

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Contact Plan Team
www.dawsonneighborhoodassociation.org

June/July 2017

CodeNEXT Open House: Mapping event for District 3 on June 10

There is another chance for District 3 members (Dawson included) to visit with the CodeNEXT staff and view the new draft CodeNEXT Land Development Code (zoning) map on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

If this meeting is like the April Open House meeting there will be a short presentation on the process of re-writing the Land Development code, of adapting the old Land code terms to the new code, and an understanding of this new code terminology to Imagine Austin, and still include our Neighborhood Plans and the adopted Future Land Use Map (FLUM). An open discussion with staff followed in front of the presentation boards of the maps and codes. The maps used in the April CodeNEXT meeting included our Dawson neighborhood, but I am not sure if these will again be as presented, or as pronounced, as this meeting is located on the East Side of District 3.

The information presented, however, should be similar, adaptable, and relevant.

Please attend if you can.

Location:

Eastside Memorial High School
1012 Arthur Stiles Rd.
10:00am to 12:00pm
June 10, Saturday

Storm Drain Work

The City of Austin's Watershed Protection Department is preparing to resume work on the Wilson Street Storm Drain Improvements Project to help with flooding in the Dawson Neighborhood.

The project team will be at the Dawson Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017, to talk about the project and answer questions.

Scope of Work

This project was started several years ago, but was placed on hold due to unforeseen conditions. The department has decided to complete it, using a contractor. The contractor will be installing the remaining storm drain system on two streets:

- Powell Circle, between Havana Street and Lightsey Road
- Lightsey Road, between South Park Drive and South First Street

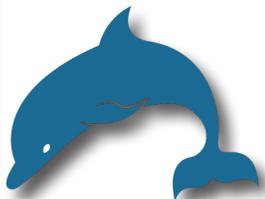
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Mollie Dawson Elementary Where there is a place for everyone!

Dawson Elementary serves children ages 3 to 12 years.

Dawson offers special programming with dual language, STEAM activities, arts-based instruction, and social emotional learning.

PreK for four years olds is open to students who qualify for the program, as well as families who would like to pay tuition.



DAWSON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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You are welcome to come by for a tour to see what we are all about!

Please contact Dawson's principal, Tania Jedele, at 512-698-9151, to set up a time for a tour.

Next Meeting

June 12 at 6:30pm, Mollie Dawson Elementary, 3001 S. 1st

New Location!

Agenda

Neighborhood Association:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
3. New business
 - a. Storm drain work

Contact Plan Team:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
3. New business
 - a. Sidewalks
 - b. Open Houses and DNPCT meeting with Planning and Zoning
 - c. Draft CodeNEXT Land Use maps

(Storm Drain Work, cont.)

Time line

The project is currently in the permitting process. The start date is not known at this time, but it should be in the summer.

More Information

For more information, please visit our web site at www.austintexas.gov/stormdrains, send an email to Sergio. Mendoza@austintexas.gov or call Sergio at 512-974-3346.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December.



Bouldin Creek bridge mosaic at El Paso

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East Bouldin Creek cleanups

Do you know how long it takes for different types of papers and plastics to decompose? Do you know how many amazing critters live in the creeks of downtown Austin? Come find out while helping to make a difference in your community's waterways! The Alliance has two upcoming Creek Cleanup opportunities at East Bouldin Creek in Gillis Park.

Upcoming Creek Cleanup/Eco-Explorations:

- June 8, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- July 26, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Softball bleachers at Gillis Park: 2504 Durwood St. Austin, TX, 78704

To register, please email Program Director, Geoff Hensgen at geoff@coloradoriver.org.

Article taken from Colorado River Alliance June eNewsletter

<http://mailchi.mp/coloradoriver/water-issues-texas-water-legislation-luncheon-preview-summer-activities-and-more-899613?e=674540c09b>



Cactus at El Paso and La Mesa Dr.

Dawson Neighborhood Association Minutes, April 10, 2017

Peter called the meeting to order. Minutes approved as written. No old business. Ms Jedele, Dawson Principal, greeted the membership and described new programs at the school (STEAM-focused, a maker space with 3D printer added).

Dr. Matthias, AISD Trustee, spoke about the school closing situation. Dawson Elementary will NOT be closed; BUT enrollment in AISD is decreasing, especially in the central city area, given issues around affordability. Dawson is open to transfers, including students from out of the district.

Update on the park next to the AT&T building on Cumberland.

Update on St. Edward's university master plan.

Residential Parking Permits: Corinne, who lives on El Paso, is looking to expand the hours of limited parking along El Paso. The issue of extending the hours of parking restriction on El Paso was put to the membership in the form of a motion; new hours: 7 am to 12 am weekdays, 10 am to 12 am on Saturdays and Sundays. Motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Minutes, April 10, 2017

Marty Harris called the meeting to order at 7:52pm.

The minutes were approved.

Shareen with the City of Austin Parks presented about the City of Austin's summer camp program. Shareen noted the nearest summer camps to the Dawson neighborhood are in Zilker and Franklin Park, and that free lunch would be provided. Shareen noted there were 1200 participants last year involved with summer camps that foster teamwork, arts & crafts, and nutrition lessons. Marty added more involvement is needed with the Alpine ponds in the neighborhood. Marty noted the neighborhood has semi-nice areas that need help being maintained.

A neighbor presented information about the Sacramento residential parking permits and that signs would be ordered and displayed.

Marty reported new businesses are opening up in the neighborhood. Marty added a coffee shop would be coming in during the early summer. A BBQ trailer would be set up at the Lulu B's parking lot. Marty noted a food truck court would be set up at the coffee shop with the same owner as Momo's. Marty noted he was not sure how that would affect parking around the neighborhood. Marty added Corner Vet is almost done with renovations.

232 Lessin Ln. subdivision request: Marty noted he received documents on the 17th to subdivide as two separate properties. Marty noted if there are property owners within 500 ft. of the property that the property owner would have received sheets for comments. Marty added he also received copies about the 100 year flood plain on the property. Marty noted the developers are aware of the flood plain and would not be building on it. Marty noted there are conflicts with the property matching with the neighborhood's plan for connectivity. Peter noted originally there was supposed to be a connect between Post Rd. and Lessin Road. Peter added he was not sure if the walkway that was planned was supposed to go through the property and noted that the city was talking about building a road to go through that property. Peter added the city said it would be beneficial to build a pedestrian path but that the neighborhood association would need to provide monetary value or volunteer hours. Peter noted the issue is whether the owner will allow a road or pedestrian footbridge to access the property. Greg Anderson asked what the neighbor would like to see. Corrine noted she believes a pedestrian bridge is enough. A neighbor noted the city received a grant for money to build safe routes to schools. Greg recommended partnering with Bike Austin. Marty noted 3 pools would be closing and 2 more will be gone and too expensive to refurbish.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.