



*Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting*

*10:00 AM-Noon, Memorial United Methodist Church, Gym*

*April 13, 2024*

**Agenda:**

**10:00-10:19: Sign in, socialize, shop the shares, sign up**

- Welcome with Jeanette (WPNA President): Welcomes members at 10:17 am and introduces the committee tables and community recycling options.

**10:19-10:30: Citizen communication ( 2 minutes per person please)**

- Jose J. "Rudy" Muniz is here and represents the owner of Camila's Holdings LLC - It is a family-owned business. They own vacant lots on 2121 Wheless. He updated the WPNA about using the lot to build 6 rental units. Contact him with questions: [rudy@munizcontracting.com](mailto:rudy@munizcontracting.com) 512-848-0054
- Wesley and Trinity are our neighborhood CDCs and shared a few updates
- Sam Searle updates on Austin Creative Reuse. We have a table set up with more events this week focused on recycling and reusing. They offered to host a papermaking class (using our old newsletters) for WPNA on 4/23. 7 spots are available for folks to sign up. Add more details and contact
- Kelly from the Library: shares events including Earth Day Celebration. Collecting old batteries. Fix-It clinics will be hosted at the Library.
- Judi Rockman from the Linda Lane Project: visited the Little Deli and spoke with the manager about planting grass, trees, shade, and tables. They are paving the parking lot.
- Jeanette: discusses Pomerleau Park opening. The community-minded Malena Pomerleau Petersen sold the land to the city, which was named for her father, Earl J Pomerleau and built to be our park with the help of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Parks Foundation, and Parkland Dedication funds

**10:30-10:36: Yard of the Month, Andrew Berger and Teri Silvi, Westmoor - Sara Jane Lee**

- Sara with Yard of the Month: April 1419 Westmoor Drive. Andrew Burger and Carrie Silvi. They are not here but at a Little League game. The family has lived there for 7 years and will receive a \$50 gift certificate for Shoal Creek Nursery.

**10:37-10:47: Treasurer's Report - Sam Searle**

- Sam Searle: ending on March 31st - we are doing very well! We have the most \$ we have had in several years (Mennonite Church 5K + Scholarship fund 17+K). Exciting to give to more students in the neighborhood and at our neighborhood high schools who qualify and apply for scholarships. 12K in unencumbered funds - how can we best utilize that \$ for WPNA? Our objective is to do good work in the community, so

please send in your ideas. Send it to the executive meeting email Dan Strub comments that we have many new sponsors in the newsletter and remind folks to thank them for sponsoring the newsletter to our community. Thank you to Josh Pitts for pulling in sponsorships.

#### **10:47-10:50: Approval of March minutes - Heather Wong**

- March Notes: Dan and Rick noted a few spelling errors. Minutes were voted on and approved with changes.

#### **10:50-11:12: Zero Waste - Gloria Neunaber and Emily Frary**

- Emily on Brookdale discussed Zero Waste Block Leaders: BL are hyper-local community members who share zero waste practices with their neighbors to meet the zero waste City of Austin initiative by 2040. [austintexas.gov/ZWbl](http://austintexas.gov/ZWbl). There are perks to being a Block Leader including in-depth trainings and monthly get-togethers at ACR. Talk with Gloria Neunaber if you are interested in becoming a Block Leader. Or email [EmilyCatherineFrary@gmail.com](mailto:EmilyCatherineFrary@gmail.com) do Other local resources: Ridwell (monthly fee), Buy Nothing, Little Free Libraries, Recycled Reads, Little Free Pantries, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Thinkery, Fix-It Clinic on May 18th at Carver Library.(drop off/pick-up available for folks who cannot attend the day-of). Austin Dish Lending Library. Austin Toy Library. Reminder: No plastic bags in blue recycling carts!

#### **11:12 - 11:46: Climate Crisis Committee - Martin Luecke and Climate Committee**

- Project 1: Energy Efficient Home Updates Happy early Earth Day! We all know there are solar panel initiatives, white metal roofs, and electric car rebates, BUT there is an Inflation Reduction Act for rebates and tax credits for replacing household items. Lloyd Doggett has shared how we can use this act. His office is a resource for more information if needed. <https://doggett.house.gov/new-climate-bill> If you want to stop using fossil fuels in the house, you can replace the heating systems (up to \$14 K to get an electric stove, 3.4 K Austin energy rebate). Will take 1-2 years for the federal program (via SECO) to become available via SECO. Martin provided a list of items that will qualify under the program. Austin Energy already provides rebates at the point of sale. Local info here: [austinenergy.com/go/house](http://austinenergy.com/go/house) + Weatherization Assistance Program Application: [https://austinenergy.formstack.com/forms/weatherization\\_assistance\\_program\\_application\\_english](https://austinenergy.formstack.com/forms/weatherization_assistance_program_application_english)
- Project 2: Shady Streets: Add trees to the curb that will provide shade on the curb itself. For example, there are very few trees on Wheeler, so this project will allow families to get free trees for their yard with the intention of one being near the street (e.g., 3 drought tolerant and native trees in the yard + homeowners commit to watering the trees). Austin Tree Folks + WPNA Climate Committee will host a tree give event with a Q&A opportunity at Bartholomew PARK. Our Climate teams will help assist + give veggie tacos 😊. Jose spoke to Elizabeth Kubala and Mohan Rao's idea to encourage families to get a new tree and help kids take ownership of planting and care for the trees in their yards. Contact the committee at [Climate-committee@windsorpark.info](mailto:Climate-committee@windsorpark.info) and 512-536-0465 for more information.

**11:46-11:50: DRAWING HEB cards for folks who came to the meeting using alternative modes of transportation and a brief discussion of strategies: Chad Cotton, Sam Searle 16 of 37 attendees used alternative transportation.**

- Chad poses: What are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint?

**11:50-11:55: Announcements / Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES:**

- **Austin Creative Reuse: Makers' Market April 13-14 and 20-21**
- **Buy Nothing Network**
- **Windsor Park Library**
- **Windsor Park Gardening Exchange**
- **Fix-It Clinics**