

WPNA Meeting Minutes

8-10-19 Memorial United Methodist Church

- I. **Welcome:** President Dan Strub thanked sponsors of the newsletter and encouraged people to support those who support our neighborhood association and the WOW. Thank you to our newsletter deliverers. We have a few openings for newsletter delivery people, including one on Berkshire Drive. Please let Dan Strub know if you would like to volunteer.
- II. **Citizen's Communication**
 - A. **Nadia Khan:** AISD Campus Architectural Team is looking for more WP voices for a committee established for the new Mueller Middle School. No expertise needed. Two year commitment, but meetings aren't frequent. School is planned to open in the fall of 2022. Students are allowed to be on this committee too.
 - B. **Brian Graham:** Fact sheets provided on Council Member Cesar's position on several items and information about the new school/fencing on Cameron Road. Please read.
 - C. **Daphne Turnage, Memorial UMC:** Looking for projects for kids to participate in through Memorial United Methodist Church. If you have suggestions, please let her know. Best contact is email: mumc.youthministries@gmail.com
 - D. **Kelly from the Windsor Park Library:** Adult Summer Reading is ending at the end of August. Longest running book club is held this coming Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm. September reading is David Sedaris' "Theft by Finding". We have many holds on those books for the book club, so come to the library to pick up your copy. Monday, Aug 19: Adult Craft Club. Library also has a Tween Book Club and Youth Craft Club; a Youth Council and a Youth Lab.
 - E. **Mark DeLoach:** Ronald McDonald has 30 rooms available for families and there are several requirements families must meet to stay there. Mr. DeLoach is looking into a way to provide housing to more families through his property. He'll be meeting with Dell Endowment Group soon.
 - F. **Meghan Dougherty on behalf of the Social Committee:** October 1 is NNO. Hope Lutheran & Social Committee are planning a Neighborhood Movie Night and will be showing "Coco".
- III. **Yard of the Month: Sara Jane**

5606 Maplewood, Scott Carter. He is a wood sculptor and considers his yard a sculpture. His yard is full of plants. Some are pass along, some he has purchased. Works with natives that respond well. He will receive a \$50 gift card to Shoal Creek Nursery.
- IV. **Approval of meeting minutes from July 2019: Emily**

Change under item E. Green bags can no longer be used for Simply Recycling Clothing. That program doesn't exist anymore.

Also change under item C. Harold Ristow was not at the meeting last month. His announcement was made by Dan Strub. Motion to approve the minutes as amended.
- V. **Treasurer's Report: Meg**

Newsletter will be changed to 8-10 pages instead of 10-12 in order to decrease costs. Looking to start an editorial board to assist with editing process. One family away from 250 memberships. Our goal was 300.

VI. Council Member Greg Casar

UPDATES: *City Council put out a call to action from our legislature to increase gun safety measures.

*Lt. Dan Patrick was able to pass a revenue cap on local governments. Budget overall can only grow in the 2% yr range. Our budget needs to grow at least 3% for the city to keep on balance, keep things running.

*Discussed backlog of sexual assault evidence that was never tested. A large chunk of money was designated to get testing caught up, some cases went back to the 1990's.

*Homelessness: 2000 on a regular night are homeless, 1000 of those are unsheltered. Focus is on single adult homelessness for the last two years. Misunderstandings of the laws we've changed. How do we continue on the path we were on to get people off the streets? The only way to do that is provide shelter, help them find housing, etc. Goal is to invest 3x as much in homeless services than when Mr. Casar came on to the council. We currently are under capacity on shelter space. Recently cut a ribbon on Tannehill shelter (MLK and Ben White). Goal is to get a shelter in each council district. Hired the first Homeless Strategy Officer for the city, Lori Pampilo Harris.

*Transportation updates: Berkman improvements, Rogge crossing, construction for 51st street improvements likely early 2020.

CALL TO ACTION: *Charge Council Harper-Madison and Casar with improvements you want for transportation.

Mr. Casar will come back to talk about November ballot and Code Next issues with the WPNA.

VII. Recycling and Composting: Gloria Neunaber

*Some residents have composting, some are getting the service in September and some residents still don't have composting in the WP neighborhood.

*Take unused medicines to Walgreens, don't try to throw them in the trash

*Foam, plastic, paint and can be taken to Austin Reuse Center. You can buy paint through them at a small cost.

*Batteries can be taken to the library or Best Buy for recycling.

*Bulk collection day- to find out when Bulk Collection day is happening in your area, call 311 or go to <http://austintex.gov/departments/austin-resource-recovery>

*Recycled Reads will take books and you can find great affordable books. A bucket of books for a dollar.

*Don't put plastic bags in the blue recycling bins! Take plastic bags to HEB or Target to recycle.

*Green composting: If it grows, it goes. Any kind of food can be placed in these composting cans.

*Wanting to cut costs? You can downsize your trash cans.

*You can use BPI compostable bags. You can buy them at HEB and Costco and they are okay to put in the compost bucket. Training for composting on Sept 14 at Gus Garcia

Rec Center. They'll answer your questions and you get a free compost bucket for the kitchen.

*Austin Recycles does a monthly newsletter. Let Gloria know if you need help signing up.

VIII. Committee Reports

Social Committee: Sept 21 Neighborhood Yard Sale

Transportation Committee: August 20, Smart Trips Austin Presentation at Transportation Committee

Schools Committee: August 14, First Schools Committee meeting of the new school year at 7 pm.

IX. Closing: Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.