President Karen Pagani called the meeting to order.

**Shout-Outs and Thank You’s**

Thanks to all the newsletter sponsors and delivery people!

Welcome Toby Hayes, Kate, and Damon and Annette Flowers!

Thanks to Janette Swanson who is stepping down from Parks chair.

Call for a new Safety Chair.

**Yard of the Month**

Congratulations to Damon and Annette Flowers on their Yard of the month!

**Friends of Austin Neighborhoods (FAN) Presentation**

FAN is a different association from ANC, a different viewpoint. The WPNA can put to vote whether or not it will join FAN in 1 month.

**Introductions –** The President of FAN (Roger) serves on the board of his neighborhood. Christina Fox is joining Roger to introduce FAN. Christina lived in Windsor Park and moved to north Austin

**What is FAN –** FAN is a coalition of neighborhood associations and "AT LARGE" community members. It started by doing outreach and interviewing people around Austin asking for perspectives on neighborhoods and neighborhood associations. The feedback was the same: "alienated”, “not represented". FAN was formed for the purpose of representing everybody and all viewpoints in response to this feedback. FAN is here today to ask WPNA to join.

**Who are “At Large” members?** An “at large member” is somebody whose neighborhood association doesn't represent their views or who couldn’t attend the meetings. All FAN voting is private and online for “At Large” members. This collective group is given the same weight as one (1) neighborhood association.

**What FAN is doing -** Recently, FAN had been invited to work with the CODENEXT staff and has planned sessions with Austin transportation. FAN has an initiative this year. This initiative is to empower neighborhoods and residents to navigate city developments more easily. To give them a better understanding of proposed changes proposed such as new sidewalk, new bike rack in front of business, or new development in a neighborhood. FAN is looking for support within neighborhood associations to achieve this initiative.

**FAN Positions –** FAN does take position from time to time but is sensitive that they represent multiple views. It recently adopted a process that requires both a vote of membership and a super majority of membership to adopt a new position. And before it’s brought to a vote, it id discussed in a forum (online?) which are recorded and stored at forum.atx.fan.org.

**Q&A** –

     Question: What are some things FAN has accomplished?

     Answer: All votes that have been taken and all letters sent to city council are online. FAN is about to take a vote to partner the better worker program.

     Q: How many neighborhood associations are currently members?

     A: FAN started 9 months ago and is up to 10 associations. It does include associations that are new and old.

     Q: What is the individual membership compared to association membership?

     A: Currently FAN’s bylaws are setup such that residents within boundaries of a association member cannot also be an “At Large” member. Currently at 183 “at large” members.

     Q: How will FAN reach out to Spanish speaking residents?

     A: A FAN board member recently pushed for another homeowner survey from the city to reach these residents who were largely unresponsive the first time. FAN wants your help in finding the answer to this question.

     Q: Individual members can go online and vote, but how do you count the votes? Majority of “at large” members is 1 vote?

     A: Yes, majority is 1 vote.

     Q: To contrast ANC and FAN - what is FAN’s position on existing neighborhood plans as to what role they should play in new system. Also, what is FAN’s position changing current SF3 zoning to allow fourplexes, etc.

     A: No positions on either issue.

     Q: FAN has been around 9 months. What was critical mass? When did you get the ear of city? Was it membership with Downtown Austin Alliance?

     A: Downtown Austin Alliance is group of businesses, FAN is supported by downtown neighborhood associations. And there was already interest in the city council to find representation for unheard voices in neighborhoods.

     Q: You are pro-density, is that fair assessment?

     A: Our vision statement, found online, includes the notion of greater diversity and abundance of housing.

     Q: You are counterpoised to ANC, so what is the philosophical difference?

     A: No philosophical difference, not counterpoised to ANC. Roger (president of FAN) is also an ANC delegate. FAN is complementary to ANC.

**Windsor Park Contact Team**

**Introductions** – Newly elected president, Conor

**What is the contact team** - The contact team is the steward of the neighborhood plan, which outlines future use of zoning and what's happening right now. The team has 31 seats (unusually high), but only 14 spots are filled. Meet 2nd Monday night of every month, all meetings are open if not a member. The team asks people come to 3 meetings before joinining

**What's happening at city** - Staff at city council has come up with resolution to provide support to contact teams, such as websites and help with communication (which currently doesn't exist), and also some possible reforms. Something the council will look at next few months.

**Q&A**

     Q: Request to have a delegate from contact team attend WPNA meetings

     A: Nothing liked that that currently exists for other contact teams but we have asked city support staff for an answer. Contact team hasn't received a lot of requests for changes that the other parts of the city are seeing. But we do expect it in years to come.

     Q: Is it the contact team that gets advance notice of condo developments and such, and do they get to veto that?

     A: Our team can initiate changes to neighborhood plan, but not zoning changes. Those have to be initiated by property owner. At that point, city comes to contact team to see if change is ok, then goes to planning team. We do not receive official notice of building permits but have occasionally received unofficial notices as well from businesses.

       Q: The contact team is focusing on initiates to carry out plan. How are you guys pushing to make these changes and initiatives occur?

     A: Something currently being discussed is can someone be denied membership to contact team. Not settled issue right now. It is a complex issue and we currently do not have an opinion on it. These are things we are going to discuss in the next meeting

     Q: I have never heard from contact team: not in newsletters, meetings, etc. How do I find out what is going on?

     A: Right now, public meetings. Minutes are posted online, and if we can't do that we are looking to have something in the newsletter. We are also looking into having a delegate.

**Treasurer report**

As of Jan 1, WPNA had $9000 dollars, $3600 of which is set aside for shadescape and scholarships. Remaining amount is $3000. Need to push memberships. May be behind on getting paid by newsletter sponsors, will work with Chad. Make resolution to bring new members to meetings. Currently at 118 members.

Noted that it is difficult for some families with young children to attend. We looked into that and ran into some issues with liability. But definitely worth discussing still.

**Education Chair report**

Plug for scholarship. Already submitted application to AISD which is disseminated to Reagan. Offered 2 scholarships last year, but only had 2 applications last year. We are a little short on donations so please donate.

Also had meeting with schooled committee. Talking about potential to expand scholarship to students in Windsor Park who attend LBJ. We are not expanding to other schools.

**Transportation**

**Introduction** – Transportation chair is Stafford Gunning.

**Report -** We are still formulating goals for 2016. We will continue to advocate for concerns we hear from neighborhood.

One update to connector ramp at 51st. City will reduce island and add a permanent right turn lane in February.

**Q&A**

     Q: Does transportation committee have influence with city on redoing striping or indications on road, specifically at Broadmoor and Cameron

    A: will get response from city. It is a challenging intersection.

**Newsletter**

Amanda rose, editor of newsletter: We heard a lot about stuff that used to be in letter that wasn't. Aiming for 12 page newsletter (cost conscious) but would be open to hearing what people want to know about.

**Q&A**

     Q: In the past there was a sidebar with contact information for all committees and meeting time. Could you add that back?

     A: Yes that is a good idea

     Q: A welcome to new owners and renters

     A: Yes good idea and unfortunately cannot create a Spanish newsletter.

Move to adjourn