



Agenda:

July 11, 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

33+ in attendance

Recognition of new attendees

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

Chito

51st and Cameron - most of building are down, 2 more pending next 30 days

Wheless property - bombed out apartments, city has demolition order, cost \$1MM.

Looks like owner will demolish at their own expense.

Patton complexes - same owner as on Wheless - word is they are pending sale to another company that will rehab those properties

1410 Broadmoor- house in bad shape, largely dealt with. Still in bad shape but criminal activity abated

51st St project - pending. Still working through some details. 51st cameron to Berkman will be redone to be a boulevard. Long delayed project, part of 2010 bond

Belfast bridge - Doggett got 2MM awarded. Need to get it executed as quickly as possible. Will be a little more than 2MM, city will kick in some. High priority project for Chito. Doggett wants to see it start before he leaves office

Martin - climate committee- Blanton tiny forest has trees adopted. All trees that got mowed accidentally have come back but 1. Have new place to put trees- park at edge of WP and UH, Sheefer track, Manor Road and Springdale, last block of NE drive. Got approval from Parks Dept to put trees there. Looking for Urban Forest Grant. Want to put a row of shade trees down length of park, turn middle into a wildflower field. Local boy scouts that meet there want to get involved.

City will talk about how to keep foxes, coyotes, other undesirable wildlife out of your yard

Changes to bylaws proposed in Aug meeting

8/15 free cafe in park by environment committee

Looking for new sponsorship coordinator, distribution of newsletter, new role-communications coordinator - manages social media, web, emails

Upcoming elections for executive committee

10:30 - 10:35 | Development Updates 52nd st (Chito Vela) - 05:00 min

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10:35 - 10:40 | Library Updates (Kelly Overton) - 05:00 min

Full summer swing

Summer reading program

Kids get free books if they turn in summer reading forms for 600 minutes

End of July book sale- 1-2 dollar adult, 0,5 kids books

Painting workshop

Aug media fest - swap tapes and discs

Parenting hour in Aug, subject battles and boundaries. Therapist / social worker leading

10:40 - 10:45 | Yard of the Month (Sara Jane Lee) - 05:00 min

Shari

1504 Westmoor

Milkweed is seeding, grab some. Had a garden / landscape created several years ago.

Turks cap has survived, lantana doing well. \$50 to Shoal Creek Nursery

10:45 - 11:15 | TEA Takeover (Heather Wong) - 30:00 min

ATX116 cofounder

This meeting is for info and resource sharing

AISD budget cuts - what they mean for NE Austin

2025-26 \$95MM deficit

2026-27 projected \$181MM deficit

\$205MM budget cuts adopted 6/18/26

Reserves projected to fall to 10% of operating costs - half district's normal policy

AISD lost 3000 students this year- school choice, housing cost, immigration enforcement.

State funding lag

Recapture Austin ISD gives 42% back to state

Federal uncertainty and local factors - title 1 (200k Harris, 100k this year), non-profits not getting funded through federal grants

Lower property values

558 positions affected, 196 unfilled

We will see another reduction in August to support e.g. keeping librarians

Closures- Will Montessori, International High School

State turnaround plans concentrated in our area, East and Northeast Austin

Schools banded 1-4 - support and resource index. Band 1 and 2 more protected from cuts

Index based on economic disadvantage, emergent bilingualism, special ed, high mobility, new to US, prior year's undeserved student group

Pecan springs band 1

Harris band 2

Blanton band 3

What comes next

7/1 cuts in effect

Fall 2026 Boundary redistricting

Supt. Segura - closures paused for now

TEA takeover

If it happens

Supt removed

Elected board replaced

Local control eliminated

What triggers it - Dobie, Burnet, Webb receive a 5th consecutive failing state accountability rating

If takeover happens

Districts lose large portions of teaching force

Curriculum replaced

Community voice silenced

Houston ISD - 40% teacher left after takeover, 13k students left HISD after takeover
Libraries at reform-model campuses were converted into discipline centers
Curriculum replaced

Fort Worth ISD also had takeover
Superintendent pushed out, teacher departures followed. FORT Worth cut its F-rated schools from 31 to 11 and raised its district rating from a D to a C - TEA took over anyway. Progress is not protection

Research finds no consistent evidence that takeover improves student outcomes

Advocacy is not a sprint it is a marathon

2cd Tuesday 4-5:30 schools committee meets

Listening circle - 7/12 5-7pm Violet Crown Church in the preschool

Questions

Takeover applies to entire district. Some schools have more compliance measures in place, ones that have failing ratings.

Brian Pena - running for at large trustee, open seat
Graduated UT accounting, Jina Jinahosa, Lloyd Doggett. Trustees are still there during takeover, have no power

Meghan Doherty - Career social studies educator? Sweeping changes coming to curriculum next few years

Bluebonnet is mandatory curriculum adopted during takeover
State is mandating specific books vs teaching content
Starting mandatory social studies

HQIM - high quality instructional materials - there is a push for this.

What can we do now? Connect with teachers. State-level advocacy is important.

11:15 - 11:25 | Budget Cut Impacts (Heather Wong) - 10:00 min
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11:25 - 11:30 | Make your voice heard (Heather Wong) - 05:00 min

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Business

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

Have \$70k in balance

Started distributing 34 scholarships

Have issued 11 so far

Fundraising for next year

Goal for membership 300

We are at about 250 memberships

Eco Fest October, Cyclovia November

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

Minutes approved

No opposed or abstentions

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

11:40 - 12:00 | Cleanup (Everyone) - 20:00 min

Open Volunteer Opportunities:

- We are looking for someone to take over managing the distribution of the newsletters. This role includes receiving the boxes of printed newsletters from the printer, dividing newsletters into bundles for the sector leaders and delivering those bundles to the sector leaders, maintaining a list of the sector leaders and communicating with those leaders.
- We are looking for a sponsorship coordinator. The person in this role will be responsible for responding to requests about sponsorships, answering questions from existing and potential sponsors, sending reminders about expiring sponsorships, and maintaining a record of the sponsorships. Most of the work can be done asynchronously via email, or texts.
- For the 2027 year we will be looking for someone to fill a new position of Communications Coordinator. This person will coordinate the content and communications strategy for multiple channels of communication including email, web, and social media (mainly facebook). This will require crafting messages, making social media posts and sending emails using the tools available. You will have help with the web posting.

Coming Up:

- **August Events**
 - At the August 8th general meeting we'll be reviewing proposed changes to the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws and we'll be learning how to interact with wild life in our back yards to keep us, our pets, and the wild animals that we encounter safe.
 - August 15, 2026 from 9 AM to 11 AM at Pomerleau Park 1906 Patton Ln. Join us for free coffee, homemade treats and good company. Bring your own mug, bring a friend, or just bring yourself. Enjoy some low key tunes and a warm community vibe.
- **September Events**
 - At the September meeting we'll be voting on proposed changes to the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws.

