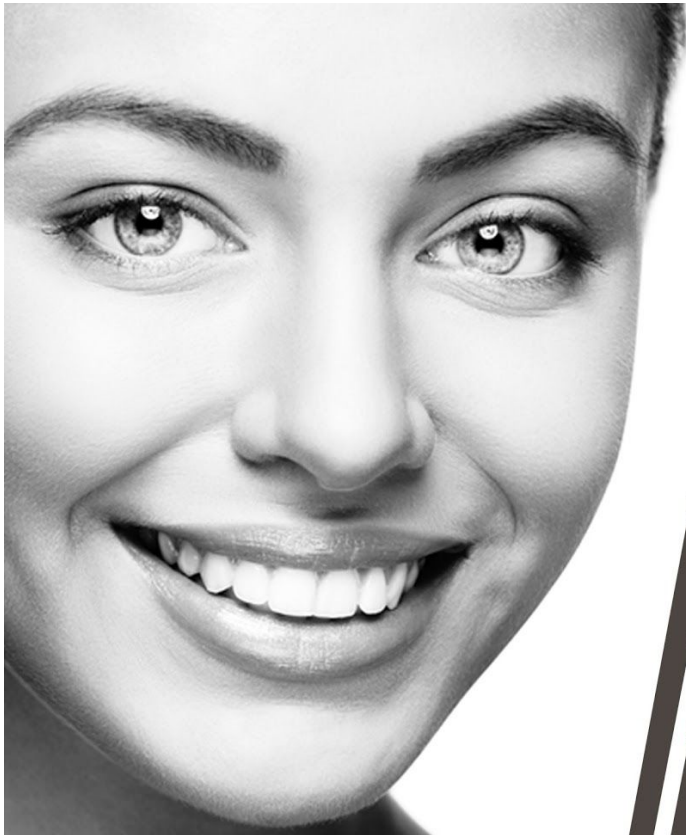
- I. Call to Order (7:00)
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. West 9th Street Development
- V. Smoot Terrace Local Historic District
- VI. Code Next 3.0 Report
- VII. Committee Reports
  - A. Events
  - B. Zoning
  - C. Parks
  - D. Affordable Housing
  - E. Traffic and Safety
  - F. Newsletter/Website
- VIII. Other Business and Announcements
- IX. Adjourn

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

### **Join OWANA!**

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) where residents can join online and business can download an application form.

*Thanks for your continued support and participation.*



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Friday, April 6  
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## **AISD Update and Big Thanks to the Castile**

Thanks to the Mathews Elementary fun club director, Mary Sullivan, and to the Castile apartments at 807 West Lynn, the street in front of the school may become a little less congested at pick-up time. Mary asked OWANA to propose to the Castile management an option of using their parking lot in the afternoons, and as a good neighbor, the manager agreed to help. As Kirsty Roberts-Lambert, the manager of the Castile, told us, Mathews is such a great school of course we're happy to help! Thanks, Kirsty and Castile, that spirit of cooperation is one of the many reasons this neighborhood is such a great place to live.

Also in AISD news, OWANA met with Schlosser, the developer AISD selected to repurpose its Caruth administration center building across the street from Sweetish Hill. At this point, the discussions are very conceptual. Schlosser asked if neighbors have strong preferences on the use of the property—commercial, residential, retail, hotel? – and on height limits. We will keep you posted as negotiations continue, and please let OWANA know if you have opinions on the redevelopment of that site.

### **Preservation Austin Celebrates Cherrywood, Delwood, and Wilshire Wood for 2018 Tour**

Saturday, April 28

10am to 4pm

\$25/PA Members, \$35/PA Nonmembers



PRESERVATION AUSTIN'S 26TH ANNUAL HOMES TOUR  
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Join Preservation Austin on Saturday, April 28 for “Into the Woods,” our 2018 Homes Tour in Cherrywood, Delwood, and Wilshire Wood! These neighborhoods are quintessential Austin, with small houses, big trees, a great sense of community, and great architecture. We'll showcase seven postwar cottages and mid-century ranches. Each one tells a different story, and shows how today's homeowners are preserving Austin's legacy neighborhoods through beautiful renovations, sustainable upgrades, and architect-designed additions. Our main ticket station will be at the historic 1943 Browning Hangar in Mueller. Bike Austin will provide bike racks and a recommended route for cyclists.

Learn how these neighborhoods developed after World War II, and how they continue to shape the city we know and love! **Tickets are on sale at [preservationaustin.org/events](http://preservationaustin.org/events).**

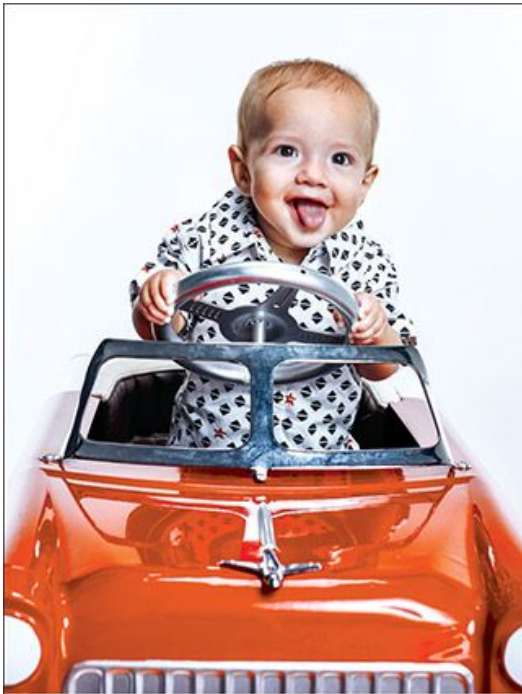


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## February 26, 2018 Zoning Report

**710 Augusta Avenue (NRD-2018-0012)** - Requesting building permit to reconstruct a two-story duplex which burned down several years ago. No action by OWANA.

**1406-1410 West 9th Street and 905 Maufrais Street (NRD-2017-0087-91)** - Requesting a demolition permit in order to build a multi-family development with up to 28 units. OWANA opposed demolition. Action postponed by HLC until March 26. OWANA working to reach an agreement with developer to preserve contributing structures, improve compatibility, and increase community benefits.

**802 Pressler Street (NRD-2017-2023)** - Requesting a building permit for new construction of a 2 1/2 story house. OWANA opposed both demolition of contributing structure and design of new build. Demolition permit approved by HLC on February 27.

**1108 West 11th Street (NRD-2018-0002)** - Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction of two new condos in Castle Hill Local Historic District. Action postponed by HLC until March 26.

**703 Highland Avenue (SP-2017-0455C)** - Request for an administrative approval of a site plan. A waiver was requested by the owner to not have to build a retention pond for drainage. OWANA wrote a letter opposing the waiver.

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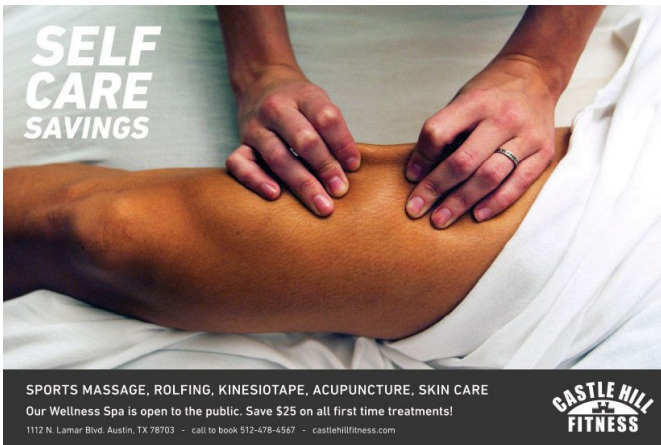
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**1007 Shelley Avenue (NRD-2017-0097)** - Requesting a demolition permit to construct a new 2-story house. OWANA initially opposed demolition but voted to withdraw opposition after consultation with the owners and architect. Demolition permit approved by HLC on Feb. 27.

**Smoot-Terrace Park Local Historic District (C14H-2018-0013)** - Requesting a new Local Historic District including Pressler, Highland, Oakland, 6th, and 9th Streets. On February 27, the HLC added West Austin Park to the proposed district and recommended it for adoption by the Planning Commission and City Council.



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## OWANA 2018 Membership Report

As of the end of the previous month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Residential memberships	289	293	292									
Business memberships	34	33	36									
Total memberships	<b>323</b> 1%	<b>326</b> 1%	<b>328</b> 1%									



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