

Dawson Neighborhood News

The newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association

February 2009

Votes on Front Yard Parking and Mobile Food Establishments

-- David Barker, DNPT Chair

At the February 9th Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team meeting, we will vote on whether to include Dawson under two City ordinances, or to remain "opted out" of the ordinances.

The **Restricted Front/Side Yard** ordinance we have seen several times before. Dawson is not currently covered by this ordinance. The key section of the ordinance states: "A person may not park a motor vehicle in the front yard or side yard of a residential property, except in a driveway or a paved parking space depicted on an approved site plan." The ordinance applies to highway-rated vehicles and includes inoperable vehicles. Several neighborhoods around us (e.g. Bouldin, Galindo) are not covered by the ordinance, while others (e.g. South River, Saint Edwards) are.

Read more about the **Restricted Front/Side Yard** ordinance at https://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/front_yd_parking.htm

Read more about the **Mobile Food Establishments** ordinance at http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/mobile_food.htm

The **Mobile Food Establishments** ordinance is new as of last year. Dawson is not currently covered by the ordinance. The ordinance affects establishments such as those in parked trailers, or vehicles that drive to construction sites. The ordinance specifies a number of restrictions on these establishments such as Health Department licensing, location relative to other restaurants and businesses, appearance, and hours of operation. The ordinance also provides for some optional tighter restrictions that neighborhoods can add.

Austin Marathon runs through neighborhood on February 15

The **Austin Marathon** is happening on Sunday, February 15th, and there will be road closures around the Dawson neighborhood that morning. In a letter from December 18th, marathon organizers noted:

The race will begin at 7:00 am on Congress Ave. near Cesar Chavez Street ... road closures and traffic detours include:

- The three (3) southbound lanes and two (2) northbound lanes of South Congress Ave. between Riverside and Oltorf will close at 5:00 am, re-opening at 8:30 am. One (1) northbound lane of South Congress Ave. will remain open during the event.
- The three (3) southbound lanes of Congress between Oltorf and Krebs will close at 5:00 am, re-opening at 9:00 am.
- The two (2) northbound lanes and (1) southbound lane of South 1st between Ben White and Riverside will close at 5:00 am, re-opening at 9:30 am. One (1) southbound lane of South 1st will remain open.

The most accessible access points to cross east and west of South Congress Ave. and South First Street are available at W. Mary, Oltorf Dr., Cumberland, and W. Alpine and W. Ben White frontage road ... The other non-signalized intersections along South Congress Ave. and South First Street will be closed to traffic.

Further questions about the Austin Marathon?
Contact David Grice at 512-536-6987 or David@raceworksinc.com

Restructuring the Plan Team -- David Barker

As I wrote in the December newsletter, I want us to work together this year to restructure the Dawson Neighborhood Plan Team into a smaller, elected group that will be more able to handle the decision-making process need-

ed to administer our neighborhood plan. I will start this process by appointing a restructuring committee at the February meeting. Current plan team members will vote to ratify this committee and its charter. Please

DAWSON NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

MONDAY
February 9, 2009
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

South Austin
Multipurpose Center
2508 Durwood

Dawson Neighborhood
Plan Team
Agenda

1. Approval of minutes
2. Membership committee report
3. New Business
 - Membership -- committee terms discussion/vote
 - Vote to opt in/out of Restricted Front/Side Yard Parking ordinance
 - Vote to opt in/out of Mobile Food Establishments ordinance
 - Formation of Plan Team Restructuring committee
4. Adjourn DNPT meeting

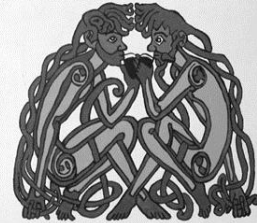
Dawson Neighborhood
Association
Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Issues in the Neighborhood
6. Adjourn DNA meeting

Next Meeting:
April 13, 2009

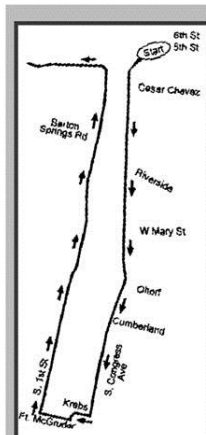
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