

**Allandale Neighborhood Association-Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022, 7:00–9:00 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM:

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Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc4ZKGv013E>

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Hans Magnusson at 7:05 pm.

a. Board Roll call/introductions

Board Members present: Hans Magnusson, Chris Barnard, Nicko Burnett, Dan Eden, Mary Fero, Andrew Kerr, Janis Reinken, Carlos Salinas, and John Tate

Absent: Julie Peckham, Nathalie Frensley

Also attending: Austin Council Member Leslie Pool; Austin Transportation Division Manager and ASMP project planner Cole Kitten; ATD staff Kelsey Vizard and Alex Phillips; Carlene Wegman Todd; Joe Reynolds; Caroline Reynolds; Ranleigh Hirsh; Donna Beth McCormick; Cynthia Keohane; Carolyn Croom; Tom McClure; Stephanie Ryan; Scott Ehlers; Jim Currie; Jeff Bowen (Austin Neighborhoods Council); Chip Harris (Crestview).

2. Approval of Minutes.

Hans distributed the minutes from the January meeting; no changes noted.

John Tate moved approval; Carlos Salinas seconded; motion approved unanimously.

3. Officer Reports.

Secretary, Julie Peckham. No report. (absent)

Treasurer, Andrew Kerr. Report on balances: \$38,324.78 in checking account; approximately \$8,000 in savings; there's also a recent \$8,000 transfer for dues membership, with additional checks to be deposited shortly.

Vice President, Dan Eden. No report.

President, Hans Magnusson.

Hans previewed tonight's Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) discussion, and reported on his previous Zoom meeting with CM Leslie Pool and Cole Kitten. The two primary issues of concern: potential changes to ROW (and related condemnation) and proposed bike lanes/routes.

ANA urgently needs an Ad Sales Coordinator and a Newsletter Editor. Hans has taken on these duties since the positions were vacated, but we need folks to manage these jobs. Ad sales is a compensated position. Please spread the word about our need for help.

4. Committee & Special Committee Reports.

Communications: Kaylee Romantic & Sarah Torchin. No report. (absent)

Social subcommittee: Randi White & Diana Wheeler. No report. (absent)

Parks, Recreation and Greenspace: Mary Fero. The Austin Parks & Recreation Board unanimously passed the Vision Plan for Sheffield Northwest District Park at their January 25 meeting. Two projects are currently funded - the playscape and the pool replacement,

which is a separate project under the Aquatics Division. The park will see major construction with pool replacement, dam restoration and sewer line replacement taking place between 2023 and the end of 2025. Other items will be implemented as funding becomes available. A request for pond maintenance will be included in next year's PARD budget. A report appears in the February newsletter.

It's My Park Day Spring 2022 takes place on March 5 with two Shoal Creek clean-up teams and additional positions for wildflower seeding or other maintenance efforts.

Zoning, Planning and Land Use: Joe Reynolds reported that neighbors adjacent to a pending redevelopment on Wilbur Dr were granted an injunction to halt construction based on legal issues related to deed restrictions. Parties are now in mediation. A judgment is expected to be issued this summer if no resolution is reached. The Zoning committee hopes to host a series of neighborhood engagements to explain zoning and how to engage in the process.

Safety: Carlene Wegman Todd.

Carlene will present information in March following an upcoming committee meeting.

Membership: Dan Eden. No report.

5. ANA Board meetings to Continue Via Zoom.

There was general agreement that for now, Board meetings should continue via Zoom, but we may want to periodically meet in person once COVID numbers go down. We should further consider how to approach General Membership meetings, including the April meeting. This will be included on the March agenda.

6. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) Amendments Update (see list of affected Allandale streets). CM Leslie Pool and Cole Kitten, Austin Transportation Department Council Member Pool and Cole Kitten discussed two specific areas of neighborhood concern related to changed designations for Allandale streets.

- 1) impact on Allandale properties located on streets designated as bicycle routes, including Right of Way (ROW) needs and associated potential for condemnation.
- 2) proposed bike facilities / bike routes through Allandale and ANA recommendations to change those routes / designations.

ROW. The ASMP does not direct the ROW or condemnation process; it reflects plans developed by other programs. There is no plan to acquire ROW in established neighborhoods; those proceedings would only be triggered by redevelopment of an entire block or side of a street.

Bike Facilities. ASMP changes reflect streets that were identified to have bike facilities in the 2014 Bicycle Plan. To change these routes or designations, ANA could advocate that internal Allandale streets remain as Level 1 streets and be designated as Neighborhood Bikeways, which have lower speed limits and traffic counts, employ traffic calming devices and are safely shared with cars, bikes and pedestrians.

ANA could make that proposal through ATX Walk, Bike, Roll (ATXWBR) program, where the recommendation would be considered for inclusion into the official update to the Bicycle Plan. Feedback through the ASMP process will be forwarded to ATXWBR. Opportunities for additional feedback will be available after a new draft of the ASMP is released in March, when the updated plan will be presented to multiple boards and commissions. A final draft will be presented in May to Planning Commission, which is required by city charter to make a recommendation to Council.

ASMP Amendments to Allandale streets:

- a. Downgrade Level 2 to Level 1: Highland Ter, Woodview Ave, Bullard Dr, Northland Dr (dead- end), Greenlawn Pkwy
- b. Upgrade Level 1 to Level 2: W 49th St, White Horse Trl., Twin Oaks Dr, Vine St., Pegram Ave., Ardath St, Daugherty St.
- c. Increase ROW: Shoal Creek 78 to 84, Bull Creek Rd 70 to 84, W 49th St 70 to 84, White rock Dr 64 to 72, Great Northern Blvd 60 to 72, Foster Ln 70 to 84, Rockwood Ln 60 to 72, Northland Dr 104 to 116
- d. Upgrade Level 2 to Level 3: Northcross Dr
- e. Decrease ROW: Burnet Rd 120 to 116

Concerns voiced by meeting participants:

- the use of “technical corrections” terminology is inappropriate for an open-ended ability to expand ROW for up to 20 years
- future surveys of existing property (for second liens or remodel plans) may include an overlay of this potential ROW
- ATD has failed to conduct analytic studies or share data publicly to justify their proposals; are there audits to show how much existing bike lanes are used?
- bike lanes – even those limited to striping – can prohibit parking and affect streets with high pedestrian use
- outreach has been limited; difficult to access info and participate in the process
- what bicycle accident tracking exists? 311 does not record bike accidents unless they involve a vehicle; one local accident resulting in multiple surgeries was not tracked because there is no mechanism to do so. Does the high injury map include bike-bike or bike-pedestrian accidents?

7. Neighborhood Input. None further.

8. Unfinished Business. None.

9. New Business. Hans will convene a small group to formulate a response to the ASMP proposals for the ANA; Dan Eden, John Tate and Mary Fero volunteered. Joe Reynolds and Dan will pursue safety/accident data.

10. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.