

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
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Community Mosaic Art Project for South Austin Neighborhood Center

The South Austin Neighborhood Center (2508 Durwood, next to Gillis Park) wants to create an art installation at the front of the Center similar to the one recently created for the Rosewood-Zaragosa neighborhood center

The South Austin Neighborhood Center has reached out to the Dawson Neighborhood Association to help prepare a proposal for the City of Austin Neighborhood Partner Program (NPP) and to then help organize workshops to produce the artwork using volunteers from South Austin community.

The DNA is working with local artist Ryah Christensen, who produced the Rosewood-Zaragosa mosaic, to put together the NPP proposal submission. While we can't guarantee artist selection, our intent is for Ryah to be the artist for the project.

The NPP funds up to 70% of the cost of approved art projects and allows the remaining costs to be covered through community-provided volunteer hours, both time spent on the art project itself and time spent in other volunteer activities that directly serve the community, such as park cleanup, through in-kind donations of materials and services, or through cash donations.

For the Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center, artist Ryah created a 7'x7' tile mosaic mounted in a free-standing frame (see image below right).

For the size of project we envision, about \$15,000.00, the city would cover about 70% of the cost. Between participation in the tile-making workshops and other community-directed volunteer work (including community-focused activities like park cleanup and It's My Park Day) there should be no problem meeting the remaining 30% contribution.

Our plan is to submit a proposal to the Neighborhood Partnering Program in October (proposals can be submitted twice a year in June and October).

The proposal requires a reasonably complete design for the piece.

This presents a challenge as the mosaic we envision will emerge dynamically from the contributions of community tile makers as guided by the artist.

To meet this challenge we are soliciting tile submissions now to start building up a body of potential tiles from which we can start developing a general design and theme for the mosaic to then guide the final design.

See the second page of this newsletter for detailed submission instructions and example tiles.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 14, 6:30
Online meeting

Agenda

Neighborhood Association

1. Approval of minutes
2. Updates on Lindsay's and Lessin Lane projects
3. Neighborhood center mosaic project
4. Alpine Road update
5. Discussion about returning to in person meetings

Plan Contact Team

1. Old business
2. New business

New Dawson Neighborhood List Serve: Groups.io

<https://groups.io/g/dawsonneighborhoodassociation>



Mosaic at Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center
Ryah Christensen, artist



Sample mosaic tile design

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Dawson Elementary serves children ages 3 to 12 years.

Please contact Dawson's principal, Tania Jedele, at 512-698-9151, to set up a time for a tour.

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

South Austin Neighborhood Center Art Project: Submission Instructions

1. Print out the blank tile template PDF file from the DNA web site:

<https://www.dawsonneighborhoodassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/TileBlanks.pdf>

2. Draw your designs. A clear idea is more important than drawing quality. Think of a story you'd like to tell about your neighborhood, then play with drawing that story in different ways using the three tile shapes. See examples below.

3. Scan your designs or take a clear picture (use Notes' scan feature if you have an iPhone)

4. Send the pictures to drmacro@gmail.com (Eliot Kimber) with the subject "Community Mosaic Project"

We will collect the title submissions on the Dawson Neighborhood Association web site in a gallery.

Here are a few sample tiles to inspire you:



Dawson Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2021 (Virtual meeting via Zoom)

Julie Woods, President, called the meeting to order.

1. Election for the South Austin seat of the Community Development Commission: With City representatives in attendance, Julie Woods read from a prescribed script to lead the election. Zach Lambert was nominated, gave a speech, and was elected by acclamation. City Officials verified voter eligibility.

NOTE: after this vote, Zach Lambert's residence was ruled outside of the designated neighborhood area, so he was disqualified. At a public meeting on 4/27/21, Julie Woods volunteered to serve another term. With City representatives in attendance, Rebecca Sheller read from a prescribed script to lead the election. Julie Woods was nominated, gave a speech, and was elected by acclamation.

2. South Austin Neighborhood Center (SANC) mural proposal: Artist, Ryah Christensen described a potential Neighborhood Partnering Program to lead the neighborhood in the creation of a public art mosaic at the SANC. We voted to sponsor the project and a committee was formed.

3. Minutes from 2-8-21 were approved.

4. Diana Claitor agreed to explore Google Docs as a place to store and share DNA history.

5. We shared updates on the Lessin Lane Villas, Linday's, and Brodie Oaks developments.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team 12 April 2021

(Virtual meeting via Zoom)

Martin Harris, Plan Contact Team Chair, called the meeting to order

1. Update on Lessin Lane project

2. Discussion of other potential development in the neighborhood

Meeting adjourned