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KEEPING NEIGHBORS CONNECTED AND INFORMED



MARCH 2019

Hello Neighbors!

OWANA is off to a fabulous start to the new year. Your new Steering Committee is packed full of energized volunteers who are leading the way to make our community stronger! From organizing amazing **neighborhood events**, to investing time and energy into **improving our parks**, to **helping become a resource** for folks who are making improvements to their homes, to **creating more value** for our residential and business memberships, our Steering Committee is making a real difference. We hope that you can join us for the **General Membership Committee Meeting next Tuesday, March 5th** at Mathews Elementary.

At this meeting we'll be covering a lot of ground. Here's some of what you'll hear about:

- **New improvements at West Austin Park.**
- **The latest word on some residential and commercial construction projects of interest.**
- **A new historic preservation effort for Mathews Elementary**
- **An amazing schedule of events planned for 2019 (See Page 4 below)**
- **We're also expecting a representative from the Austin Police Department who can answer your questions and address any concerns about public safety.**

As with all OWANA committee meetings, all OWANA neighbors are welcome to attend this General Membership meeting, but only members have a vote on individual issues. **If you're interested in joining OWANA, our membership team will be on hand to sign you up.**

OWANA is all about connecting with our neighborhood and our city. We want to be open and welcoming as a community. Can OWANA help you engage with our neighbors and our city? Email me at chair@owana.org or see me and talk.

Ted Barnhill

2019 Chair, OWANA Steering Committee

March 2019 General Membership Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 5, 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 - VOTE
- III. Treasurer's Report - Renae
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Mathews Friends for Excellence
 - B. Texas A&M Doctoral Student - Neighborhood and Health Survey
 - C. Scott Marks - West Austin Park Renaming Proposal
- V. Special Guests
 - A. Officer Mark Bozyk, Austin Police Department
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Affordable Housing - Marissa
 - B. Events - Orlando
 - C. Membership - Sinikka
 - D. Parks - Ellu
 - E. Technology - Derek
 - F. Transportation and Public Safety - Mike
 - G. Zoning (Neighborhood Planning) - Erin
- VII. Other Business and Announcements
- VIII. 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 where residents can join online and business can download an application form.

Thanks for your continued support and participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

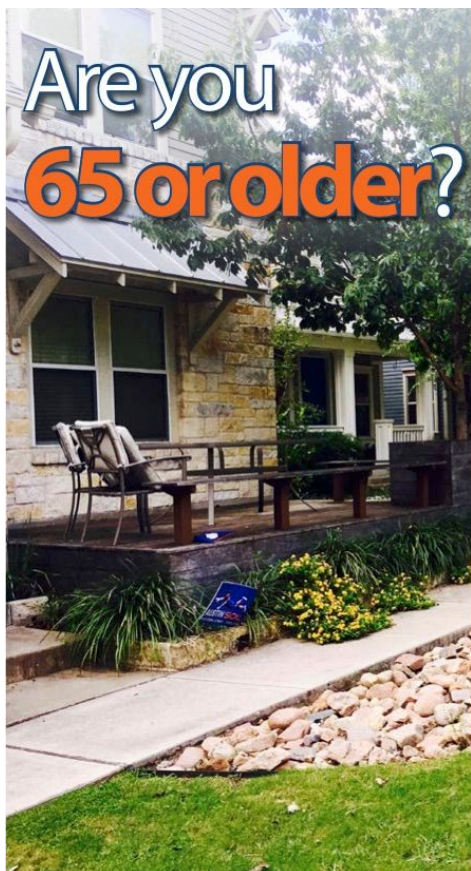
Help Preserve a Treasured Piece of Austin History



Mathews Friends for Excellence wants your help exploring possibilities for a long range master preservation plan for the Mathews Elementary School building that would involve

historical restoration of the interior and incorporate innovative ways to teach children how a building is constructed.

We are looking for interested committee persons, ideas, possible grants and other funding sources, and the creation of an engineering/architecture curriculum to complement this effort. If you are interested in serving or want to learn more, please contact Ruthann Rushing at 512-925-7254 or ruthannrushing@gmail.com. An initial meeting will be held in May. Thanks!



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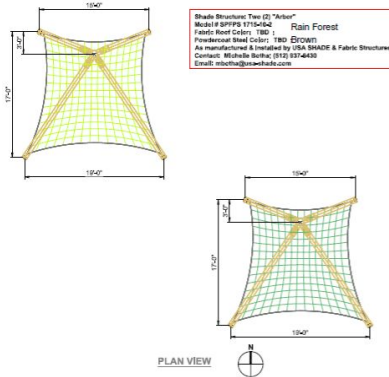
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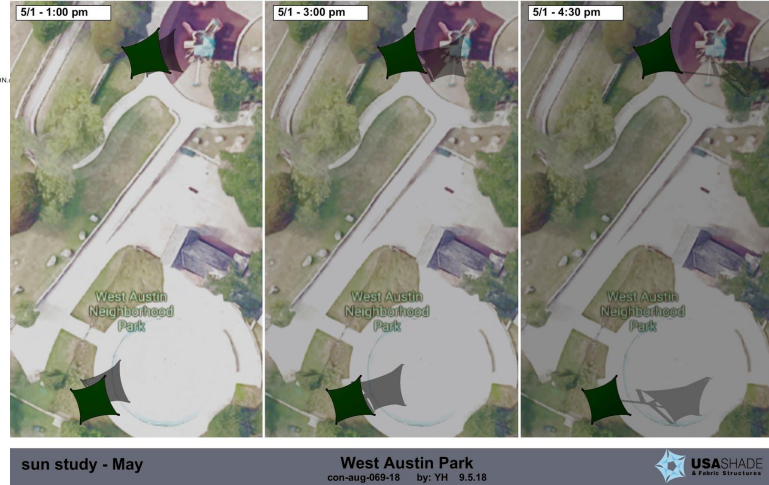
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West Austin Neighborhood Park: 1310 W. 10th St.



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Shade Structures Arrive at West Austin Park

At long last **West Austin Park** will be getting some respite from the direct sunlight that hits the park and pool during the long summertime months (though these days with all the cold and rainy gloom, it's hard to imagine direct sunlight being a bad thing). The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) has begun installing a series of shade structures over the playground and pool, slated for completion in early March. The OWANA Parks Subcommittee in partnership with Friends of West Austin Park, engaged PRD in

discussions about possible funding mechanisms, ultimately deciding on the use of development fee funds generated from local development in our neighborhood. This is the first of many planned park improvements at the West Austin Park and supports a key element of the 2013 Park Master Plan to develop more shade coverage throughout the West Austin Park. *If you are interested in joining the OWANA Parks Subcommittee please reach out to Ellu Nasser: ellunasser@gmail.com*

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EVENTS

It's Time to Get Your Hands Dirty...



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Spread the word and mulch! "It's My Park Day" is this Saturday starting at **9am at West Austin Park**. You can help feed the trees and plant the gardens at West Austin Park. Help save the trees! Get a free cool T- shirt! Meet your West Austin neighbors! As always, this is a family event, so bring the kids! Afterwards, join us for lunch at **Zocalo** and get a 2 for 1 special with your IMPD T-shirt. Please give a special shout out of thanks to our neighbors at **Zocalo Cafe!** Register for "It's My Park Day" here: <https://austinparks.givepulse.com/event/register/102298>

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EVENTS

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association's

2019 CALENDER OF EVENTS



MARCH 9TH	Spring Movie in the Park 6:30-9:00pm This community gathering in the field of West Austin Park brings the neighborhood together to enjoy a family friendly flick and light refreshments.
APRIL 20TH	Spring Eggstravaganza 9:00-10:00am Local neighborhood families will gather at West Austin Park for a spring celebration and egg hunt. Light breakfast refreshments are served.
MAY 24TH	Mathews End of School Year Celebration and Concert in the Park 3:00-5:00pm To punctuate the end of the school year, all Mathews families and the broader community will gather in West Austin Park for live music and cool refreshments to usher in the summer!
JULY 4TH	4th of July Parade 9:00-10:00am This OWANA organized street parade will take place on the morning of July 4th and end at West Austin Park where light refreshments will be served.
SEPT 27TH	Fall Concert in the Park 5:30-7:30pm To welcome back in cooler weather, neighbors will gather at West Austin Park for a picnic and live music.
NOV 15TH	Fall Movie in the Park 6:00-8:30pm To welcome in the chilly weather, this cozy night at West Austin Park features a holiday or winter-themed movie and warm beverages.
DEC 12TH	Hyper-local Business Holiday Shopping Night Out 6:00-8:00pm All OWANA sponsored businesses will be featured, if desired, in an evening holiday shopping event intended to bring out the Old West Austin community to support their local businesses.



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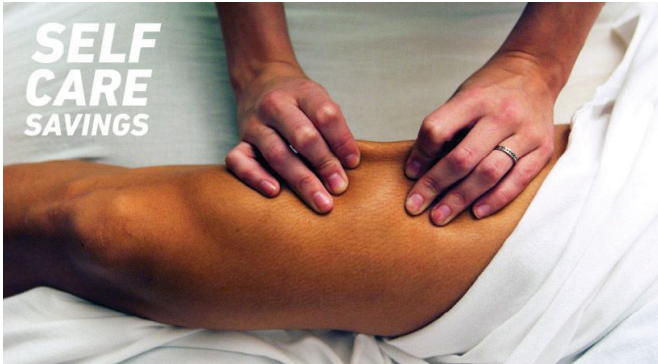
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ZONING

March 2019 ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

1204 West 10th Street (NRD-2018-0061)

Rehabilitate and alter the ca. 1918 home, including restoration of an original corner porch. Approved by HLC on February 25, 2019.

1206 West 10th Street (NRD-2018-0062)

Rehabilitate the ca. 1910 home, expand the footprint of the front and rear, and construct a rear two-story addition with a roof deck. Approved by

HLC on February 25, 2019.

1406-1410 West 9th Street (LHD-2018-0031)

Rehabilitate contributing buildings; construct new buildings. Committee Recommendation: Revise the plans to be more compatible with the neighborhood character. Action postponed upon applicant request until March 2019.

905 Maufrais Street (NRD-2019-0004) Rehabilitate a contributing building, replace windows and siding, and construct a lower-level addition. Action postponed upon applicant request until March 2019.

1808 West 6th Street (NRD-2018-0071) Demolish a ca. 1917 home. Approved by HLC on January 28, 2019.

703 Highland Avenue (LHD-2018-0028) Construct a three-story house. Approved by HLC on December 17, 2018.

1106 West 9th Street (LHD-2018-0029) Construct a new garage apartment/auxiliary dwelling unit. Approved by HLC on December 17, 2018.

707 Blanco Street (LHD-2018-0034) Construct an addition and an auxiliary dwelling unity. Approved by HLC on December 17, 2018.

1108 West 11th Street (LHD-2018-0002) Construct an addition to the rear and side of the existing house; restore the existing house. Approved by HLC on December 17, 2018.



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2019	Jan	Feb										
Residential memberships	321	337										
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Total memberships	345	361										



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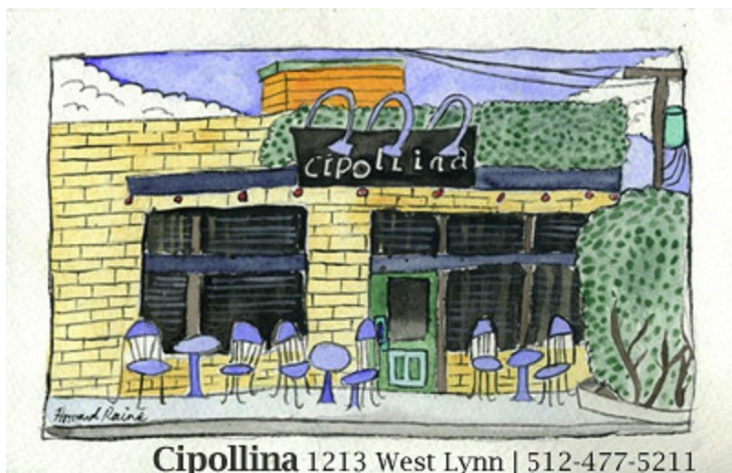
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MINUTES

Feb 2019 Steering Committee Meeting
Feb 5, 2019, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Cover 3

Call to Order (7:10pm)

In attendance

- Ted Barnhill: Chair
- Renae Alsobrook: Treasurer
- Orlando Castillo: Events Chair
- Sinikka Green: Membership Chair
- Marissa Latta: Affordable Housing Chair
- Ellu Nasser: Parks Chair
- Erin Thomson: Zoning Chair
- Sean Williams: Secretary
- Denise Younger
- Ellen Justice: Zoning Vice Chair
- Scott Marks
- Mike Sullivan

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Treasurer's report

C. Affordable Housing

We have been operating under the assumption that we have \$50,000 to spend. Scott and CCDC have reached a rough agreement about this number. Next steps are to do more outreach to get more applications. We will reach out to the Mathews community.

A. Events

Movie night on the second Sat in March! It will probably be Lego Batman, and include a Lego related contest before the movie. Grande is sponsoring movie nights, and has donated around \$4,000.

We are also working on a charity event for Mathews, perhaps in May.

We will continue to have a tiered sponsorship system.

A. Membership

Planning a membership push with a door to door campaign to help neighbors understand what OWANA does. We may also develop a bumper sticker that will come with a membership.

We discussed what we might post on the OWANA site, and how to ensure we don't send too many emails to members.

A. Parks

The shade structure is being installed over the pool later this month.
We are now beginning to think about creating an amphitheater in the park.

“It’s my park day” is coming up in March.

Scott discussed the possibility of renaming West Austin Park, perhaps after the Overton family. We also discussed the possibility of putting up a kiosk where we can place historic information about the park and its structures.

(OWANA generally lets CCDC control Mary Baylor Park.)

Things are moving forward with Palma Plaza Park.

Motion to support gathering more information on Richard Overton III and his connection with the park in order to generate a bio and to make a presentation to the general membership meeting in March. We will ask the general membership meeting whether they want to begin the process of renaming the park. Seconded. Passed.

A. Neighborhood Plan

Mike discussed the possibility of reevaluating the neighborhood plan, which is the suggested practice. Scott mentioned that the city does not really pay attention to the neighborhood plan, and some city politicians want to eliminate them anyway.

Erin mentioned that updating our neighborhood priorities (even if not the plan) might help us in upcoming zoning battles like those surrounding CodeNEXT. It could have value to also highlight the ways that the city has ignored our neighborhood plan for 20 years.

Denise volunteered to start the process of looking at the current plan and developing some new priorities.

As a housekeeping matter, Scott mentioned that we need to update the names of the people the city should contact on neighborhood matters.

A. Zoning (aka Neighborhood Planning Team)

1. Erin noted that the new name was not popular with the “Neighborhood Planning Team.” The Team will work on a name that they like and get back to the Steering Committee.
2. 1013 Blanco is almost all demolished; only a partial shell is there. He received a partial demo permit, which gave him permission to demo all but the front porch, which he demolished. The Team will propose some guidelines to help with compliance. The HLC seems to have no compliance mechanisms at the moment.
3. A pair of properties on 6th and Theresa have permission to demolish. They are looking for a zoning change to allow mixed use. That property uses an alley, and the rest of the people who use that alley don't want it to become commercial. They want the alley to remain for residential use only. The neighbors are also against the zoning change more generally. This may be a future battle.
4. Cumby’s projects seem to be delayed.
5. 1313 12th wants to update the house and change the front porch. The Team voted to support the project, pending the HLC’s confirmation that changing the porch won’t threaten the status of the house as contributing.
6. Sinikka and Erin talked with some neighbors about historic signage. Hyde Park was able to do it, but only because they were part of an LHD. CCDC is also looking into historic signage as well.

Adjourn: 8:45pm

MINUTES

Jan 2019 Steering Committee Meeting
January 8, 2019, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Z Tejas

Call to Order (7:10pm)
Round of introductions

In attendance

- Ted Barnhill: Chair
- Renae Alsobrook: Treasurer
- Orlando Castillo: Events Chair
- Brockett Davidson: Vice Chair
- Sinikka Green: Membership Chair
- Lindsey Heron
- Marissa Latta: Affordable Housing Chair
- Ellu Nasser: Parks Chair
- Erin Thomson: Zoning Chair
- Derek Victory: Technology Chair
- Sean Williams: Secretary
- Denise Younger
- Ellen Justice: Zoning Vice Chair

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Treasurers report

The Turkel funds have now been transferred into the OWANA account

A. Zoning

Proposed Zoning Committee Members

1. Ellen Justice (already elected as chair)
2. Erin Thomson (already elected as Vice Chair)
3. Scott Marks
4. Shawn Shillington
5. Paul Seals
6. Rosemary Merriam
7. Janice Burckhardt
8. Judy Alexander
9. Sheila Lyon
10. John Teinert
11. Benjamin Serrato
12. Mike Sullivan
13. Brocket Davidson (withdrew)
14. Jeff Kirk (does not live in neighborhood)
15. Marissa Latta (withdrew)
16. Kevin Sims (withdrew)
17. Lindsay Shillington (withdrew)

The Steering Committee has been tasked with appointing a minimum of 9 people from among this slate. Erin recommends appointing 9 total.

Also nominated: Miguel Rivera

Zoning Committee Members

1. Ellen Justice (already elected as chair)
2. Erin Thomson (already elected as Vice Chair)
3. Scott Marks
4. Shawn Shillington
5. Paul Seals
6. Rosemary Merriam
7. Janice Burckhardt
8. Judy Alexander
9. Sheila Lyon
10. John Teinert
11. Mike Sullivan
12. Miguel Rivera

Motion to change name of zoning committee to Neighborhood Planning Team. Passed.

Proposal going forward for steering committee: Change bylaws to formalize the role of the Neighborhood Planning Team.

A. Technology Committee

Some technological hurdles exist because of the difference between household level memberships and individual level memberships.

A. Membership Report

Sinikka wants to move away from yahoo groups. Derek discussed better platforms, but they might cost some money. Sinikka showed off the new stickers that she designed. Lindsey suggested designing a bumper sticker as well.

A. Events

Orlo is seeking help with proposed upcoming events, including:

Movie night in March – Marissa will help!

Second movie night (time TBD) – Lindsey will help!

Concert in April – no takers yet.

Second Concert (time TBD) – no takers yet, perhaps we will ask Adrienne and Kirk

Easter Egg Hunt – no takers yet.

Fourth of July – Ellu will help!

Mathews Last Day of School – Ellu and Erin will help!

National Night Out (Oct 1) – Renae will help!

We need someone to help get foodtruck(s) involved and to help coordinate more generally.

Orlo also discussed potential changes to business sponsorships, perhaps contract to only three tiers.

Remember to take pictures at events to post!

Ellu asked about whether we should have a morning and evening activity, or just a morning. We informally thought just a morning parade is sufficient. Ellu also asked for help in generating a list of people who might contribute to Mathews who do not currently have kids at Mathews.

A. Affordable Housing

The committee met for the first time yesterday. They have gotten three applications for using some of our funds. Marissa recommends approving two applications now, which request things like emergency rental assistance. The total is \$2250. Moving forward, there is some debate about what portion of money we control compared to what portion CCDC controls. But this debate is irrelevant to the two applications in front of us today.

Marissa opined that, going forward, we might give the Affordable Housing Committee the power to disburse money without Steering Committee approval.

Motion to give Affordable Housing Committee the power to disburse money without Steering Committee approval for the three current applications. Passed.

A. Transportation

Nothing new.

A. Parks

We are still waiting for details on the pool shade structure.

The Parks committee wants more OWANA support for the proposed amphitheater.

Next meeting at Cover 3, on February 5th at 7pm.

Nightcap for April

Adjourn: 8:50pm

MINUTES

December 2018 General Membership Meeting
December 4, 2018, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Mathews School Cafeteria (906 West Lynn at West 9th)

Call to Order (7:10pm)

Proposed Steering Committee Members

A. Renae Alsobrook B. Ted Barnhill C. Orlando Castillo D. Brockett Davidson E. Sinikka Green F. Lindsey Heron G. Marissa Latta H. Ellu Nasser I. Erin Thomson J. Derek Victory K. Sean Williams L. Linda Cangelosi M. Denise Younger N. Ellen Justice

Vote by paper ballot to choose 13 of these 14 nominees: Approved slate:

A. Renae Alsobrook B. Ted Barnhill C. Orlando Castillo D. Brockett Davidson E. Sinikka Green F. Lindsey Heron G. Marissa Latta H. Ellu Nasser I. Erin Thomson J. Derek Victory K. Sean Williams L. Denise Younger M. Ellen Justice

Proposed Zoning Committee Members

A. Benjamin Serrato B. Brocket Davidson C. Ellen Justice D. Erin Thomson E. Janice Burckhardt F. Jeff Kirk G. Judy Alexander H. John Teinert I. Kevin Sims J. Lindsay Shillington K. ... L. Mike Sullivan M. Paul Seals N. Rosemary Merriam O. Scott Marks P. Shawn Shillington Q. Sheila Lyon R. Marissa Latta

Motion to let Steering Committee appoint from among this slate, and to appoint a minimum of 9 people.
Second. Passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Treasurer Report and Budget

Ted gave an update. Orlo and Ellu revised the business membership plans. Individual memberships will now be year to year, rather than allowing people to purchase multi-year memberships. Budget approved.

VI. Supporting Old West Austin Businesses

Orlo discussed his goals of increasing engagement with local businesses. There are about 160 businesses within the OWANA borders. Orlo wants to encourage neighborhood support for these businesses. Plan is to seek sponsors for our various events, for approximately \$1000 per event.

VII. Other Business and Announcements

Siri and Silva, founders of Reset, came to talk about their business. They turn restaurant spaces into co-working spaces during the day. They are currently working with Nightcap.

Marissa discussed affordable housing.

Mike discussed train squealing, and how the railroad folks are continuing to work on it. The city has committed \$2Million to improved crossing at Pressler and other streets, which gets the city closer to a bike/pedestrian connection through Pressler.

Dec 15th at Haskell House, Caroling and kid fun!

8:30pm Adjourn

Minutes for...

December 2018 Steering committee meeting (immediately after the general membership meeting)

8:30pm call to order

The committee selected the following people to fill the following positions:

Chair: Ted Barnhill

Vice Chair: Brockett Davidson

Secretary: Sean Williams

Treasurer: Renae Alsobrook

Technology Chair: Derek

Membership: Sinikka Green

Events: Orlo Castillo

Parks: Ellu Nasser

Affordable Housing Chair: Marissa Latta

Zoning Chair: Erin Thomson, Ellen Justice vice Chair.

Next meeting: January 8th, Tuesday, 7:00 Z-Tejas.