

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
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Austin Updating Flood Plain Map

The City of Austin has started the process of updating the flood plain map to reflect new data being collected by the National Weather Service. The Weather Service study is called Atlas 14 and reflects more recent data than the City's current maps, which date back to the 1970's.

The Weather Service has determined that rainfall events of 13 or more inches in 24 hours are now 100-year events, rather than 500-year events. This means that flooding is much more likely. The City of Austin recognizes that current infrastructure is not designed to handle this much water and needs to be updated, along with the City code related to flooding, such as building standards and exemptions. The code update process is happening now.

The Dawson Neighborhood contains Little Bouldin Creek, which runs north-to-south more or less through the middle of the neighborhood until it gets to Cumberland, where it bends north to the intersection of S. 1st and Oltorf. This is the only water shown on the flood map in Dawson.

You can view the difference between the current flood map and the draft Atlas 14 flood map using the City's online FloodPro tool at <http://www.austintexas.gov/floodpro/>.

To toggle between the two flood maps, zoom in on the area you're interested in, click on the "Layers" tab in the left-hand "I want to" pane, and check or uncheck the the item labeled "Interim Atlas 14 100-year Floodplain".

Looking closely at the map I could only find one lot that appeared to be in the new floodplain but not in the old, which was 3500 Apline Circle. Otherwise it appears that the new map will not affect the

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Election of DNA Officers

The DNA officers for 2019 will be elected at the December meeting. Nominees are:

- President: Julie Woods
- Vice President: Kam Magor
- Secretary: Rebecca Sheller
- Newsletter Editor: Eliot Kimber

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Election of DNPCT Board Members

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team board members serve two-year terms with members having staggered terms. Two members' terms end this year. All of the remaining five board members have terms that started in 2017 and so continue as board members for 2019.

No new members were nominated at the October meeting, which means there is at least one open board position we need to fill (the board should consist of at least six members but may have more). The DNPCT can nominate members at any time to fill vacancies.

The board will call for nominations at the December meeting in order to fill the vacancies.

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Next Meeting

Monday, Dec 10 at 6:30pm,
Mollie Dawson Elementary,
3001 S. 1st

***This meeting is a potluck—
bring a dish or something to
drink.***

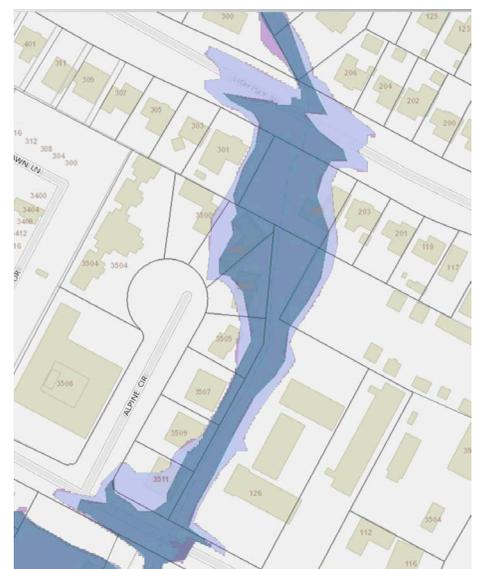
Agenda

Neighborhood Association:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Old/Continuing Business
 - a. RPPs for Stacey Ln. and Lessin Ln.
3. New business
 - a. Election of officers

Plan Contact Team:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
3. New business
 - a. Election of new board members



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

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"in the flood plain" status of any Dawson properties.

For more information, see the following web sites:

- Main Austin Watershed Protection page for Atlas 14: <http://www.review.ci.austin.tx.us/atlas14>
- Summary of proposed code changes: http://www.review.ci.austin.tx.us/sites/default/files/files/Watershed/flood/Atlas_14_Summary_of_Code_Changes.pdf
- NOAA article on the Atlas 14 project: <https://www.noaa.gov/media-release/noaa-updates-texas-rainfall-frequency-values>



Colton Hotel (2510 S. Congress) Under Construction

What we have known as the Guesthouse Hotel planned for 2510 S. Congress will be known as the Colton Hotel (the hotel is being developed by the owners of the Guesthouse Hotel in Chicago). The hotel is under construction now and is expected to open in the fall of 2019. As the Guesthouse developers communicated to the Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, the hotel will be geared toward more residential guests, featuring large suites and offering more of an AirBnB or Home Away experience. The Austin American-Statesman reports that suites will start at \$225.00 per night.

Lightsey and Powell Circle Drainage Project Complete

The drainage project that involved Havana, Powell Circle, and Lightsey for the last eight or so years is finally complete. All the affected streets have been paved, finally returning the core of the north end of the neighborhood to a drivable state. Those of us who like to bike, skateboard, or scooter are very happy to have those streets back.



Before



After

Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes Oct 8, 2018

Julie, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Minutes approved.

Old Business: Mary Reiser, resident of Lessin Ln, described an application for Residential Parking Permits (RPP) on Lessin Ln. She presented a petition signed by greater than 60% of residents. Mary described discussions with adjacent businesses—Crux, Infinite Monkey Theorem, and Cosmic—about parking overflow on residential streets. She noted that residents are most inconvenienced when multiple businesses simultaneously hold special events on the same date. In general, lighting on Lessin Ln is not adequate. Business patrons drive at unsafe speeds on Lessin Ln. and do not realize it is a dead end and not a short cut to avoid Congress traffic. We voted to support the RPP (Rebecca motion & Kermit second).

New Business: Nominations for DNA officers for 2019 – Julie Woods, President; Kam Magor – Vice President; Rebecca Sheller – Secretary; Eliot Kimber – Newsletter Editor.

Julie reminded the group of the deadline for voter registration, Tuesday, 10-9-18. Marty informed members that changes are being made to the flood plain definitions in the city (atxfloodsafety.com). Kermit described his interest in becoming a beekeeper to increase pollinators in the neighborhood. The possibilities and options for more pedestrian paths in the interior of the neighborhood were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by Eliot Kimber.

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

There was no new business to be reported.

Eliot Kimber reviewed the status of the Lindsay Small Engine Repair development project at 2601 S 1st permits to seek clarification on the meaning certain status indicators on the permit documents. He also investigated parking at the proposed development, but no new information is available. The existing repair facility is closed.

Julie Woods reported that the city has suggested the installation of a traffic light at the corner of El Paso St and South First St to facilitate crossing after it was originally suggested that a pedestrian crossing light be installed. Installation of another traffic light so close to the light on Powell Circle and the one on Cumberland may be much more than the community needs. Julie intended to write back to the city to suggest that a pedestrian crossing was more appropriate and would be more welcome.

Nominations for Contact Team Board Members were put forward: Kam Major, John Murphy, Eliot Kimber, Linzy Foster and Kermit Johns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.