

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
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New Business Profile: Plaza Colombian Coffee

After more than two years of construction, the space at 3842 S. Congress next to El Borrego De Oro has been transformed into a coffee shop centered around Colombian culture and food. Plaza Colombian Coffee is expecting to open by the end of February.

The shop will provide 100% Colombian coffee, roasted on site, Colombian juices and other soft drinks, and Colombian food items, as well as wine and beer. Plaza Colombian will have ample parking (always important in our neighborhood) and a drive-through serving coffee, juice, and bakery items. Counter service will be provided for other food items. Plaza Colombian will offer indoor and outdoor seating.

More information at <http://plazacolombiancoffee.com>

Oak Sports Bar and Grill Replaces Porter at the Tree House

The former site of Porter Ale House and Gastropub in the Tree House on South 1st is now the Oak Sports Bar and Grill. No additional information was available as of press time as it has only just opened, but the few online reviews are very positive.

From Oak's entry on Google: "Oak Sports Bar is a friendly neighborhood bar that you can watch your favorite team on many of the 4k TV's. And if you are hungry don't forget to try our famous burger!"

More information at <https://www.oaksportsbar.com>

Short Term Rental Rules

Dawson is an attractive neighborhood for visitors and that also means it is attractive for short-term rentals. With Spring Break and SXSW coming up it's useful to review the rules for short-term rentals (STR).

The City defines three types of STR:

Type 1: Owner-occupied or associated with an owner-occupied principal residence. Includes the rental of the entire residence. If only part is rented, owner is generally present during the rental. Residence must be recorded as a homestead.

Type 2: Not owner occupied or associated with an owner-occupied principle residence. Single-family or duplex properties.

Type 3: Part of a multi-family use property (i.e., apartment, condo, etc.). Not owner occupied. Includes rental of the entire dwelling unit.

All types of STR require a license from the city.

The relevant code is Chapter 2, Article 4, Subpart C of Title 25 (Land Use Code). You can find it online at https://library.municode.com/tx/austin/codes/code_of_ordinances and search for "short term rentals".

A few surprising details in the code:

- Auxiliary dwelling units (type 1) may not be used as short-term rentals for more than 30 days in a single calendar year if the auxiliary unit was built after October 1, 2015.
- A type 2 STR may not be within 1000 feet of another type 2 STR if the license was not issued or renewed before November 23, 2015.
- Total type 2 STRs is limited to 3% of the single-family, detached residential units within a given census tract.
- For type 2 STRs, there must be a local contact if the owner does not live in the Austin metro area.
- Type 2 STRs will be phased out in 2022.

STR application fee is \$550.00, non-refundable.

More information at: <http://austintexas.gov/STR>

Next Meeting

Monday, Feb 11 at 6:30pm,
Mollie Dawson Elementary,
3001 S. 1st

Agenda

Neighborhood Association:

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Old/Continuing Business
 - a. Adoption of Gillis park
3. New business

Plan Contact Team:

1. Approval of minutes
2. Old business
 - a. Election of new board member Marty Harris
3. New business

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


Making Sense of Recycling Do's and Don'ts


We've had curbside recycling here in Dawson for a number of years but I still find myself wondering if a specific item is or is not recyclable, especially plastics, which seem to come in every more varied forms.


I did not realize that the city will take large hard plastic items like resin chairs and laundry baskets, in addition to the usual water bottles and butter tubs. In fact the only hard plastics the city doesn't take are PVC pipes and CD/DVD cases.


Plastic bags, films, and wrappers cannot go in your recycling bin: they jam the automatic sorting machinery. You can take plastic bags to grocery stores for recycling. Likewise, styrofoam cannot go in your recycling bin.


To make sense of plastics the city provides this helpful guide to the codes you'll find embossed on all recyclable plastics:


 Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE) or (PET): soft drink and water bottles, beer bottles, mouthwash bottles, peanut butter and salad dressing containers. It can be recycled into polar fleece clothing, fiber, tote bags, bottles, clothing, furniture, and carpet.


 High Density Polyethylene (HDPE): milk jugs, water and juice containers, liquid detergent bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs. It can be recycled into liquid laundry detergent containers, drainage pipe, oil bottles, recycling bins, benches, pens, doghouses, vitamin bottles, floor tile, picnic tables, lumber, mailbox posts, fencing.

 Vinyl (Polyvinyl Chloride or PVC): clear food packaging, shampoo bottles.

 Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE): squeezable bottles (e.g. honey, mustard).

 Polypropylene (PP): ketchup bottles, yogurt containers and margarine tubs, medicine bottles.

 Polystyrene (PS): aspirin bottles, cups, plates.

 Other: Use of this code indicates that the package in question is made with a resin other than the six listed above, or is made of more than one resin used in combination. Used in items such as three and five gallon reusable water bottles, some citrus juice and ketchup bottles, and clear baby food containers.

All plastic with codes 1 to 7 are allowed in your recycling bin.

Other things you can recycle that I found surprising:

- Clean aluminum foil in balls 2 inches or larger
- Aluminum foil baking pans, pie plates, tins, trays if they are clean
- Metal lids and caps from glass jars and bottles
- Non-foil wrapping paper (no ribbons or bows)
- Paper bags (no gift bags)
- Plastic bottle caps

Finally, remember no greasy pizza boxes in the recycling—put those in your curbside composting bin.

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

Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes Dec 10, 2018

Cynthia Medlin, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes approved.

Old Business: No representatives for Residential Parking Permits (RPPs) on Stacey Ln or Lessin Ln attended the meeting.

New Business:

A. Two new DNA attendees introduced themselves.

B. Chuck discussed his recent observations of homelessness in Gillis Park and his interactions with city officials attempting to help the people and keep the park clean and safe. Cynthia suggested that anyone who wants DNA to address homelessness should bring specific plans to future meetings. Kam made a motion and Linzy seconded: DNA should contact PARD to ask for more frequent emptying of trash cans or place additional trash cans in Gillis Park. Motion passed.

C. Election of new DNA officers for 2019: President – Julie Woods, Vice President – Kam Magor, Secretary- Rebecca Sheller, Newsletter Editor- Eliot Kimber. Kam made a motion to elect the slate by acclamation, Kermit seconded, & motion passed.

D. A footpath between Lightsey and Alpine Circle that is on private property was discussed.

E. Chuck made a motion to officially thank Cynthia Medlin for her many years of service to the DNA. Julie seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Meeting Minutes Dec 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Eliot Kimber.

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

The only business to be conducted was the nomination of an additional board member. The bylaws require six members and currently there are five. Having reviewed the by-laws, Eliot explained the role of the board member.

Julie nominated Marty Harris because of his location in the south part of the neighborhood and his extensive experience. Marty accepted. A vote will take place at the next meeting to formally elect Marty to the Board of Directory of the Contact Team.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.