

West Austin Neighborhood Group
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

These are the minutes of the meeting of the West Austin Neighborhood Group Board of Directors (the "Board") held Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lions Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by President Cathy Kyle with the following additional board members in attendance: Mary Arnold, Joyce Basciano, Mike Cannatti, August Harris, Holly Reed and Blake Tollett. Board members Elizabeth Adams, Joe Bennett, George Edwards, Haidar Khazen, Craig Lil, and Gunnar Seaquist were not in attendance.

II. Approval of Minutes: Approval of October Minutes was delayed.

III. Neighbor Communications: Neighbors have continued to express concern to the Board regarding CodeNext and the impact it will have on our neighborhoods. An email was sent to the Board, disagreeing with WANG's October Newsletter article, which stated that adding impervious cover as allowed by the CodeNext zoning, would increase flooding in the neighborhoods. An apology was requested by the sender. The Board discussed this request and will not apologize for the article's content. CodeNext as written, will encourage more demolition of single family homes, the addition of 2-4 structures per lot, increasing impervious cover and resulting in a much greater potential for flooding, as correctly stated in President Kyle's article.

IV. Land Matters: No variances requests were posted. CodeNext was discussed. The period for public comments on Draft 2 closed on Oct. 31st. The public will not be allowed to comment on Draft 3 of CodeNext.

The WANG Board moved to write to council members and Mayor, with a summary appropriate CodeNext zoning for our neighborhood area, that would align with the Central West Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan, and Imagine Austin. This letter will request only R2C zoning where there is currently SF-3. The Board will review current code on duplexes and ADU size, and make suggestions for appropriate multifamily and commercial zoning within the WANG boundaries.

Board Member Cannatti suggested the Central West Austin NP Contact Team write to Council with this information as well.

V. Transportation: Neighbors have reported concern over the fact that the entrance ramp to Mopac Northbound from Enfield has no merge lane.

Neighbors also noted that there were traffic count devices on Enfield Road near Winsted.

VI. Membership: Joe Bennett sent an email reporting 5-6 new members at the Patron level. Board Member renewals are due.

VII. Newsletter:

Content is due by Nov. 17th for the current newsletter. Haidar Khazen and Joe Bennett are working on a system whereby the newsletter can be emailed to all members. Haidar requests content be in Word Doc format. The newsletter will continue to be published monthly.

VIII. ANC Liason Report: Joyce Basciano reported that ANC is encouraging Neighborhood Groups to get signatures on the Petition to put CodeNext in front of voters. WANG has made this Petition available at its Annual Meeting and on the website.

Community Not Commodity gave a presentation at last month's ANC Board meeting, detailing why the CodeNext map is ILLEGAL. <https://communitynotcommodity.com/codenext-information/>

Joyce reported that 11/28 will be the last meeting of the Planning Commission, before they send comments on CodeNext Draft 2. Neighbors are encouraged to write to the Boards and Commissions, as well as the Mayor and City Council, with comments on CodeNext.

IX. Treasurer's Report: George Edwards sent an email reporting that WANG has \$13,316.51 in the business checking account, \$535.36 in the Tarrytown 4th of July Parade account, and \$1,206.58 in the Oak Wilt account. George also reported that \$4,530.00 was collected last month in new and renewal memberships, ACL donations, and t-shirt sales.

X. Old Business: The Annual Meeting had a very good turn out with many new members signing up. Neighbors asked what could be done to voice their dire concerns about CodeNext. District 10 Council Member Alison Alter and Planning Commissioner Karen McGraw spoke to neighbors and answered questions about CodeNext.

XI. New Business: The next meeting of the WANG Board will be Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Howson Public Library, at 6:30PM.

XII. Adjourn Meeting: President Cathy Kyle adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.