Steering Committee Members: Stephen L. Amos, Chair; Renae Alsobrook, Mark Ashby, Evelyn Fujimoto, Adrienne Goldsberry, Paula Hern, Nick Mehl, William Osborn, Charlie Rice, Paul Mautook, Shawn Shillington, Erika Tatum, Meghan Yancy

Old West Austin Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Notes

Date: December 2, 2025

Location: Mathews Elementary School

Steering Committee Members Present: Steve Amos, Renae Alsobrook, Mark Ashby, Charlie Rice, Paula Hern, Evelyn Fujimoto, William Osborn, Nick Mehl, Mark Ashby, Shawn Shillington, Adrienne Goldsberry

Call to Order by Steve Amos: 6:48pm

Acknowlegements included appreciation for the three Steering Committee Members going off the board-Erika Tatum, Meghan Yancy and Paula Hern, the fact that more neighbors are interested in joining OWANA, financially OWANA is now in the black, recognition of business sponsors, the many wins by the zoning committee led by Sheila Lyons and Donna Osborn and recognition of the mission of OWANA and the goal of being inclusive of the entire neighborhood.

Approval of September 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Membership Update:

Renae Alsobrook nominated four new members for the Steering Committee. They were introduced in the meeting and all were approved to serve. The new members are Jeff Callahan, Scott Campbell, Mark Carlson and Hunter Coleman. New officers were to be determined after the meeting.

Guest Speakers:

Maudie with CG and S Design-Build passed out surveys to survey members regarding questions they may have and help they might need for renovations. This is in preparation for a presentation in March by CG and S.

The possible new owner of St. Lukes Church spoke about the plans for the property. He hopes to redevelop the sanctuary and front portion of the property into a bookstore and coffee/wine bar along with a possible art gallery that needs to relocate. The back portion of the property will remain undeveloped and possibly sold at a later date for single family housing. Questions about safety on 14th Street was brought up and the possibility of parking only on one side of the street was brought up as a possible answer.

Bobby Levinski from SOS updated the membership on the plans for expansion of South MoPac from Slaughter Lane to Cesar Chavez. There are numerous concerns regarding the addition of more lanes in this corridor including the expansion to 13 lanes over Lady Bird

Lake. He stated that the eventual plan is to connect SW 45 to MoPac South greatly increasing the traffic on the freeway. He is asking neighborhood associations to come together to oppose the current timeline so that an environmental impact study can be completed to more effectively fight the current expansion plan. Questions can be directed to bobby@sosalliance.org

Felicia Miller, the new President of CCDC, was introduced and spoke about herself and her new role. She grew up in Clarksville and is a descendant of Hezekiah Haskell. She reminded everyone to come to the caroling event on December 14th and encouraged those who haven't to visit Haskell House Museum to learn more about the history of Clarksville.

Committee Updates:

Zoning

Donna Osborn encouraged all to read the updates provided before the meeting. The biggest update was members of the zoning committee met with representatives of Millennium who are developing the YMCA project the day before. There is a traffic impact study being done and this will be shared with OWANA.

Parks

Chris Schorre gave an update on West Austin Park. He said the water quality project for the park is scheduled to start in August, 2027. Permitting was filed before fees increased. The project is still waiting for approval of the parks agreement before new bids can be sought.

Events

On December 4th, proceeds from Galaxy will go to Mathews Elementary. Peace Through Pie happens on January 17th at Sweet Home Baptist Church.

Misc Items:

Kathy Tovo, currently running for Texas House District 49, Josh Reyna also running for State Representative for District 49 and Rich Heyman running for City Council, District 9 all introduced themselves.

William Osborn gave an update on safety concerns in the neighborhood specifically about the house at 8th and Blanco where a bike thief was recently arrested, lived. The plan is to file a suit against the owners on a public nuisance charge so that perhaps prospective buyer would apply pressure on the buyer to clean up the property.

Steve Amos ended with a few goals for 2026 that included continue efforts to engage with neighbors, grow the membership, support Kirk Watson's atx initiative, work with AIA on their Community by Design and foster more community engagement.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm

Next Steering Committee Meeting: January 6, 2026