



Minutes:

October 11, 2025

10:00 – 10:15 | Coffee and Conversation (w/ Talisman coffee) – 15:00 min
35+ in attendance

10:15 – 10:20 | Welcome (Chad Cotton) – 05:00 min
Discussing Prop Q tax rate election, request to be respectful.
Welcome to newcomers.

10:20 – 10:35 | Neighbors' Communications (You) – 15:00 min

Suzanne Mueller - from Hope Lutheran

Announcement of fall festival on 11/1/25 at Hope Lutheran Church, 6414 North Hampton Drive across from Bertha Sadler Means. Everything at the festival is free. Activities include bounce house, pony rides, bratwursts, hotdogs, homemade tamales; working on a dog parade.

Jackson Love - Corona Drive. Announcement on behalf of Natasha. Upcoming election on 11/4/25, 17 measures, early voting is 10/20/25 - 10/31/25.

Jen Kreager - North Loop resident. Coordinating with Martin Luecke and WPNA Climate Committee. Federal tax credits for energy upgrades to your homes are available and will expire 12/31/25. Using the credits you can make home more energy efficient, add battery backup, add solar, do an energy audit, add insulation. credits are worth thousands of dollars. A flyer is available with a barcode to resources. Austin Energy also has local rebates that are not going away

Sam - Peggy St Halloween block party, 5pm-8pm 10/31/25. It is posted on WPNA website. The street will be blocked off. You can make candy donations.

The Schools' Committee workshop was held at WP library and was led by Heather Wong. Participants came up with key ideas and concepts that will be shared with the neighborhood Wednesday night. The portion of the meeting that included panelists is available on the WPNA website.



Nadia - AISD is proposing to split the WP neighborhood in half between Webb and Marshall. The zone for Marshall does not include Andrews and Harris. Fill out comment cards on the AISD website.

Kelly Overton - WP Branch library. Sr social hour, every other Wednesday 10am
Today Quincienra makeup demo this morning, Mariachi band at 2:30 Hispanic Heritage Month
10/14 Bicycling with butterflies, book club
Roots and Wings
Bats program 10/27 bat group will talk about bats, they are good pollinators
Native plant swap at Eco Fest
Dia de los Muertos 10/25 crafts
10/30 for halloween haunted candyland
10/21 thrifted ghost paintings
Part East-west studio tour - two artist will have display 11/15

Jennifer Davis - ATX costume and thrift sale - raising funds for local theaters
Baked goods from Tailored Treats for sale

Hector - 9/11 had working group austin energy regarding transportation.
Opportunity to provide feedback will be announced in the future

I35 changes announced

Soliciting feedback on bikelane / sidewalk near Harris

10/25 - family fun and games with public health services
At Wheelless Lane Church of Christ

10:35 – 10:55 | Tax Rate Election Preview (Chito Vela) – 20:00 min

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Chito Vela -

Texas passed 3.5% property tax cap on cities in 2019

Old cap was 8% per year

For last 25 years, Austin has taken about 6% of property tax values

We have abided by that cap 2020-2024

TRE will raise 109MM vs 123MM we would have gotten without 3.5% cap



½ property tax

¼ sales

15% utilities transfers

13% municipal court, admissions barton springs, etc.

Sales taxes are volatile funding source

Property taxes are stable and steady

Where we spend general fund revenues -

Airport money stays in airport

Austin energy and water - money stays within utilities

Police (37%) fire (18%) ems (10%) - 65% of general fund

Parks 9% library 5.4% public health 4.5%

TRE will raise additional 109MM.

30% of revenue goes to homelessness

Martialing yard - we need a place to hold a bunch of people when something bad happens, like Katrina

Convention center uses it for staging

300 homeless people staying there for past 3 years - 9MM/year to run

8th street shelter - 8th and Red River - City bought from Salvation Army

Womens shelter for 140-150 people - 7-8MM / year expense

Bridge shelters - hotels - St, John and 35, Oltorf and 35 - residence for 180 days

When we do camp cleanup, we move entire camp into bridge shelter

20% of TRE will go to fire and EMS

Will also cover fire fighter overtime

20% affordable housing

20% health programs - vaccine, vaccine outreach

10% parks and rec, maintenance

General fund 1.6 BB - reserves are 14-17%



Lost 105MM for caps, 50MM flooding for Onion Creek

Is city being efficient with our taxes?

Chito says yes. E.g., no meter readers, all digital

½ of EMS calls involving transporting someone

Basic life support ambulances are for lower level emergencies - more cost effective

Transit signal prioritization for emergency vehicles

Austin has AAA credit rating

Parks - budget for maintenance has not kept up with growth in parks

Cost of TRE -

Cost to average homeowner - \$200 / year

City is ¼ of property tax bill - half is AISD, 1/7 to county

Central health is increasing their taxes because of medicaid cuts

10:55 – 11:10 | Code Enforcement on Patton/Wheless (Tracy Allen) – 15:00 min

Tracy - assistant director with austin dev services

Wheless

Marlena Wright

Supervise inspectors

Escalation effr

2606 wheeless

Patton lane



Building and standards order given-

1000/day per violation assessed

Monitoring properties weekly with APD

Doing cleanups

Performing abatements as needed- clean, mow, etc.

Robert Moore

Repair order or demolition order- received repair order

Do not anticipate compliance

May request demolition order for 2606 wheelless

Turned over to legal department

1714 Patton, 1800 Patton

These are not on radar for demolition - properties are in good condition and are boarded
Leaning on law department to make something happen

Codes - structure/maintenance - paint, roofing, foundation, unsanitary conditions, tall weeds
grass, no AC/heater, IPMC - property managers code

175K demo budget - wheelless will be 185K, will seek additional funding

Have 30 properties in queue for demo

Same owner for all 3 properties -

11:10 – 11:25 | School Donation Allocation (Sam Searle) – 15:00 min

Excess funds from past few years



How to use funds to better improve neighborhood

Grant for schools in zone - \$2500 for 5 schools. Each school could access \$500, apply for use of funds. Harris, Andrews, Blanton, LBJ, NE

Funds are not based on merit- they are grants, up to \$500 for each school. Requirement is they apply, by email, with 1 line explanation of how funds will be used. Fund are to go to PTA.

Brian's motion - send program back to committee to develop equitable formula for funds distribution

For 19

Against 9

Abstain 0

11:25 – 11:35 | Fee for membership “I live here I give her” (Sam Searle) – 10:00 min

\$200 fee. Provide training to nor for profit boards, advocacy db search, can join amplify austin day and participate. Annual fee. If we don't find value, don't join next year.

Discounted membership due in October - if wait, it will be \$250

We are at \$13.5k unencumbered funds. Carrying over 6-7k for next year.

For 26

Against 1

Abstain 0

11:35 – 11:40 | Climate Committee (Martin Luecke) – 05:00 min

Austin Eco Fest

Have 5 other neighborhoods - MLK, St Johns, PSS, North Loop, one other

Shade brigade going out to houses

Minor mishap marching band - 10:30am

Firetruck will be there, kids art projects, NA projects like butterfly oasis by PSSNA. Bat conservation international will be there

Tree folks will bring 600 trees, we have over 300 households signed up, 2 / household

Free food



11:40 – 11:45 | Yard of the Month (Sara Jane Lee) – 05:00 min

5502 Windwood Dr - off of Trafalgar

Adam Rosenbaun and Wife Alissa- family affair, mother helped with pickling plants

Zoysia grass. Adams needle agave one of plants picked out. They get \$50 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery

11:45 – 11:50 | Treasurers Report, 2026 Proposed Budget (Sam Searle) – 05:00 min

\$14k in unencumbered funds

\$2500 to Delwood - 1500 parks, 1000 general

Newsletter cost increased \$80/month

Roots and wings grant 750

Membership at 269 memberships, all time high, 400 members

\$10k raised from pancake breakfast

Significant spend in Q4

Renewing annual costs - PO box, holiday party

Increasing income - targeting \$9k for newsletter

Merc income/expense

Charlene - cost of mailing things out. Increase in fees due to payments going electronic

\$1000 operating next year + \$6-7k carryover (about half of annual budget)

Membership drive ends in February

Motion to accept treasurers report

Accepted - all

No opposed or abstention

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

Minutes accepted

No opposed or absentions

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