

Agenda: April 12, 2025

10:00 - 10:15 | Coffee and Conversation (w/ Talisman coffee) - 15:00 min

10:15 - 10:20 | Welcome (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

Recognition of newsletter carriers.

Recognition of new attendees:

- Joey lives on Hickman near Harris
- Nick in neighborhood 2 years
- Peter S. in neighborhood since 1994

10:20 - 10:30 | Neighbors' Communications - 10:00 min

Elizabeth - Enlivenment Committee event:

- What: Free Café with coffee, baked goods, music.
- Where: Pomerleau Pocket Park
- When: 4/19/25 10am-12pm

Community garden trying to revive - workday to day for trash cleanup, 4/12/25 today 1-3pm, behind library and Mennonite church.

Jeanette - put Grow Green publication on back table, most concise info about native plants, times to plant. It is free, copies available in back. Also available in Spanish.

Martin Luecke - tree adoption behind Blanton, all 6 trees now adopted. Will be adding more trees this year. Have started planning Eco Fest. Promoting to area neighborhood associations; MLKNA, NACA have already agreed to join. Encouraging them to do their own Eco Fest. Promotion to other neighborhoods was at the request of Lloyd Doggett.

Martin was appointed to the Urban Forest Committee on the Environmental Commission.

Heather Wong - 6 year resident, former WPNA secretary, works at Dobie MS. Dobie MS is at risk of closure or charter takeover. Heather is asking that individuals sign the Dobie petition, online, here.

There is a block party today at Dobie 11am-2pm. Monday 4/14/25 there will be a community meeting at the school.

AISD put out this <u>online survey</u> regarding Dobie MS. Heather is asking for votes in support of temporary closure and reopening.

10:30 - 10:35 | Library Update (Kelly Overton) - 05:00 min

Promoting Earth Day program, next Saturday 4/19/25, 12:30-3:30. Program includes sidewalk chalk drawing, mending circle, Mom and Pops ice pops, HEB tamales, live music, bubble machine.

Piano was tuned last weekend.

10:35 - 10:40 | Yard of the Month (Sara Jane Lee) - 05:00 min

Meals on Wheels (MoW) - Sonya Rodriguez, Jessica - with the home repair department of MoW. Home repair department of MoW helps out homeowners, older adults, and people with disabilities. Is an income based program. Can do anything interior, exterior, including installing walk-in showers. Funding is not impacted by federal cuts.

No yard of the month. Hard to find a yard for April, because search takes place in February when yards look terrible.

10:40 - 11:00 | Capital Area Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (Krystal Hernandez) - 20:00 min

Krystal is a benefit counselor at Capital Area Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging. The council offers free services to those aged 60+, care givers, others with disabilities. Some of the departments include:

- Information and referral assistance give them zip codes, they find services
- Counseling on traditional medicare and benefit plans help choosing right plan
- Ombudsman program advocate for folks in living facilities, nursing homes
- Care coordinators short term services with at-home health
- Caregiver support gives caregivers a break (8-12 week program)
- Nutrition provide funding for MoW, other programs
- Medication screening

Jeanette - spoke about Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, which she frequents. The center had a birthday party last month for seniors who are 90+; 20 people were recognized. The oldest woman present will be 100 in September. Many of the seniors who attend the center are still active. Center has MoW, serves meals daily M-F, and is an amazing social gathering place. They also have transportation access for seniors. On 808 Nile St, near the intersection with Pleasant Valley Rd. Activities are available for age 50+. Everything is free except Tai Chi, \$5 / class.

11:00 - 11:10 | Vote on Dog Park Support (Chad Cotton) - 10:00 min

Topic - letter of support to Mueller NA regarding them commissioning a dog park. Motion was made from the floor for a letter of support for the dog park in Mueller. Discussion ensued. Location not set, it would be fenced in and regulation-size according to city regulations. Mueller property owners' association would be responsible for cleanup. It is city owned property. Mueller perimeter greenway parks are city owned, it would be on one of those. Vote:

- 19 in favor
- none opposed
- 4 abstentions

11:10 - 11:25 | Vote on Support for Caps Funding (Chad Cotton) - 15:00 min

Discussed the ask from last month's meeting: a letter of support for the City to commit to paying for infrastructure to support putting caps on I35. Currently there are no plans for caps north of the Metro redline. If the city does not commit, we cannot build caps in future. Rick Krivoniak - It was Brandon W. from NAINC who made the presentation during last month's general meeting. City is considering making investment, we are supporting that commitment. Chito does support these. Brian comment - if the city agrees to support infrastructure, the city will be on the hook to fund the infrastructure.

Sam question - was there a followup from the presentation on how we could access the cap? Answer is no.

Tuesday 4/15/25 - 6pm Delco center - Chito is holding a meeting where we can ask questions on this topic, provide feedback.

Motion to table:

- 4 in favor
- 13 opposed
- 5 abstentions

motion fails.

Motion to send letter:

- 16 in favor
- 4 opposed
- 3 abstentions

We will have to allow online voting to complete the vote.

11:25 - 11:30 | Update on 51st and Cameron Development (Laurel/Chad) - 05:00 min

Laurel provided the update. Discussed demolition of remaining buildings there. There have been multiple fires,1 murder there. Chito wants those buildings razed. One building has been condemned and will come down in the next few weeks. Laurel asked the property owner to raze the abandoned vet clinic building, that is where the murder took place. In response to Laurel's request, the property owner started the vet-clinic demolition permit process, which takes 4-6 weeks. The total time for the building to be razed is 3-4 months.

11:30 - 11:35 | SAMP Update (Jeanette/Hector) - 05:00 min

Small Area Mobility Plan (SAMP). WPNA, WP Contact Team (WPCT) collaboration. WPCT is forming a community advisory group; they have had 2 meetings so far. Have enlarged SAMP area to be bound by US183, 51ts St., I35, US290. Goal is to have safer, better mobility around neighborhoods for all modes of transportation; this includes entering/exiting neighborhoods safely. Next meeting is Wednesday night 4/16/25 and is open to the public. Will try to set a schedule for the first community meeting at the next SAMP group meeting 4/16/25.

11:35 - 11:40 | Schools Committee: Scholarship (Jeanette) - 05:00 min

Scholarship committee - all applications in. 15 completed. 2 recipients last year did not claim their scholarship. We have ~\$20k in funds. Will be reading and announcing scholarships in May.

11:40 - 11:45 | Windsor Park Care Team: Red Cards (Jeanette) - 05:00 min

Handed out 500 red cards on immigration. Laminated, union made, printed in San Jose CA. Show them to law enforcement if stopped. People do not have to say anything, can just hand them the card. The WPNA distributed the first 500. Ordered another 1000. Currently cards are available in the library, Harris Elementary, Pomerleau Park, Blanton Elementary, businesses at Reagan Square. Jeanette's ask - to take cards and distribute. Jeanette asked to authorize reimbursement of \$105 for 1000 cards.

Sam - first \$75 for first 500 cards was taken from the safety committee. WPNA has 9 committees, with a budget of \$100 per committee. The \$105 for reimbursement would come from the general fund unless otherwise designated. We have plenty in the general fund; we have \$15k in unallocated funds. The \$105 is a minimal investment compared to what we have available.

Voted on reimbursing Jeanette for the \$105 expense.

Votes are

- 17 in favor
- none opposed
- no abstentions

Motion carries.

11:45 - 11:50 | Treasurers Report (Sam Searle) - 05:00 min

Move to accept the treasurer's report.

Votes are

- Approximately 17 in favor
- none opposed
- no abstentions

Treasurer's report accepted.

11:50 - 11:55 | Minutes Approval (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

Move to accept minutes.

Votes are

- 17 in favor
- none opposed
- no abstentions

Minutes accepted.

11:55 - 11:55 | Adjourn (Chad Cotton) - 00:00 min

Upcoming:

- Windsor Park Community Garden Rejuvenation at 1:00, after the meeting at the Community Garden behind the library.
- April 19th Free Cafe @ Pomerleau Park