

Dawson Neighborhood News

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

Sept/Oct 2018

Exploring the Austin Municipal Code

With all the new construction in our neighborhood, concerns about short-term rentals, rental scooters, etc. it can be helpful to go to the source for the rules: Austin's municipal code.

The municipal code is codified and served by Municode Corporation. The code is available online from <https://library.municode.com/tx/austin>.

The main page at the this link provides access to a number of different documents including building manuals (rules for construction), the full municipal code, and the development code packaged separately for convenience.

To get to the full code, select the Code of Ordinances link.

Once you open the code you have a table of contents on the left and a search bar that provides a pretty good search over the code. For example, searching on "scooter" returns three results, the first being "12-1-21 - DRIVING IN BICYCLE LANE.". If you follow a search result the words you searched for will be highlighted.

It can still be a challenge to find the specific code sections that apply to a given situation. For example, trying to find rules for exterior spot lights I searched on "exterior lighting" which only returned results for building sites, but "residential exterior lighting" returned a much longer list of results, leaving the challenge of determining which results are relevant.

You can also print any section or download it as a Word document or email it to yourself or someone else.

Nominations for Officers

Every October we take nominations for the officers in the DNA and board members in the DNPCT. Voting for both take place at the December meeting. In the DNA, there are four positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. The DNPCT elects Board members to serve in staggered two-year appointments with voting for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary as officers presented in February.

Be aware that there are different requirements for both groups to become nominees or voting members as defined in the separate bylaws. Available on the DNA website: <http://www.dawsonneighborhoodassociation.org/bylaws/>

Next Meeting

Monday, Oct 8 at 6:30pm,
Mollie Dawson Elementary,
3001 S. 1st

Agenda

Neighborhood Association:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Old/Continuing Business
 - a. RPP for Stacey Ln.
3. New business
 - a. Nomination of officers

Plan Contact Team:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
3. New business



Mushrooms at 405 Cumberland

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A Message from St. Edwards University

Dawson Neighbors,

On behalf of the St. Edward's University, we send our sincere apologies that the newsletter with the Hillfest fireworks notification reached your homes after the event. We recognize without notice, the fireworks may have impacted you and your households. For 2019, we have a communication plan to send timely notice both from the university and through DNA communications.

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

Upcoming Events

10 Oct 2018

- **Imagine Austin Speaker Series: Uprooted: Displacement in Austin's Neighborhoods and What Can Be Done About It**, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River Street. <http://austintexas.gov/event/uprooted-displacement-austins-neighborhoods-and-what-can-be-done-about-it>
- **North Lamar Mobility Corridor open house**, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church

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- **District 3 bond election open house**, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Montopolis Recreation Center, 1200 Montopolis Drive. <http://austintexas.gov/2018bond>. Provides an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the bond.

Voter Registration Information

The deadline to register to vote in Texas in time to vote in the November 6 election is **November 9!** Voter registration forms are available all over town: HEB, Randall's, post offices, libraries, Amy's Ice Cream, and at Monday's DNA meeting.

You are eligible to register to vote if you are

- A US citizen
- A resident of the county where you submit the application
- At least 17 years and 10 months at the time of registration and are 18 years old on election day
- Not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole)
- You have not been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote or if your registration information is correct, you can check on any one of these websites:

- <https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>
- <https://www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/am-i-registered-to-vote/>
- <http://votetravis.com/vexpress/display.do>

Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018

Julie, Vice President, called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- Julie suggested pursuing a donation for a new additional picnic table at Gillis Pool. Volunteers plan to investigate funding from the Austin Park Department or Austin Parks Foundation. Marty, Kam, and Donna volunteered to work with Julie.
- Julie reported on a successful pool party at Gillis Pool with Galindo neighbors. We had discussion on the need for Gillis Pool repairs.
- Rebecca Sheller temporarily chaired the meeting during the Community Development Council (CDC) election. Staff from the CDC assisted with information and ballots. Rebecca read information from the handout, "Community Development Commission Summary". Rebecca invited members to make nominations. Julie Woods nominated herself and was the only nomination. CDC staff distributed paper ballots, DNA members voted, and CDC staff counted the ballots. Julie Woods was elected unanimously to serve a 3-year term on the CDC. Kam made a motion, seconded by Donna, to write a note of appreciation to Rosanne for her 3 years of service on the CDC.

New Business:

A resident of Stacey Lane brought a City of Austin petition to have residential parking permits (RPP) on Stacey Lane. Julie made a motion, seconded by Elliot, to sign the petition. DNA members voted to sign.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Eliot Kimber.

Minutes from the prior meeting were approved and seconded with no objections.

Discussed the proposed development at 2601 S. 1st (Lindsay's Small Engine Repair). Adjacent neighbors expressed concerns about the development overlooking their yard's on Stacey Lane, potential drainage issues, and parking. As far as can be determined the project has not requested any zoning changes or code variances, which would then involve the Plan Contact Team, but the PCT agreed to monitor the project's progress through the approval process. Discussed the general parking concerns that any such development will exacerbate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.