

THANKS FOR RECYCLING!! PLEASE RECYCLE RIGHT!!

Recycling reduces landfill dependence and reduces the amount of methane and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

What items **CANNOT** be recycled in the blue cart?

- Plastic bags (only HARD PLASTIC CONTAINERS 1-7)
- Garden hoses, rope or cords
- Styrofoam (cups, egg cartons, take-out containers)
- Pizza boxes from take-out or delivery services
- Yard waste/leaves (set out for yard trimmings pick up)
- Food waste or trash (you may be charged if you put trash in your recycling cart)
- Large metal items such as frying pans and metal pipes
- Large plastic items (plastics that are gallon-sized or smaller are ok)
- Small metal items, like bottlecaps
- Wire coat hangers (recycle at your local dry cleaners)
- Fabric, clothing

Putting the wrong items in your blue cart can disrupt the recycling process, cause safety hazards, and jam the automated machinery that sorts.

See austinrecycles.com for more information about what can be recycled. Thanks!

Please Do Not Block Sidewalks!

When you block the sidewalks, even partially, with your vehicle or other items, you create an obstacle for pedestrians who must often step into the street to maneuver around these blockages. Sidewalks are meant to create a safe environment for pedestrians, so forcing walkers into the street makes the situation dangerous for them. In addition, the obstacles are even more problematic for pedestrians with disabilities or otherwise mobility impaired, since they often are not able to easily step around these obstructions. Finally, blocking sidewalks is against the law in Austin and can result in fines. Please be courteous when you park your cars, place your trash and recycling bins for pick up or otherwise do anything that interferes with pedestrian safety.

To report sidewalk obstructions, call 311.

§ 12-5-38 SIDEWALK OR RIGHT-OF-WAY.

A person may not stop, stand, or park a vehicle on a sidewalk or the area between the curblineline or lateral line of a roadway and the adjacent property line, unless the city manager has determined that the area may be used without conflict with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and the determination is on file with the city clerk.

Source: 1992 Code Section 16-5-16(A); Ord. 031204-13; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 20060504-039

DNPCT Draft Minutes –August 12, 2013

Minutes: DNCPT Minutes from 6-10-13 were approved as written in the newsletter.

Membership Report: All new DNA attendees left before the DNPCT meeting began.

Old Business: **a.** The proposal to amend the Dawson Neighborhood Plan, brought forth at the 6-10-13 DNPCT meeting, to pave the alley between Wilson and Durwood was re-addressed. Lori indicated that not all neighbors agreed with the proposal because it would increase traffic speed and add to impervious cover. Proponents of the amendment were not in attendance. Peter indicated that an amendment to the Neighborhood Plan would require that City Staff notify all of Dawson Neighborhood of a proposed plan amendment, approval by the Planning Commission, and approval by the City Council. **b.** Sandy indicated that the Dawson Neighborhood FLUM needs to be evaluated for errors that tend to appear in the document via its handling by City Staff.

New Business: Mary Ingle, from the Austin Neighborhood Council, presented proposed changes to the city plan amendment process, Part 2: sections C4 and E3. The proposed changes would give the Planning Commission new authority to initiate plan amendments out of cycle, at anytime throughout the year. The current plan amendment process (in place since 2003), requires plan amendment proposals to come before the Planning Commission at distinct points in the year, February for Dawson Neighborhood. The current process allows neighborhood volunteers who serve on the city's DNPCTs to have a more predictable time-frame for working with developers on new projects proposed for neighborhoods. Peter crafted a written opinion of meeting attendees to express opposition to the proposed change to the Planning Commission.

DNA Draft Minutes - August 12, 2013

Minutes: DNA 6-10-13 draft minutes approved as written in the newsletter

New Business: **a)** Mitchell Harrison nominated and elected to represent South Austin on the Community Development Commission. **b)** Several City of Austin staff members presented an update on the Brinwood erosion plans, which was caused by a water main break that produced a geyser. Work crew will build a gravel ramp to provide access to creek. The city may need to remove trees close to creek bed but assured residents that every effort would be made to protect creek bed and bank and trees. For additional information, contact Stephanie.Lott@austintexas.gov or Michelle.Adlong@austintexas.gov or 974-2826. **c)** Jake Skehan volunteered to take over Cheryl Fillekes' newsletter route. **d)** Marisa Fushille suggested the DNA do something for It's My Park! Day in September or October but no decision was made.

Old Business: **a)** Members discussed why the city is building a foundation in Gillis Park, and Peter volunteered to find the answer. **b)** Peter agreed to provide an informal report to the city about the new speed bumps based on listserv and DNA meeting comments. **c)** Marisa gave a brief presentation about the proper way to recycle. **d)** New attendees asked what to do about the transients hanging out near the Collision Center and other businesses along South Congress. Marty Harris gave them some background about the problems and measures taken to address them and encouraged them to always call the police.