

Dawson Neighborhood News

The newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association

August 2009

Vote on Plan Team Bylaws

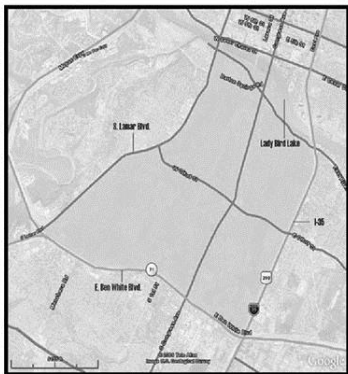
-- David Barker, Chair, Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team

At the August meeting, the Plan Team executive will give notice of a motion to be made at the October regular meeting to adopt new bylaws for the Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team (DNPT).

This notice refers to a specific text of the proposed new bylaws. This text is the result of the reorganization committee's work over the past seven months and the input of Plan Team members. The text will be post-

ed on the DNA Yahoo group, DNPT Yahoo group, and a limited number of paper copies will be available at the meeting. If you would like a copy of the proposed bylaws e-mailed to you, please send your request to -- inputdawson@gmail.com, and I'll be happy to send you one. There will be no input on the proposed bylaws at this next meeting, but there will be an opportunity to discuss them and make changes at the October meeting.

Seeking Nominations for the South Austin Neighborhood Seat on the Community Development Commission



Date: Monday August 10th
Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: South Austin Multi-Purpose Center
2508 Durwood
972-6840 (for directions)

- This meeting will be to nominate and elect a representative to the Community Development Commission.
- To be eligible to nominate and vote, you must be 18 yrs of age or older, must reside within the identified geographic area (see map on the left) and must be present at the meeting.
- Those who are nominated must be a resident of the identified geographic area. (see map on the left)
- Must bring proof of age and that you reside within the identified geographic area (drivers license, ID, utility bill, etc.) (see map on the left)
- There are two ways to become a nominee:
 - 1) You can nominate yourself by applying at the Office of the City Clerk website and you must be present at the meeting; OR
 - 2) You nominate yourself or someone nominates you at the meeting.

For more information about the commission

Visit the Office of the City Clerk website:
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/default.htm>

Should you have questions concerning the nomination/election process contact

Myron Smith, 512-913-0957
Sandy McMillan, smandpd@earthlink.net

Remember: Your nomination will not be considered unless you are present at the meeting.

Servicios de traducción estará disponible en la junta.

Lost a dog? Having a yard sale? Or just want to know what's going on in our neighborhood? Join the Dawson Neighborhood Association (DNA) message forum on Yahoo! Groups, and receive neighborhood news by e-mail. Once you're a member, you can receive any messages posted to the list, and you can post messages as well.

Go online to:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DawsonNeighborhood>
or send an e-mail to
DawsonNeighborhood-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

NOTE: When you submit your request for membership, you will receive an automatic message asking for your full name and address. Please reply with that information because your membership will not be approved until you complete that step.

Contact newsletter editor Thom White at (512) 203-7218
or by e-mail @ wilshiregazette@yahoo.com

DAWSON NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

MONDAY
August 10, 2009
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

South Austin
Multipurpose Center
2508 Durwood

Dawson Neighborhood
Plan Team

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes (vote)
2. Report from membership committee (vote)
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - Notice of motion to adopt new bylaws at the October meeting
5. Adjourn

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
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2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business:
 - a) Nominate and Elect Representative for South Austin Neighborhood Seat on the Community Development Commission (approx. 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm)
5. Current Issues
6. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting:
October 12, 2009

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Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team

Draft Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2009

-- Kam Magor, DNPT Secretary

Neighbors discussed proposed restructuring of plan team bylaws and the creation of a Plan Contact Team.

Meeting called to order by Chair David Barker.

Minutes of April meeting were printed in newsletter. Motion by Peter Davis, second by Sandy McMillan to accept minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from October 2008 meeting are missing. David sent letter with delivery confirmation to 2008 DNPT secretary (Rob Robbins) asking him for those minutes. The letter was delivered and we received no reply, so David called for a motion to declare those minutes officially lost. Donna Knapp so moved, second by Sandy. ... Motion carried unanimously.

Membership: Kam reported one change to membership. One member who lived in Wilson St. Apts. moved to Colorado, confirmed via e-mail May 1, 2009. Kam did not have the name with her, but filling in here, it is Andrew Taylor.

Old Business

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team restructuring. Report by Mark Herman. The restructuring team has met five times now. Minutes are available if anyone wants to see them. Mark gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the workflow for handling all requests managed by the *Plan Contact Team* (PCT), that is, requests for amendments to the Dawson Neighborhood Plan. These requests generally involve changes to zoning pursuant to large or small building and development projects.

The steps for handling requests are

1. **Triage:** Review, categorize, prioritize; identify stakeholders; make rough out project plan.
2. **Communication with Stakeholders:** Notification and 30 days of feedback
3. **Public Meeting:** Discussion among all stakeholders. Minutes taken.
4. **PCT Board Meeting:** Board meets within 7 days of public meeting if possible. This is a meeting of PCT Board voting representatives only. Board either prepares draft Report (with its recommendation on the project) or rejects proposal back to previous stage for further discussion and a second Public Meeting. If draft Report is prepared, stakeholders have 30 days to provide written submissions or further input. Then Board may publish Report, meet again, or reject back to further Public Meetings.
5. **Publish Report:** Report is sent to City and stakeholders. Docket

is closed and archived.

6. **Monitor for Process Improvement:** Board and stakeholders evaluate process and incorporate any lessons learned into improving template documents. Any wording changes to template must be approved by 75% majority at next public meeting of PCT.

Discussion

Mark: Reason for process is consistency, fairness, transparency. The Board will manage the Public Meeting. The Executive Summary [first page of final report] will be a clear statement of fact and full record. After report goes out to all stakeholders, there will be a 30-day stand-down period before final Report goes to City. Donna: Is the Board elected?

Mark: Elected every two years preferably.

Peter: I like the idea of issuing draft report and having 30-day stand-down period. People need time to digest the information before making a final decision.

Myron: There might be several public meetings, not just one. David: One concern is having to vote in same meeting at which you first see something. It will be nice to have time between meetings to think about the issues.

Becky Sheller: How often will the Board meet?

Mark: That's under discussion. As needed, but after every Public Meeting and within 7 days.

Becky: Will we still have regular DNPT meetings?

Mark: Yes. We will structure the meeting efficiently and stay on task. A lot of business can be completed before the meeting by talking to people.

David: It makes sense to have regular DNPT meetings as we have them now, every other month, and also extra ones when we need to.

Mark: I don't see why the DNA can't have a vote. We can have votes at the Public Meeting; the votes will be recorded.

David: This version of the process is opened up from version we had at the last meeting.

Mark: There are more checks & balances now. The Board has less decision-making power.

David: The Board still has power, they control process before something comes to the membership. The Board could prevent something from coming before the membership.

Donna: What responsibility does City have to respect the contact team process?

Mark: No more than now, but we have a better chance and more influence with the City if we have a process. We'll be telling them how to interact with us.

Melinda Valdez: How many projects do we have going on now? David: None right now. Everything so far this year has just been administrative site plan approvals requiring no input from DNPT.

Becky: Things come in from the City wanting a response yesterday (back to issue of the City respecting us).

Mark: Hopefully those kinds of speed requests are smaller issues. Do we have a fast path for smaller things? Haven't developed that yet.

Donna: Lots of time the City just says we have to do something. Mark: Having a process will help, but it won't eliminate every problem with the City.

David: At August meeting (our next meeting) we have to give notice that we will be approving the new bylaws in October. At October meeting we vote on the new bylaws and have nominations for election of the Board. There is an e-mail account created specifically for receiving comments on the restructuring process and new bylaws. It is inputdawson@gmail.com.

SoCo Lofts, 3801 S. Congress, is seeking variance/zoning change allowing them to have more traffic, more vehicle trips per day. South River City Citizens (Travis Heights Neighborhood Association) reached agreement w/ them. The issue is going to Planning Commission tomorrow night. In exchange for SRCC allowing more traffic, SoCo Lofts is providing money to the City for traffic calming devices on the streets that will get more traffic. And there might be a traffic light installed at Alpine.

Lessin Lane: Site plan on 205 Lessin Lane. They have to get variances and they need more parking. They want to tear down the blue building and put parking spaces there. They need a compatibility setback for SF. David talked to the engineer and suggested the engineer or owner should come talk to us because we're likely to oppose the setbacks as it would create a precedent. The owner is currently deciding among his options. The engineer will get in touch with us if there is any movement forward.

New Business

Hospital on Highway 71: Resubmitted site plan. The site plan they have resubmitted is the same as the one we had to vote on last time.

404 West Alpine: Resubmitted site plan. Is exactly the same with the same issues with trees. Site plan approval is expiring because nobody has money to do anything.

From City: DNPT received a spreadsheet with list of improvements in our neighborhood plan that have some fiscal impact and that City is responsible for. City wants us to rank improvements in order of preference. Deadline is August 3, one week before our next meeting. Some of the items have already been completed, and some we will do ourselves. David printed a list of the ones that concern the City (mostly sidewalks) and asked everyone to rank the projects in order of preference from 1-10, 1 being most desirable. Peter suggested putting the list on the DNA and DNPT listserv so more people can fill it out and send it to David. David agreed and said the ranked lists will be due back to him 2 weeks before they're due to the City, so July 20.

Peter moved to adjourn, second by Sandy.

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Draft meeting minutes, June 8, 2009

Minutes from the 4/13/09 meeting were approved.

Old Business: none.

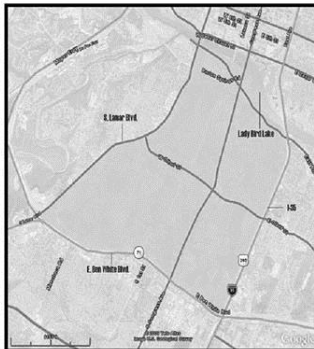
New Business:

1. Cathy Shay presented information about a program sponsored by the City of Austin, "Green Neighborhood Challenge" Info at 512-974-2550; or www.cityofaustin.org/environmental
2. Peter Davis announced a city tree competition and planned to post this on the DNA listserv.
3. Peter Davis described a neighborhood strategy for DNA participation in the "Green Neighborhood Challenge," which was developed by a subcommittee of the DNA.
4. Kam Magor described the process of construction on a stormwater main that is near her house. Tabled items included: Sandy McMillan: Neighborhood Watch Program Myron Smith: ANC discussion & vote on proposal for Single-Member Districts

Meeting adjourned.

~ Rebecca Sheller, DNA Secretary

Buscando nominaciones para el asiento del sur de vecindario de Austin en la Comisión del Desarrollo de la Comunidad



Para más información sobre la comisión

Visita el sitio de internet de la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/default.htm>

Si tienes preguntas referentes al nombramiento o al proceso electoral, favor de comunicarse con

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Recuerda: Tu nombramiento no será considerado si no estas presente en la junta.

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Fecha: Lunes 10 de Agosto

Hora: 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Sitio: South Austin Multi-Purpose Center
2508 Durwood
972-6840 (para direcciones)

- Esta junta será para nominar y elegir a un representante a la Comisión de Desarrollo de Comunidad.
- Para nominación y voto, debes ser mayor de 18 años de edad, debes residir dentro del área geográfica identificada (véase el mapa a la izquierda) y debes estar presente en la junta.
- Las personas nominadas deben ser residentes del área geográfica identificada. (véase el mapa a la izquierda)
- Debe traer comprobante de edad y prueba que reside dentro del área geográfica identificada (licencia de conducir, identificación, cuenta de utilidades publicas, etc.) (véase el mapa a la izquierda)
- Hay dos formas de ser nominado:
 - 1) Se puede nominar usted mismo aplicando en el sitio de internet de la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal. (Su aplicación será remitida a la organización responsable de la vecindad). Debes estar presente en la junta; O
 - 2) Alguien te nombra en la junta.