

West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG)
12 June 2023

The Board of Directors (BoD) of WANG came together on Monday 12 June 2023 at Howson Branch Library. BoD members in attendance were Mary Arnold, David Bolduc, Joyce Basciano, Sarah Cain, Craig Lill and Blake Tollett. Sara Madera, past WANG BoD member, attended as our guest. WANG President Holly Reed was unable to attend and Blake led the meeting. Due to a lack of quorum no official business was conducted.

The meeting began shortly after 6pm and the approval of the minutes from the May 2023 WANG BoD meeting were deferred. Sara then spoke to us about a new Howson Branch Library program focused on adult participation games. This coming Friday the 16th from 10:30am to 12:30pm the game of Mah Jong will be featured. If participation in the event is successful the library will begin scheduling these events on a regular basis. The library has put out a flyer and WANG should place it on our website. The Senior Activity Center on N. Lamar has a similar participation program that is very successful.

Craig reported that he reached out to the City's Department of Transportation about maintenance of the median island near the intersection of Exposition Boulevard and Westover Road. He was told that when these medians were constructed around the neighborhood that there was a lack of coordination between the installation folks and the maintenance folks thus explaining why they are so overgrown. That lack of communication has been cleared up.

Joyce's Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC) report is attached below:

***Austin Neighborhoods Council
Virtual General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2023; 7:00 – 8:30 PM***

ANC VPI Barbara McArthur gave an update on the bills being considered by the State Legislature. She went over the bills that will have the greatest negative impact on our neighborhoods as they basically call for the removal of local control over land development. The detailed summary of the bills Barbara presented will be posted on ANCTalk and the ANC website. ANC Sector 1 Rep Marc Duchon suggested ways we can lobby our elected State officials.

Bill Bunch, Executive Director, Save Our Springs, who commented on the recent decisions made by the Planning Commission on proposed development that would straddle the Barton and Bouldin Creek watersheds, the City Council decision on the Brodie Oaks PUD and the Parks Board on the Zilker Park Plan.

City Council District 7 Member Leslie Pool sponsored and read into the record the Proclamation for ANC founder Joan Bartz that was read at the May 4, 2023 Austin City Council meeting. Joan Bartz passed away last year. After the Proclamation was read on May 4th ANC members gathered at Dottie Jordan Park, a park Joan Bartz had her hand in its creation. On May 7th, the ANC held a party to celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

ANC Sector Rep Jeff Bowen gave a brief talk on measuring our homes' water pressure and what to do if the water pressure is too high.

Mary reported that the Save Historic Muni District, a mechanism for neighborhood participation in the long-term solution for Lions Municipal Golf Course, life has been extended by the Texas Legislature for another two years. She also reminded us that the centennial of the golf course is coming up in 2024 and that big doings are anticipated.

Having no further business to conduct, we adjourned.

Blake Tollett
WANG