

Allandale Neighborhood Association-Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 3-February 2021, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

- 1. Call to Order and time for Zoom entry. (5 Min; 7:00 – 7:05 pm)**
 - a. **Roll call/introductions;** Diana Wheeler, Amy Wright, Amanda Cagle, Dan Eden, Janis Reinken, Joe Parsons, Mary Fero, Hans Magnusson, Steve Johnson, Julie Peckham, Andrew Kerr were present.

- 2. Minutes. (5 Min; 7:05 – 7:10 pm)**
 - a. **Amanda Cagle, ANA Secretary: January Minutes distributed with any changes noted;** Dan Eden moved to approve; Mary Fero seconded. Passed unanimously.

- 3. Update on issues impacting Allandale: Homelessness & APD/Public Safety (20 Min, 7:10 - 7:30 pm)**
 - a. **Leslie Pool, District 7 Council Member**
 - b. Burnet/Braker Lane. They spoke with Laura Dierenfield. Sidewalk program is being done by Austin Public Works. There will be intermittent lane closures. Construction will be in pre-existing right-of-way. They will also install sidewalks on east side of Burnet. Will be ahead of the Austin football club stadium opening. She has confirmed that there will not be any lane shutdowns for games.
 - c. Burnet/Koenig Lane. Those improvements will begin in the fall of 2021. Upgraded traffic signals, sidewalks, right turn lanes, reconfiguration of White Rock, Highland Green, and a raised median island. That is of concern, and she will find out more information regarding the breaks in the median. Janis asked Leslie to approach Mike Trimble to forbear installation of raised median to see if it could be avoided for another couple of years. Janis mentioned that the installation at Hancock has not been positive and that any changes need to take into account the HEB traffic issues. She asked that ATD work with HEB and Walgreens to prevent unintended consequences of any changes. Leslie agreed to see if anything can be paused.
 - d. There will also be Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (intermittent lights that flash to stop traffic for pedestrians) at Penny Lane and Twin Oaks.
 - e. She has asked to be on Cap Metro Board because the first phase of Project Connect is through our area.
 - f. Questions-Slip Island change at St. John. She can't, but will find out details if you send her an email.
 - g. HEAL-Housing focused homeless initiative to move people who are camping in parks and under bridges, and overpasses. Goal is to shut down these locations with signage. Their goal is to encourage people who are willing and are sleeping

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in unsafe and unhealthy places to move elsewhere. They are trying to help people get into better places and to get mental health.

- h. The petition to overturn the camping ban overturn did certify so it will be on the next ballot.
- i. Stephanie Ryan is also monitoring it and following those who tend to be chronically homeless. She hopes that HEAL will appease those who want to overturn Austin's home rule and decriminalization of camping. They are also talking about possible city-sanctioned campsites like the Esperanza state-sanctioned campsite. Austin is working with the state to provide electricity to Esperanza, but can't plumb it.
- j. For hotels. What is the vision? A day, a week, a month. The idea is to help them with that transition. The Roadway Inn in South Austin has had success. It was previously a significant vector for prostitution and drug use. Now there is on-site management and rules and has improved the neighborhood.
- k. Texas Bungalows is permanent supportive housing. As long as people are following the rules, they are allowed to stay there.
- l. Brigid Shea mentioned that Travis County has money available for people that are having trouble paying their mortgages. They also have a hot meals program. They are giving out 8,000 meals a week. They are also distributing grocery bags of food from the rec centers. Google Rent Assistance, Grocery Assistance, Travis County.
- m. The County is also doing a lot of climate-related work. New County Judge Andy Brown. He is doing well. Ann Howard, who headed up the Ending Homelessness Coalition, is also a new judge. They are working to support the community.

4. Introduction of new ANA Newsletter Editor, Aubrey Gill (5 Minutes; 7:30 - 7:35 pm)

- a. **Steve Johnson, Communications Chair.** We have a new newsletter editor—Aubrey Gill. Laura Beck has been doing it since 2014. Aubrey Gil responded to our FaceBook post. He's Bill Gill's son. He was born and raised in Allandale, graduated McCallum in 2000. Still lives here. He is excited about this. Has kids and a full time job, but is passionate about the neighborhood. Great ideas from Social Committee for a concert in the park.

5. Resolution honoring the Laura Beck as outgoing ANA Editor (5 Minutes; 7:35 - 7:40 pm)

- a. **Steve Johnson, Communications Chair**-passed unanimously.

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6. Officer Reports. (15 Minutes; 7:40 - 7:55 pm)

- a. **Secretary, Amanda Cagle**
- b. **Treasurer, Dan Eden**
- c. **Vice President, Amy Wright**
- d. **President, Diana Wheeler**-is on the board of the Urban Transportation Commission. She's excited to be part of that.

7. Committee & Special Committee Reports. (30 Minutes; 7:55-8:25 pm)

- a. **Communications: Steve Johnson**-we have another person who is also interested in working on the newsletter, Patrick Weight, so we might have co-chairs or more good people.
- b. **Parks, Recreation and Greenspace: Mary Fero**-Amplify Austin fundraising is going on now. People can donate and then Austin directs them to various non-profits like the Friends of NW Park. We are continuing to raise money for the pond. They have a maintenance contract and will be meeting on Friday to discuss the pond project. It will last for 1 year, but they are working to make it permanent. PARD community outreach will now probably start in May. It's been pushed back. Community Garden project is experiencing delays but still moving forward. KVUE was at NW Park today doing her 6:00pm report at NW Park.
- c. **Zoning, Planning and Land Use: Nathalie Frensley**. Eventful month; Leslie Pool and Louisa and Diana. Dawson resolution and much larger issue of revisions for public input into zoning and land use hearings. She's going to have Caroline Reynolds discuss it. The Dawson resolution asked for a suspension of hearings about zoning matters because of problems with public input during Covid. 5111 Montview, a flaglot with residential impact. 5520 Burnet-Peach Tortilla lot, mixed residential commercial, could significantly impact the residents that live behind it. On Burnet Rd. Old Frisco property and old DePew Applicances seem to be being replaced by 5 story multi-family residential. Ann Charlette Patterson-old Dallas nightclub property rezoning is also getting revived.
- d. **Membership: Amy Wright**. Lots of plans and they are moving forward with them. They are working on recruiting block captains. They want to honor the work that has happened in the past on "what is a block?" and honoring the people who have been leaders on those blocks before opening it to all comers.
- e. **Social: Allison Thompson & Heather Varela**
- f. **Safety: Julie Peckham & Amanda Cagle**. Carlene Wegman Todd has volunteered to help out and develop a plan going forward. She asked people to say what they would want to see from a safety committee. Dan says he'd like to see the

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liaisoning with APD on a regular basis continuing. Stephanie noted that the district 7 rep had told us that the budget for district APD representation was reduced, so we aren't sure if district 7 will have one or not. Louisa and Leslie have been tracking it. District Representatives are a key part of the community policing model so her goal is to try to keep them in the position for a longer period, and to decrease turnover rather than deleting them. Leslie will monitor it. Bike accidents on SCB, police reports aren't generated for bike accidents. This is one of Carlene's primary concerns. She feels like she's seeing them on the listserv but also hearing about them from neighbors. Leslie recommended that people report them to 311, which is supposed to consolidate them and report them to department. Laura Dierenfield has said she'd be happy to receive such reports. Vision Zero staff has said that there were no accidents reported. It would be Ray Arrellano, the assistant city manager for law enforcement. Or to specifically have a meeting with C-tech. Her office can facilitate that meeting. We ANA need to do a better job of letting people know.

8. Associate Organization Reports. (5 Minutes; 8:25 - 8:30 pm)

- a. **Austin Neighborhoods Council, Caroline Reynolds.** The ANC has pulled together to bring the Dawson resolution and to address difficulties with public input for zoning matters. Caroline will stay as our rep for at least a year. They meet the Wed. before ANA, the 4th Wed. of the month.

9. Neighborhood Input (10-Minutes; 8:30- 8:40 pm)

10. Old Business.

11. New Business.

- a. Deed Variance. Janis suggested that we write a letter enclosing the deed restrictions for the subject property and saying these are the deed restrictions that apply to your property. We are aware that other residents in your area have the ability to enforce these, and to send them to the board of adjustments as well. Mary moved that the board would delegate authority to Diana to provide a copy of the actual file and a notification letter. Amanda seconded. Approved unanimously.
- b. Stephanie Ryan asked to get some more information regarding public safety. City staff are working on reimagining public safety and decoupling police and mental health functions. Austin needs more organized police reform and the task force needs professional facilitation. Leslie said that the forensic science lab and all

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that funding is being removed from the police and for now is independent from the police department and under the city. Leslie is also working on issues with the cadet classes and the curriculum being rewritten. She is told that the Kroll Report will have good recommendations. Leslie is hoping to have the academy training revised and to be able to recruit and fund a cadet class out for fy 2022.

- c. Amy said how much she appreciates that the city is taking action on homelessness. Stephanie seconded.
- d. Julie Peckham organized a creek cleanup last weekend. Many people appreciated it. Thank you Julie!

12. Adjourn at or before 9pm