

WNA Annual Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2011
Will Hampton Public Library, 7:00 pm

In attendance: Board Members Chris Schexnayder, Gary Bunevick, Chris Morris, Jan Boswell, Barbara Huffman, Jennifer Voss, and Trudy Hasan, plus about 14 neighbors and guests.

1. Chad Crager with the City of Austin's Neighborhood Connectivity Division presented the City's plans for the Safe Walk to School trail. The 8'-wide concrete trail will run mostly under the power line and will complement the existing mulched nature trail. The barricades at the end of Brush Country and Westcreek Drive will be replaced with large boulders that will be aesthetically appealing. A sidewalk will be installed from the end of Westcreek Drive to Patton Elementary.

Because the drainage swale at the end of Brush Country is in the flood plain, engineering designs are required. A bridge was found to be cost prohibitive. Instead, four concrete culverts will be installed to meet 10-year storm events. The engineering plans will be submitted to FEMA for approval. The site plan permitting process has begun; also will require AISD easement negotiations. Chad expects construction to start in about six months (mid-summer). Construction itself should take about a month.

Chad discussed specific aspects of the trail: width, material, maintenance, water features. A detailed map will be sent to Chris S. to post to the neighborhood. The City arborist also has to review the plans, and Chad said he can make the arborist's report available to us.

Question/answer session followed. The City is excited about completing this project.

2. Jan presented the Treasurer's Report: 108 homeowners paid dues in 2010. We currently have \$2,911.29 in the checking account and \$8,858.73 in the CD. Some of the expenses incurred this year were: tree trimming by Bartlett Tree, \$500 to Patton Elementary for landscaping, \$250 for the butterfly garden, costs for the oak wilt signs, and costs for the annual picnic. The WNA does not anticipate spending as much in 2011.
3. WNA President Chris Shexnayder acknowledged the work of the board members during the past year. Some of the accomplishments this year: Keep Austin Beautiful cleanup under the bridge, notifying residents of code violations (neighborhood enhancement), repairing the speed monitoring sign on Brush Country at no cost, setting out the oak wilt signs to educate neighbors on the best time to trim trees, coordinating with Bartlett Tree and construction crew to maintain the trail and install the butterfly garden at Patton, crime prevention education and national night out participation...the list goes on!
4. Our long-time newsletter editor Karen Gregory has resigned. We are looking for a new editor, and Karen wants everyone to know that the job is simpler and less of a time commitment than we may realize. She has a library of articles that can be republished every few years. Send articles to Peel along with a cover story title and they take care of everything else.
5. Vice-President Gary Bunevick, serving as parliamentarian, held the elections. Nominations were: Chris S. for President, Trudy for Secretary, Jennifer for Member at Large Place 1, and Chris M. for Member at Large Place 2. A motion was made and seconded to elect the full slate of nominees. Voting proceeded (all ayes).

6. Gary urged all of us to talk to our neighbors about becoming members of the WNA. Expect knocks on the door this Spring as we canvass for new members. Membership dues will help pay for future plans such as for a pocket park, fighting unwieldy development on Hill Forest, and to help ensure that the trailer park property on Hwy 290 is re-developed in a way that would be an asset to our neighborhood.

Meeting Adjourned ~8:00 pm