

Dawson Neighborhood News

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

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Oltorf and South Congress Traffic Safety Improvement Project

The City of Austin has announced the imminent start of a traffic safety improvement project at the intersection of Oltorf and South Congress. Construction is expected to be completed by late summer 2018.

From the project's web page:

"The planned improvements include new center medians on South Congress, barrier separated bicycle lanes, upgraded pedestrian ramps, high-visibility crosswalks and modifications to existing driveways for better access management. This project is funded by more than one 2016 Mobility Bond program as follows: | Bikeways funding amount = \$21,000 | Intersection Safety/Vision Zero funding amount = \$450,000"

The Congress Ave./Oltorf St. intersection is one of 28 listed on the Top Crash Location Intersection Priorities Improvement List, 15 to 18 of which will be reconstructed with funding from the 2016 Mobility Bond

The project website is: http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Transportation/Congress_at_Oltorf_Public_Fact_Sheet_FINAL.pdf?mc_cid=5d5a5ce7f5&mc_eid=9646c7a1c3

For more information about this project, please contact Cheyenne Krause at Cheyenne.Krause@austintexas.gov.

Kam Magor Nominated for DNPCT Board

Through an oversight, Kam Magor's name was omitted from the list of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team board member candidates published in the December newsletter. At the December meeting Kam reiterated her desire to serve as a board member but our bylaws prevented her consideration at that time.

This serves as notice that Kam Magor is a candidate for Plan Contact Team board membership. We will hold a special ballot to approve or reject Ms. Magor as a board member.

There is no limit on the number of board members and any member of the Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team is eligible for board membership upon approval by the Team.

Per the Plan Contact Team bylaws, anyone otherwise eligible who has attended at least one Plan Contact Team meeting in the preceding twelve months is a member of the Plan Contact Team.

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Next Meeting

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

Agenda

Neighborhood Association:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
3. New business
 - a. Congress at Oltorf safety improvements project
 - b. Powell Circle/South Park drainage project (Marcus Pridgeon)
 - c. Twin Oaks Library

Plan Contact Team:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
 - a. DNPCT Bylaws revision
3. New business
 - a. Approval of Kam Magor as DNPCT board member
 - b. 410 West Alpine Road project (Victoria Haase)
 - c. St. Edwards El Gallo project

Upcoming Events

It's My Park Day Spring 2018 is on March 3rd. We will be cleaning up the Alpine Wet Pond area of trash and debris, and clearing weeds from terraced areas on southeast side of pond. A link will be provided on Nextdoor and the listserve when the volunteer site is open. <https://www.austinparks.org/volunteer/impd/>

Keep Austin Beautiful Day 2018 on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Locations are planned all over Austin. <https://keepaustinbeautiful.org/programs/kabday/>

The **Mighty Texas Dog Walk** is March 23, at 10 a.m. for those who are interested in helping service dogs and people that need them. <https://www.servicedogs.org/mighty-texas-dog-walk-2018/>

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

Dawson Elementary News and Tours

Interested in learning more about why Dawson Elementary is so awesome?

Come take a school tour. Tours are typically offered on Friday mornings at 10:30 am or upon request.

Please call the office at 512-414-2070 to let us know if you plan to attend a tour or to request another time.

In addition to regular tours, we have family nights and general PTA meetings the first Thursday evening of every month.

Dawson Elementary offers a Spanish dual-language program as well as many other district and school-specific programs that support the development of the whole child while also building a strong foundation for educational success.

Come find out more! <http://www.dawsonelementary.org>

Show your Dawson pride!

If you are interested in a Dawson Elementary yard sign featuring the new logo, please contact the Dawson PTA via email: pta.at.dawson@gmail.com.

Cost: 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15. Accepting cash and checks.

We will deliver!



Recycling Hints!

— Marisa Fushille, Zero Waste Block Leader

Dawson neighbors, keep recycling!!

Two items that find their way into our blue recycling cans are plastic bags and styrofoam. Both of these, plastic bags (plastic film) and styrofoam can be taken to the City Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center on Todd Lane. Please do not put them in the recycling bins. Another item that can not be recycled at this time is milk cartons made of plastic coated paper. Try not to contaminate your recycling with items that belong in compost or the trash.

On the City of Austin Resource-Recovery site you can find all kinds of practical information and even a game that you can play with your family! See who knows how to recycle right!

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-resource-recovery>

The Reuse Directory is online at <http://austineconetwork.com/austin-reuse-directory/>

Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

Peter opened the meeting.

Minutes approved.

Michelle from the Austin Public Library spoke briefly and shared events calendars (for adult and kids) and pencils.

Liz Johnson from St. Edwards spoke about the purchase of the El Gallo property; she will return to make a more detailed presentation at the February meeting. They expect to build a vertical-mixed-use-type development with dorms and retail.

Meeting then moved to the election:

- Cynthia Medlin, President
- Julie Woods, VP
- Eliot Kimber, Newsletter Editor
- Becky Sheller, Secretary.

Kam Magor moved that the officers be elected by acclamation and the officers were duly elected.

Meeting was adjourned

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

Meeting called to order.

Minutes approved with editorial corrections; correcting Linzy Brakefield to Foster and Kermit Jones to Johns.

Jovita Pardo and Greg Anderson have moved out of the neighborhood.

Discussion about new bylaws coming up in the next year and the voting rules.

New members elected: Linzy Foster, Kermit Johns, Eliot Kimber and John Murphy.

Vote to adjourn.