

Dawson Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Dawson Neighborhood Association
and Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team
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Representative Lloyd Doggett Promotes Toy Safety

"We're making our list and checking it twice—but this time, to find out which toys are naughty and nice," said U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-Austin), as he joined TexPIRG at Escuelita del Alma demonstrate with Grace Coates which of this year's toys parents need to watch out for—including recalled, toxic, and hazardous toys and parts. Parents, grandparents, and anyone shopping for children this holiday season can download their Trouble in Toyland report as a shopping guide to keep celebrations merry, bright, and safe: <https://pirg.org/edfund/resources/trouble-in-toyland/>. Hosting the event was Escuelita del Alma founder and director Dina Flores, with her daughter, current University of Texas at Austin PhD student Alma Flores-Pérez, and Assistant Director Jaime Cano (who taught Rep. Doggett's granddaughter when she was a student at Escuelita).



We're always here for anything we can be useful on, and so glad that the neighborhood will now be in the district Rep. Doggett is set to represent!

HEB Night Concrete Pouring Approved

The resolution submitted by Pio Renteria, District 3 Council Member, and sponsored by Mayor Adler, Member Jose Vela, and Member Vanessa Fuentes at the October, 13 City Council meeting was approved by a 10-0 vote at the October, 27 meeting, with Member Kathy Tovo abstaining.

The relevant text of the resolution is:

WHEREAS, allowing for the installation of concrete non-peak hours would allow for double the amount of concrete to be placed at night compared to during the day and minimize the construction for the Development's disturbance on the flow of traffic in the area; and

WHEREAS, the high temperatures experienced during the day cause the concrete to harden quicker during delivery causing logistical

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Dawson Elementary serves children ages 3 to 12 years.

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

New Dawson Neighborhood List Serve: Groups.io

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

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Next Meeting

Monday, December 12, 6:30
South Austin Neighborhood
Center, 2508 Durwood

Agenda

Neighborhood Association

1. Approval of minutes
2. Welcome guests
3. Election of officers

Plan Contact Team

1. Approval of minutes
2. HEB overnight building
3. Election of Board Members
4. New traffic light at East Alpine and Pickle
5. Music late on Fontana complaint
6. Noise complaint on Columbia Coffee permit

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challenges which may lengthen the Developments' construction timeline resulting in a longer impact on the traffic in the area; and

WHEREAS, without a non-peak hour permit, an additional estimated two to three months would be added to the construction schedule; and

WHEREAS, the first placement of the concrete for the Development is anticipated December 5, 2022, at 2:00am and will continue through April 2023; and

WHEREAS, currently there is coordination with the affected residents and the current construction schedule is anticipating completion of the Development by summer 2024; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

For the reasons stated above, the City Council supports allowing the Development to obtain a Type 2 Non-Peak Hour Permit for Concrete Installation.

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

Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Association October 10, 2022

6:30 at Cosmic Coffee

Julie Woods, President, called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes approved.
2. Julie described new city development rules for Vertical Mixed Use Affordability Standards, including waivers for VMU1 and VMU2.
3. Marty relayed Austin Parks and Recreation Dept plans for mulching Gillis Park trees on 10/20/22. It's My Park Day is 11/5/22.
4. Rebecca provided information for yard signs to advertise our neighborhood meetings. Twenty signs, double-sided with no coating would cost approximately \$6 each. Eliot might create a QR code sticker to add to the printed signs. A draft will be sent out to group again with a deadline for feedback.
5. Officer nominations for 2023: Julie Woods-President; Andrew McCann-Vice President; Eliot Kimber-Newsletter Editor; Rebecca Sheller-Secretary
6. Andrew suggested new categories for the DNA website such as "Projects" including Alpine Pond maintenance, "Developments" including Hustler, El Gallo/St. Ed's, Crowbar, Lindsay's site, The Reyna (Lessin Ln), and "Dogs of Dawson" including play spots and special dogs.

Meeting adjourned.



Minutes of Dawson Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, October 10, 2022

August meeting notes voted on and passed.

October is the month we ask members to join the DNPCT as officers. Nominations were asked for from the group and accepted. The only member retiring from the two year staggered was Marty H and he was asked to rejoin by vote in December.

There have been several burglaries, thefts and fires in the area. There was an attempt to set fire to Habana. The Crow Bar was next and it is badly damaged. Report says there were other fires started in the area. Suspect in custody.

K&K Welding had cars broken into and tools stolen. Next door Classic Car Collision had converters and other things stolen. Cops were called. A house across the street had an electric bike stole from a car.

There has also been Police activity along Ben White and side streets.

With all of the activity around this area and Alpine since then we just need to be more aware of our surroundings.

A IMPD update was made and APF wants to do it on 10.20 and they have 20 people already. Marty will need to follow and update this.

KAB is doing a East Bouldin Creek cleanup this week:

<https://keepaustinbeautiful.givepulse.com/event/323682-Clean-Bouldin-Creek>

Alpine Pond in bad shape. Smaller pond almost dry again and debris in pond surface area. City Crew came by and cleaned along edges. Johnson grass is about 5ft high and taking over. Duck weed covers larger pond.

Marty cut weeds along the center trail this weekend. He does not want to do too much without alerting city stormwater DEPT.

Bergstrom Trail feedback still wanted. Ends 10.30 Notice was made of web page and survey. Web page for info:

<https://data.austintexas.gov/stories/s/Bergstrom-Spur-Trail-Network/ptz4-rru2/>

Meeting Closed