



## Agenda:

January 10, 2026

10:00 - 10:15 | Coffee and Conversation (w/ Talisman coffee) - 15:00 min  
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10:15 - 10:20 | Welcome (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min  
30+ in attendance  
Recognition of new attendees  
Recognition of newsletter deliverers

10:20 - 10:30 | Neighbors' Communications (You) - 10:00 min

Brian - 1 meeting left before primary election, several candidates for state reps that cover our WPNA area. Recommend exec committee look to set up something for Feb meeting to get to know candidates

Mohan - Austin Creative Reuse - 1/19 having MLK Day cleanup near ACR, near community garden, 2005 Wheeless meetup, 1-3pm

Marge - on behalf of enlivenment committee. Trying to build walking mediation labyrinth by Mennonite church. Have upcoming work days- dates will be announced

Jeanette - schools committee - scholarship will be up and running and open - apply by 12/31. Current senior in any AISD school. Have never had to turn anyone down. \$28K in fund now. Offering \$500 stipend to past recipients. 15 have applied for stipend

Martin - Climate committee planted trees, looking for people to adopt tree. On Blanton Dr behind Blanton Elementary. All tree have marker with number. 5 gal of water a week. We try to water them for 2 years

Carl - Hope Lutheran. Northeast and North Hampton. Have a pastor being installed next week. Dog park, Pickles Place. Walking trail, adding disk golf, exercise stations. 1/24 9-1 red cross blood drive. 4/11 spring festival. Will be voting center for upcoming election.



Kevin Jackson - ACPA - 2 girls go to Bowie, wife is a teacher, running state board of education (?)

Chad - 1/17 9-12, next Tannehill branch cleanup.

Brian - City and county are supporting rights restoration day later this month.

Amanda - light going in at Patton and Berkman

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

Kelly Overton -

Check library calendar for updates

Free art classes, Doherty art center

Library turning 100 this year

Carver library first library African Americans could enter

Have evaluation forms, soliciting feedback

Senior social hour twice a month

Book club - have bookmark with all titles they are reading this year

Writing workshop for teenagers -

Art crochette - provide materials and patterns

Community puzzle swap

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

Anna Lepine 1515 westmoor dr

Started working on it after big freeze. Trying to accentuate architecture. Flower bed near airport.

10:40 - 11:00 | Weatherization - SPEER (Shaun Auckland) - 20:00 min

Vernique Plakey?

DOE grant - handing out weatherization kits

Partnering with Travis county

Work for affordable clean reliable energy

Texas Energy Poverty Institute

Smart thermostats, insulation et all can decrease bill

AC biggest contributor to bill

Water heating, lighting, appliances, standby power (appliances taking energy when not in use)



Adjusting thermostat when away can help, air filters

Weekly alerts for austin energy usage helpful

Recommend energy audit from CoA

Free and low cost ways to address energy usage

- Smart power strips, vampire usage (standby power)

- Managing sunlight

- Using fans wisely

- LED light bulbs

- Cleaning AC coils once / year

- Use water wisely - wash with cold water

Smart tech

- savings.[austinenergy.com](http://austinenergy.com)

- \$50 rebate to install smart thermostat, program to pre-cool home

\$50-\$75 savings to opt in to smart thermostat, can save 10% on energy cost

Weather stripping, door window seals - can reduce energy bill

Put in insulation behind outlets

Repalce airfilter check thermostat clean vents check HVAC outside. Austin Energy offers HVAC tuneup work with contractors

Shade HVAC outside

For renters - light fixtures, temp settings, weather stripping. Landlord responsible for AC maintenance, HVAC filters.

Weatherization assistance program - eligibility limitations. Will give you insulation for free, give you new water heater, replace leaky plumbing

Call 211 texas, they can connect you with local vendors (?)

Heat pump has pay back period of 2 years

Within next year, Texas will be offering appliance rebates

Jeanette - replaced system with heat pump, bill significantly lower.

Got \$750 from Austin energy and federal tax credit

Martin - there is a heat pump water heater, can get rebates directly from store in some cases



11:00 - 11:15 | Vote for the schools funding (Sam Searle) - 15:00 min

Schools committee

Oct presented idea to use funds to donate to PTA to schools

Funds distribution method contested

Schools committee came up with way to distribute funds - written by Alice Growtie (sp?)3 elementary schools

500 blanton 1000 harris 1000 andrews

Use title 1 status as indicator (blanton not title 1)

Supports current boundary structure - propose to change in future when boundaries become blended

We have \$14.8k in unencumbered funds

Asking when they spend the money, share with WPNA how they spent it - open channel of communication - start building relationships with PTAs

Jeanette - Blanton was a title 1 school. Has turned around in last 15 years. Driven by fact that parents were in schools, actively engaged.

For 24

Opposed 0

Abstain 0

11:15 - 11:20 | Update on SAMP (Jeanette Swenson) - 05:00 min

Small area mobility plan

Compiled long list of areas not safe for mobility - pedestrian to auto

Transportation and Public Works worked with contact team and NA starting in March

Have been developing SAMP. From 183-I35, 290 to E 51st. UH, PSS, WP - 3 neighborhoods



Have 1 more survey, prioritization- have rated items by cost

Link in Window on Windsor - open through 1/31

6 areas:

Local mobility improvements, corridor improvements, regional (183, I35 connections), trails, crossing intersection improvements, implementation scenarios

Expecting to have final plan and proposal by May

11:20 - 11:25 | Membership Appeal (Laurel Chesky) - 05:00 min

Incentive program

2025 accomplishments:

Delivered 40k newsletters

17k scholarships

700 trees adopted

11 meetings

11 yards of the month

2 open mics - 5-6 social events

Committees work

Et al.

11:25 - 11:30 | Committee Chair Confirmation (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

Beatification - unconfirmed

Climate - Martin Luecke

Enlivenment - Mohan and Eliabeth Kugala (sp)

Parks - Casey Broons (sp)

Schools - Heather Wong

Health and Safety - Rebecca Leaman

Transportation - Hector Martel

Yard of the Month - Sandy Wilcox

Newsletter and sponsorship - Amanda, Josh does sponsorships

If you want to get involved, go to web page, committees page, email listed contact

11:30 - 11:35 | Treasurers Report (Sam Searle) - 05:00 min

\$61K checking

\$14.8k unencumbered

\$28k scholarships open 1/15



Membership goals - 250 last year goal, had 286

Already have 93 members for 2026 - +20 from same place last year

Have gift cards lazarus brewery, other brewery, mum foods, ACR, others donated

Giving them away after 2/28 deadline

11:35 - 11:40 | Minutes Approval (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

Motion to approve minutes

Approved

11:40 - 11:40 | Adjourn (Chad Cotton) - 00:00 min



## Coming Up:

### January:

- CAC TAWWA Tannehill Branch Creek Cleanup: January 17th from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Meet at Bartholomew Municipal Pool Parking Lot.
  - In case of inclement weather, watch the WPNA Calendar on our Website.
- New Pastor Installation (Mark Hunsaker): January 18th at 4:00 PM at the Hope Lutheran Church 6416 North Hampton Dr. Reception to follow.
- Neighborhood Cleanup Monday January 19th (MLK Jr. Day) from 1pm until 3pm. Meet at Austin Creative Reuse at 2005 Wheless Lane.