Agenda: September 12, 2026

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

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

33+ in attendance
Recognition of newsletter carriers
Recognition of newcomers

Coming Up:

- October Events
  - October 17th from 10:00 until 1:00 Austin Eco Fest 2026 at Bartholomew Park near the splash pad
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- November Events
  - Nov 3rd Election Day - Please Vote
  - Nov 7th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM - Cyclovia ATX 2026 a free block party celebrating human powered mobility (walking, biking, skating, etc) on Westminster (Start at the Library you'll find it) https://cycloviaatx.org/
  - November 11 from 5 pm until 7 pm New Neighbor Happy Hour New and long time residents are invited to socialize and welcome our new neighbors. Moved here in the last 12 months? Your first drink is on us, and free swag for all first-time WPNA members. Nomad Bar, 1213 Corona 1213 Corona Dr.
  - Nov. 29 :Open Mic Night, Sunday, at Mennonite Church. The Enlivenment Committee presents a repeat performance of this popular, family-friendly event. Stay tuned for details

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

Brian - early voting starts 10/18, precinct 116 voting at Hope Lutheran, Chronicle has comprehensive list of voting locations

Jeanette - opportunities to serve as poll monitors. May still be openings for poll workers, 6am-9pm

Commander Chris Davis, Austin APD, resident of the area, at APD 22 years.

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

Kelly absent, check library calendar (put link here)

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

Rainbow flag fence house on Wheeless lane. Picture of yard in this month's newsletter. 13-year resident. Get $50 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. Newest addition to yard is yucca from Shoal Creek Nursery.

10:45 - 11:15 | Tannehill Branch Watershed Redesign (CDM Smith) - 30:00 min

Project happening in Bartholomew Park. 5 visitors here presenting. Have 2 park rangers in attendance also.

Mission - protect lives property and environment
Impacts of urbanization include erosion, flooding, poor water quality
Austin Watershed Protection builds upgrades restores the city's creeks and drainage infrastructure through Capital Improvement Program projects
Tannehill Branch water quality issues:
Excessive nutrients and sediments
Lack of native vegetations
Significant erosion

Project objectives:
Bartholomew Park stormwater improvements
Morris Williams stormwater improvements
Austin Water Utility wastewater interceptor upgrades

Bartholomew park project objectives
Remove nutrients
increas e rain soaking
Increase amount of normal flow through the creek
Enhance native plants near creek

In addition to water quality improvements, adding a creek crossing
Walkable, but not continuous sidewalk
Elevated at normal times, might be submerged during rainfall

Also sidewalk improvements at parking lot
Relocating accessibility parking

Transportation and Public Works improvements
Shady brook lane to E 51st St. 12 ft wide, concrete with lighting, dam crossing widened from 4 ft to 10 ft, includes crossing of dam, subdued dock style lighting.
Pedestrian hybrid beacon at Tilly added to make cars stop

Will also have 15' pole mounted solar powered lights

Parks and Recreation: Bartholomew District Park Improvements

1. Shade structure - delwood sports complex over bleachers. $220k cost
2. Shade for roller derby court - $400k cost (2027)

Jeanette asked about call boxes for park

Disk golf course- 1982, one of first 50 to be built. $200k cost, unfunded at this time.
Downsizing holes from 18 to 9.

Cost
$3M drainage
$1.1M SRTS and trails
APR improvements $820k

Timeline
2020-2021 engineering
2022 scope
2023 final design kickoff
2026 100% design and permitting
Late 2027 construction

11:15 - 11:35 | 51st Street Letter Discussion and Vote (Chad Cotton) - 20:00 min

Adam - safe streets austin coalition
Andrew chair of Mueller NA
Want to improve what has been shown in 90% design
Originally from 2012 bond for 51st between Cameron and Berkman
City has plans for overhaul - many are not happy with current plan
Ask from city- reopen planning. Seeking mainstreet vision
90% design is 4-lane arterial

Propose reducing to 2 lanes and making that work
Will have conversation with Richard Mendoza, Katy Martin who presented plan

Discussion on feasibility of the plan, positions for and against.
Signing on letter is saying we want to have a conversation with the city the plan and revisit it
If conversation approve, estimating a 3 year delay in project based on feedback from city

13 in favor
7 opposed
0 abstentions

11:35 - 11:45 | Budget Presentation (Laurel/Rebecca) - 10:00 min

postponed

11:45 - 11:50 | Treasurers Report (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

13 in favor
7 opposed
0 abstentions

11:50 - 11:59 | 2027 Officer Nominee Introductions (Chad Cotton) - 09:00 min

Chad Cotton - secretary nominee
Laurel - running for president
Rebecca Leamon - treasurer
Marge Wormald (sp?) - vice president
Amanda Blackwelder - vice president
Communications officer - Yoshadi Wimalarathne

Hungry Hill foundation wants to move into space at Rogue and Manor.
They help the homeless population
We want to encourage the owners of that space to rent to them

Motion to suspend 1 month rule (delay vote for 1 month after proposal presented)
passed in favor
0 opposed
0 abstentions

Motion to send letter in support:
20 in favor
0 opposed
0 abstentions

11:59 - 12:00 | Minutes Adoption (Chad Cotton) - 01:00 min

approved

12:00 - 12:00 | Adjourn (Chad Cotton) - 00:00 min

12:00 - 12:10 | Cleanup - 10:00 min

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

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

23+ in attendance

- Recognition of committee attendees
- Talking about budget items today, providing more money to committees
- Voting on bylaw changes presented last month
- Recognition of newsletter deliverers
- Recognition of new attendees- Melissa on Manor Road

Coming Up:

- October Events
  - October 3rd from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m Austin Mennonite Church will be hosting 12th Annual Rebecca's Pancake Breakfast
  - October 6th is National Night Out and there will be a number of celebrations on Thames Drive near Gaston Place Drive and at the Hope Lutheran Church.
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Martin Lueke - Shade Brigade completed the first training session, going door to door leaving fliers on houses that have space in the yard for trees 15 ft from the curb. Have split the neighborhood into 18 sections. Have 15 trained volunteers on the Shade Brigade. Selected houses that respond get 2 trees, one near the curb, the other wherever you want. Ultimately this is a beautification process. Tree Folks will deliver the trees directly to your door some time in November. Martin's team is willing to dig holes. There will be 500 trees at Eco Fest to be given away by Tree Folks. Free mulch is also available at Eco Fest.

Wheeless Lane Church of Christ - once a month they are doing a free lunch for anyone in need, housed or unhoused - 11am-1pm 9/16/26. 2702 Wheeless Lane.

They also put together blessing bags for neighborhood associations to deliver to those in need.

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

- October- official 100 year celebration, cake, fun events October 17, 2026 at all library branches
- Have 2 staff members getting trained in lamp repair for swaps
- Got bike repair stand installed in May, including pump, tools, repair kits

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

Jacob and Tara Drees - 6107 Belfast Dr. They have various grasses, Texas Sage, short plants along walkways. They will receive a $50 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery.

10:45 - 10:50 | Call for support for Eco Fest (Martin Lucke) - 05:00 min

See neighbors' communications

10:50 - 10:55 | Treasurers Report (Sam Searle) - 05:00 min

Report as of 8/31/26

- Healthy balance of $49,649.09
- Paid out 9 scholarships in August, 6 left to pay
- Received $1,500 from Roots and Wings for Eco Fest
- $18,452.33 unencumbered funds- can be used at our discretion for general purposes
- ~$5000 expenses next quarter, that leaves about $13K for the end of year.
- Over the last 4 years we have carried over approximately $5k, $7k, $9k, and $13k.
- We have done a good job eliminating expenses and increasing donation income
- A healthy balance is ~$7k-$8k, that is the goal for carry over, so we could spend $5k-$6k

10:55 - 11:00 | Minutes Adoption (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

Minutes approved

11:00 - 11:20 | Appeal to support Bond (Chito Vela) - 20:00 min

2026 Parks and Libraries Bond, Last bond was 2018

- $260M parks, $35M libraries
- Prop A is parks
- Prop B is libraries

Parks

- $65.5M buildings
  Gus Garcia Recreation Center Senior Wing Addition, Doris Miller Auditorium renovation, Mayfield Park facility rehab and security enhancements

- $65M parks improvements
- $29.5M infrastructure, including Mt. Bonnell security enhancements, worst place in city for car break-ins
- $65M aquatics
- $35M acquisition, including for strategic acquisitions for connectors, pocket parks, etc.

Zilker Metro Park, $3M
Garrison Municipal Pool, complete remodel, similar to what was done to Bartholomew pool.

Library
- 2 priorities
    - $20M Expansion renovation of existing SW branch Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
    - $15M New Colony Branch Library - investment toward a new NE branch. 30,000 sq. ft. library concept serving a growing area, it will be the first library east of 183

No immediate plans for expanding Windsor Park branch

Tax impact for $295M bond of $14.10 / $100,000 appraisal:
- $350k appraisal = $30.02 / year increase in taxes
- $500k appraisal = $42.88 / year increase in taxes
- $700k appraisal = $60.03 / year increase in taxes

11:20 - 11:30 | Vote on Committee Spending Requests (Chad Cotton) - 10:00 min

Laurel - Proposed spending breakdown
- Cares Team $300
- Climate $300
- Enlivenment $500 + amount for reusable signage (estimate pending)
- Membership $325
- Schools $2700
- Yard of the Month $400

We have 8 or so committees doing the work of community improvement
~$13K parks and beautification budget

Heather - Last year WPNA gave funds to 4 schools. This year we expanded to 10 schools because of our diverse zoning for schools. We wanted to spread funds, in part

to build relationships with neighboring schools. This year asking for $2700 to share with 10 schools. Title 1 schools are getting more support

KASI - Keep Austin Schools Independent. Place to plug in to address proposed takeover

Budget Vote:
23 in favor
1 opposed

11:30 - 11:50 | Vote on Bylaws Changes (Chad Cotton) - 20:00 min

Bylaws Changes Vote:
21 in favor
0 opposed

11:50 - 11:50 | Adjourn (Chad Cotton) - 00:00 min

Hannah Alexander- member of Memorial UMC, immigration lawyer - we have seen ICE activity in the neighborhood. She is offering 1pm ICE response training in the church.

11:50 - 12:00 | Cleanup (Everyone) - 10:00 min