

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
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St. Edwards Plans for El Gallo Property

At the February meeting, St. Edwards presented an overview of their immediate and long-terms plans for the old El Gallo property at 2908 and 2910 S. Congress, which St. Edwards purchased last year.

Kit Johnson, Associate VP Master Planning said that they had not made any decisions yet but that their goal was to enhance the entrance to the University. He also stressed that St. Edwards was interested in that specific property because of its location and was not planning to acquire more properties along S. Congress. He talked about their desire to enhance the look of the S. Congress frontage through improvements in landscaping as well as other improvements. While no decisions have been made, their current thinking for the El Gallo property is something that can serve the community and the school, probably some kind of mixed use facility.

Scott Burnotes, AVP University Operations and also VP Campus Safety talked about their desire to prevent parking on the lot and generally keep it clean and safe until they can redevelop it. At the meeting he mentioned their plan to fence off the property, which they have now done. Mr. Burnotes stressed their desire to keep the property safe and urged people to use the St. Edwards police and safety line, 512 448-4444 if they have concerns about activities at the El Gallo property.

Development Plans for 410 Alpine

A team from Thrower Design and Riverside Homes (Scott Turner) presented their plans to develop the property at 410 Alpine, which is about an acre with lots of trees (see Google Maps photo below).

This property is currently zoned Single Family 3 but has multi-family apartments on both sides. They will be requesting a change in zoning to Multi-family 2, which allows up to 23 units per acre. However, the number of old trees on the property, as well as space required for parking, would limit the number of units that could be built.

The team presented their current plans, which show a five-unit building and a two-unit building on the Alpine side and then seven free-standing units in the back, possibly tiny houses or something similar.

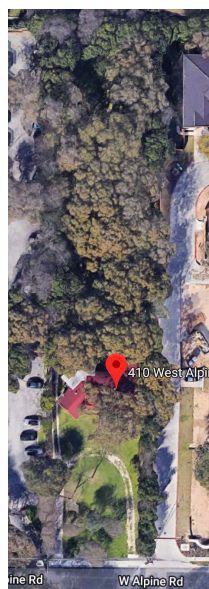
The Plan Contact Team members stressed their desire for affordable housing and a continuous sidewalk on Alpine.

There seemed to be general agreement that a multi-family development was an appropriate use of the property.

The team said they would continue to keep the Plan Contact Team informed as their plans progress.

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Next Meeting

April 9 at 6:30pm, Mollie
Dawson Elementary, 3001
S. 1st

Agenda

Neighborhood Association:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Old/Continuing Business
 - a. Michelle Beebower (Twin Oaks Library)
 - b. Mandy McClendon (Corridor Mobility Program esp. South Congress)
 - c. Jerome Garvey and Cynthia Medlin—Parking Issues and Remedies
3. New Business

Plan Contact Team:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
 - a. Pickle Rd. parking update
3. New business

Colorado River Alliance in Gillis Park for Creek Cleanup

Colorado River Alliance will be removing invasive plant species from the creek area in Gillis Park and planting native plants to ensure a healthy, sustainable river bank.

Restorations will be held on April 7 and May 12. Ages 16 and up only since they'll be working with sharp tools.

They will provide an educational overview of notable biological and ecological features of this important urban creek. Meet at the softball bleachers

There are also two upcoming Creek Cleanup opportunities at East Bouldin Creek in Gillis Park:
April 21, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
May 12, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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

News from the Twin Oaks Library

— Michelle Beebower, Librarian III

If you can't make it to the Twin Oaks Branch, you will definitely want to check out the Virtual Library. Our Virtual Library will give you digital access to thousands of e-books and audiobooks, magazines, movies, music, research and databases, homework help, and even language and learning programs.

Want to read The Economist? We've got it, through RBDigital Magazines. Want homework help? Brainfuse has live, online tutoring available from 2 to 11 pm daily. Looking for movies, TV shows, music, audiobooks, e-books, and comics? Try Hoopla, Kanopy, and OverDrive.

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Check us out at <http://library.austintexas.gov/>

Street Parking Complaints

— Jerome Garvey

Neighbors often complain about cars other than their own parking in the street adjacent to their homes. Often these cars may be from customers of nearby, often new and successful, businesses. Like it or not, residents don't own the streets adjacent to their homes. What can be done?

Sometimes discussions with the business owners can resolve the problems. If not, residents can apply to the City of Austin to establish a Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zone in a defined area and during defined times. Residents need to take this action with the City directly. Neither the DNA nor the DNPCT is involved in the process except by being notified of the formal application. Currently two groups of Dawson residents have completed the process in our area, covering parts of El Paso and Frederick streets.

The process has five steps and will take a number of months to complete if successful. Applications must be submitted by June 1 or December 1 each year. The steps are:

1. Applicant submits the application, including information that the neighborhood association (DNA) has been notified
 2. City staff contacts the applicant concerning details and provides a formal petition
 3. Applicant seeks signatures of at least 60% of the residents in the zone area
 4. Applicant returns the petition to the city followed by City of Austin verification of the problem during the times requested for the permits
 5. If approved, installation of signs and sale of permits to residents.
- Permits currently cost \$15.00 (plus tax) annually



Please note the "applicant" must be a resident of the proposed zone, not the DNA or DNPCT.

See the City of Austin website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/zone-application-process-residential-permit-parking-program>. If you would rather click than type then in go the the city website, click Neighborhoods, then click Neighborhood Issues, then click Residential Permit Parking.

Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

Cynthia called the meeting to order. Minutes approved.

Marcus Pridgeon, neighbor on Powell Circle, reported on the status of the City's "Wilson Street Storm Drain Improvement Project". The City plans to complete storm drain work on Lightsey and Powell before repaving Powell & Havana. The work could begin as early as this summer. We voted that the work begin as soon as possible and not be limited to summer months as long as Dawson Elementary approves. A St. Ed's student described projects they are planning with neighborhood and community. Cynthia described the Mobility Bond project at Congress & Oltorf. Cynthia agreed to write a letter to the City requesting a 4 way stop at the intersection of Cumberland & Wilson, either permanently or while work at Congress & Oltorf is ongoing. Jerome described the Congress corridor plan that is at the engineering stage. Meeting adjourned

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order. The minutes were approved.

DNPCT officers were approved by the membership by vote: Eliot Kimber chair, Linzy Foster co-chair, and Kermit Johns Secretary. Kam Magor was nominated as an additional member of the DNPCT board and was approved by vote of the the DNPCT membership present.

The parking issues around Pickle Rd. were brought up. A motion was made and passed to form a subcommittee to investigate the issues on Pickle Rd. and report back to the DNPCT. Marty Harris will chair the committee.

Scott Turner and Thrower Design presented their plans to develop the property at 410 Alpine.

Liz Johnson, Kit Johnson, and Scott Burnotes from St. Edwards presented current plans and ideas for the former El Gallo property.

Eliot informed membership that the DNPCT bylaws are being updated.

Meeting adjourned.