

**West Austin Neighborhood Group**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

These are the minutes of the meeting of the West Austin Neighborhood Group Board of Directors held Tuesday, February 4, 2019 at 6:35 p.m., at The Lions Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse.

**I. Call to Order:**

President Reed called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM by President Holly Reed. Board members in attendance included: Mary Arnold, Joyce Basciano, August Harris, Haidar Khazen, Blake Tollett, Joe Bennett, Mike Cannatti, George Edwards, Brady Pedneau and Cathy Kyle. Craig Lill was not in attendance.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The January 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Neighbor Communications: None.**

**IV. Land Matters:**

A. James Greenway is seeking a variance to allow a 0.02 increase to the (.4) maximum Floor-to-Area Ratio for his residence at 2618 Spring Lane. The residence was permitted, built, and approved prior to the adoption of the McMansion Ordinance. Later in 2005, Mr.Greenway enclosed an entry way taller than 15 ft in ceiling height to make room for a 177 sq. ft. play room on the second floor without a permit. At that time, it was Mr. Greenway's understanding that an area less than 200 sq.ft. could be built without a permit. That was not the case, and now Mr. Greenway has been denied a permit approval for a much-needed interior remodel. The interior remodel he proposes will not increase the footprint of the house or increase the impervious cover on his property. August Harris moved to not oppose Mr. Greenway's variance request. Joe Bennett seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Ken Smith represented the owner of 1400 Winstead Lane. The proposed project calls for the demolition of the existing single family house and the subdivision of the lot into 4 smaller lots arranged as a flag lot. A single family home would be built on each lot. Holly Reed asked if the owner would consider building three houses to accommodate the 75 ft front yard setback required by deed. Several neighbors voiced their opposition to the proposed project, citing deed restrictions, concerns about loss of post

oak trees, and drainage. Holly Reed moved to oppose the demolition of the existing house. George Edwards seconded. The motion was approved 9:0:1.

**V. Transportation:**

Tom Hatfield contacted August Harris to discuss traffic calming measures for Pecos between 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Enfield Road. Mary Arnold expressed concern that the construction of water lines along Exposition will increase traffic on Pecos. August Harris reported that there is currently a moratorium on speed bump installations unless there is full agreement among the neighbors. Several options were discussed. Ultimately, Harris recommended that Mr. Hatfield contact his neighbors along Pecos to garner support for traffic calming. Harris will check with the City to determine its current policy for installation of traffic calming measures.

**VI. Membership:**

WANG Membership Chair, Joe Bennett, reported on the current membership.

**VII. Newsletter:**

A. The next newsletter will include articles addressing the upcoming City Council meeting, Trowel & Error, and the zoning application for Maudie's and Twin Liquors on LAB. Newsletter content is due 2/14/2019.

B. The Board discussed disseminating a flyer this week to address the upcoming City Council's vote on the Brackenridge Tract/Muny lease to advise of WANG's support of the proposed one-year extension of the current lease's expiration date (5/25/2019). UT supports the extension, so the Council is asking for letter of support from other groups, as well as individuals, that support the extension.

**VIII. ANC Liaison Report:**

Councilmember Greg Casar has presented a resolution for the Code Next re-write. He will present staff with a housing blueprint by 2/14/2019. He is recommending ordinance upzones for all zoning categories in exchange for affordable housing with incentives. The Board noted the lack of knowledge of institutional history (e.g., moving Red River St. in the '70's). ANC is also concerned about the adoption of Corridor Plans, affecting any street with a bus route. The East Riverside Neighborhood Assoc. warned that a sliver of land was taken from the neighborhood plan to accommodate upzoning.

**IX. Treasurer's Report:**

General Account	\$ 8,215.16
July 4 Account	\$ 397.41
Oak Wilt Account	\$ 1,208.75

**X. Old Business**

Brackenridge Tract: President Reed moved for authorization to submit a letter of support for the one-year extension of the WANG lease; Harris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There was further discussion of possible funding methods for the City's acquisition of Muny.

**XI. New Business:**

A. Trowell & Error

Blake Tollett reported that Trowel & Error, the Mayfield Park Gardening Symposium and fundraiser, will be held 4/6/2019. Current presentations include Colin Deeter (Red Wagon), Joseph Byachi (Austin Rose Society), and Jenny Frier. Tollett requested a \$250 donation in keeping with WANG's past support. Harris moved to contribute \$250 in support of the event with recognition as a supporter; President Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with Tollett abstaining.

B. New Board Member Brady Pedneau was introduced.

C. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:30 pm, at Lions Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse

**XII. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by President Holly Reed at 8:29 PM.