

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association - OWANA

General Membership Meeting Agenda and Notes

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Steve Amos, OWANA Chair

II. Approval of Minutes

The membership voted to review and approve the minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting and the minutes from this meeting in the next General Membership meeting June 3, 2025. The reason is there was little time for everyone to review the minutes from last meeting.

III. **Treasurer's Report Presented by:** Paul Shattuck, Treasurer
Paul reported there was little financial activity the last three months except the \$5,000 that has gone out for the Music in the Park event. There are also new business memberships. Attached is the financial report.

IV. Committee Reports

Zoning & Development (Sheila Lyon)

Two representatives from Manifold presented their concepts for the proposed 90' multifamily/retail project at W 6th & Walsh. There are no conceptual designs as of yet. They are in active discussions with the zoning committee and seem responsive to suggestions/requests. What they propose to do is develop a step

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back approach to the development with higher building height towards 5th street. They also envision 18ft sidewalks with greenspace added and underground parking. Affordable housing is also a component. Direct support of the project is probable when the developers have more concrete plans to offer.

Lake Austin Commons (Hartland Plaza) – Final language and approval of the agreement between the owners and OWANA is still pending. The proposal includes height increase proposal and mitigation of **noise/light pollution concerns**.

12th and Windsor-There was some discussion about the prospective buyer of a lot at 12th and Windsor. There is not enough information about what is possible on this lot and zoning is gathering information so as to inform the prospective buyer before they buy and build more units on the lot.

Community Events (Erika Tatum)

- **Spring Music in the Park** – Erika reported that the event was outstanding and well attended. It drew more business and individual memberships. A shoutout to all who helped with the event including Matt at House Park Barbecue.
- **Upcoming Events** – The next event is the **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 19th. She is looking for volunteers to help stuff eggs and hide them. Get in touch with Erika to help. The fun band used in the past is booked for the **July 4th parade**.
- Paula Hern reminded everyone of the Conversation at Haskell House on March 9, 2pm at Haskell House. Dr. Tara Dudley will talk about Cumberland style homes and Clarksville's black builders and craftsmen.
- Flower Hill Homestead Museum will host a Garden Party on May 3.

Membership Committee (Renaе Alsobrook)

Renaе let everyone know the automated membership system is complete. It has helped increase the money from all memberships. Members can now update and pay dues online. The hope is most people will sign up for recurring dues payment. She said they are not quite ready for a membership drive.

Membership Fees

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Steve led a discussion regarding the amount of membership dues. A motion was made and membership voted to approve options for general membership dues at \$35/yr and \$100/yr.

Parks and Greenspace Committee(Shelley Kilday) Shelley was unable to attend but Adrienne gave the update on the Overlook Project in West Austin Park. The Friends of West Austin are now putting out requests for bids to do the work at the park. A fund raising push will probably happen this summer. Amplify Austin is this week and there are three entities in the area seeking funds- The Overlook Project, Flower Hill Homestead Museum and CCDC.

Public Safety and Transportation Committee (Steve Amos)

Steve states the city is considering expansion of the Cesar Chavez/ 5th street exit at MoPac but no details as of yet.

V. General Items

Vote on New Steering Committee Member-Evelyn Fujimoto was approved to be on the Steering Committee.

Open Forum – Neighborhood Concerns & Announcements

Mary Bachman from Mathews and the Friends for Excellence shared information regarding their scholarship program.

OWANA supported this program last year.

Eight students are selected each year for a scholarship. They must have attended Mathews two years and graduated from Austin High to apply.

Evelyn Fujimoto shared a qr code to use to schedule an appointment for a wildfire prevention consultation regarding how to “harden” your home against wildfires.

Praise was given to Charlie Rice for updating the OWANA website.

It was agreed the zoning committee blasts regarding zoning issues were helpful.

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VI. Adjournment (8:40PM)

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