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WCNA Annual General Meeting Draws a Crowd!

Post-Meeting: APD, DA and Austin Code Answer Questions

On Tuesday, 21 February, Walnut Creek Neighborhood residents

assembled once again in the Lawshae Building at St. Mark UMC to execute the business of WCNA for the current fiscal and calendar year 2023. Following the formal Association business, representatives from three city departments joined us as a panel to hear and respond to questions from residents concerning safety.

President Robert Meadows called the meeting to order just after 6:30 p.m. and, after some initial adjustments to the equipment setup (the meeting also was shown online using Zoom, and the logistics of getting every aspect working together took a

few minutes) he proceeded with the formal business at hand. About 60 residents and 10 city representatives were present and about 15 on Zoom (a new - or near - record attendance for these meetings).

The first order of business was establishment of the governing Board of Directors, who are elected for two-year terms. Of the 13 current Board members, three were standing for re-election after serving for two years: Siobhan Blackburn, James Miller, and Sara Breuer. They were nominated simultaneously, and elected by acclamation.

In addition, John Hersey and Anthony Chapple had been appointed to positions vacated during the last year, and were nominated and elected by acclamation as well. The remaining eight board members were elected last year and will serve through the current year.

Following elections, the President showcased WCNA programs and priorities for the neighborhood. The list includes actions meant to preserve and protect the state of the neighborhood, and events and other activities intended to help maintain and improve the safety, well-being and sense of community of its residents. His first slide listed the number of City and private resources monitored that could impact WCN: at least 13!

WCNA activities to strengthen and facilitate communication among residents include:

Establishment and maintenance of three online sites: WCNAnews.com, our WCNA Facebook Group and our Nextdoor Group, and publication of this neighborhood newsletter – *Walnut Creek Neighborhood Newsletter* – which is printed and mailed to every home in the boundaries of WCNA and uploaded to the online sites above.

WCNA also sponsors and/or supports neighborhood activities during the year, e.g.: Safety Team and National Night Out; Neighborhood Garage Sales; Park/trail cleanup/maintenance workdays (including *It's My Park Day*); Fourth of July Parade and Potluck Picnic; Walnut EEK! (Halloween); and the Walnut Creek Cat Coalition.

Some long-term projects in planning also were shown, most involving City engagement. Recommendations for new projects are always welcome!

Questions gathered before and during meeting drove the panel discussion

The public had an opportunity to submit questions both before and during the meeting. Most questions centered on safety issues. Board member/meeting moderator John Hersey posed the questions to the panelists, giving each a response time limit. This proved to be a productive way to drive and focus the meeting. Representatives from Austin Code (formerly Code Compliance), Austin Police Department (APD), and the District Attorney's office, including DA Jose Garza, had the opportunity to respond. The presence of APD and the DA drew the attention of a local TV news affiliate, which chose to focus on the tension between the two rather than on the issues discussed in the meeting.



The Panel of City Officials at the Annual General Meeting at St. Mark UMC Lawshae Building

The Panel members, left to right: David Downing, Supervisor, Austin Code (North Team); Lt. Paul Bigini, APD; Executive Lt. Lee Davis, APD; Cdr. J.J. Jobes, APD; District Attorney Jose Garza; Sgt. Ray Chianis, APD; Ofc. Adam Soliz (our APD District Representative, DR); and Norris Mackenzie, DA Chief of Investigations. In

their introductions of themselves they covered their responsibilities both in general and with some detail. Many of their opening statements anticipated questions to come.

The questions were wide-ranging neighborhood issues, here grouped for efficiency.

Questions seeking actions recommended for recent events, including observations of suspicious activity and illegal activity - such as stealing from mailboxes or porches and even carrying stolen items to locations known or suspected to be dealing in stolen goods and/or drugs. Repeatedly from all panel members the answer was to “call it in” or “report it”. This has been a mantra in the neighborhood for a long time, though not an easy one to put into effect. The Safety Team also emphasizes reporting both to 311/911 and the team block leads.

A response from more than one panel member: For the police to respond to a particular report requires evaluating its importance relative to other reports near the same time. The decision to respond involves two or three upper-level personnel comparing situations and deciding which are highest priority, always with violence and felony-in-progress having the greatest weight. Everything else being similar, events with more reports tend to have greater weight. In the end, whether a call gets action depends on availability of officers to respond, discussed below.

Another group of questions concerned homeless folks in our Walnut Bluffs Trailhead/Park, trash from private businesses (e.g., apartments) being dumped in the park, and also large numbers of people living in or camping out at a single house, etc.

These issues invoke cross-departmental response, typically with the Code or Health Department coordinating action between agencies. City code and/or law and the Constitution come into play, and appropriate procedures are required. For example, city law prohibits camping in the park, but it can take several days to “clean out” an established homeless campsite while maintaining the rights of the occupants, i.e., giving the occupants a reasonable time to respond. Many such sites have been removed from our park over the years, but we had several there at the time of the meeting.

A few questions involved real property, both public and private. Austin Code points out that they are primarily involved with property issues, as opposed to “behavior” issues. Both are sometimes involved in situations, like derelict or neglected properties, too many unrelated residents in a single home, or homeless camps. Their power is limited to citation, and other agencies take over as required from that point. The Code representative pointed out that it helps enforcement to be able to see violations in wooded areas, so keeping lower branches of trees removed to a height of at least 8 feet is advised in wooded areas (re campsites), and this is also advisable around homes to discourage prowlers.

The most contentious moment in the meeting followed questions about why recurring reported problems with properties and people seem to be ignored by authorities. People mentioned reporting observed thefts, repeated visits to properties with observed or suspected criminal activity, and even observed open firing of weapons. There have been quotes attributed to officers about not acting when they believe, or have been informed, that the Office of the DA will not take action on certain types of charges made by an officer, meaning they believe the suspect will be released. Similar statements have been reported by the press (in other cities as well as Austin). Both the DA and APD denied that this is the case: The responsibilities of each is independent of the other, and this is the basis of action by each. This is not the first time this subject has appeared in the press, and the reporters in the meeting made this the only issue presented in the video they aired after the meeting. This is a hot topic in the media, and WCNA has no official position.

Embedded in virtually every answer/discussion from APD – and also reported in most media - is the fact that the **department is severely understaffed**. Funding is an issue in general, but the department currently is funded for about 15% more staff than it has, especially at the “beat” level, and officers have been - and are - retiring and/or quitting at a relatively high rate. An example of understaffing given more than once during the meeting is that there are only two patrol officers available in our area most nights, and that detectives frequently work patrols(!).

911 operators also are below staffing needs. The city is looking for almost double the number currently working, the reason for long response times both for answering 911 calls and for patrol reaction times.

The panel generally was highly supportive of the neighborhood Safety Team, which maintains close communication with APD. The Team and other neighbors met with officers Soliz and Samuelson early in March as a follow-up to the General Meeting. The Team is also looking for active members, in particular for Block Leads for some areas of the neighborhood. Check the article below for details.

North Walnut Creek Trail Officially Opens

Ribbon-Cuttings at Two Grand Openings on a Glorious Day!

March 4th was dedicated to recognizing the completion of the *Northern Walnut Creek Trail*, built by the Public Works Department using funding from the 2016 bond election. Parks and Wildlife organized a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the point where “our” new trail – *North Walnut Creek Trail Section 2B* – joins with *Section 2A*, which goes up to *Balcones District Park* (BDP) on the NW side of MoPac (it was completed in 2019). We were thus celebrating the end of - start-to-finish - a 10-year project which now allows pedestrian/bike travel from BDP to our *Walnut Bluffs Trailhead* entrance on Oakbrook Drive. Note plans are in place (Section 3) to continue from the loop near our entrance across Walnut Creek and IH35, eventually to join with the *South Walnut Creek Trail* (finished in 2014) near LBJ High School to complete a circle of the city on paved trails.

The celebration in Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park was held just after 11:00 a.m., with CM Leslie Pool giving the opening remarks. She recalled the project from its beginning and expressed all of our amazement and delight that it had finally reached this point. She introduced the Public Works CEO James Snow, who summarized the project and noted the hard work of all the staff who are responsible for the project. He then introduced the director of Parks and Wildlife, Kimberly McNeeley, who amplified appreciation for everyone who had a hand in forming and “encouraging” the project over the many years. She called out some of the groups who had been instrumental in this accomplishment, including *Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association*, and invited representatives of each to gather for the cutting of the ribbon. Our president Robert Meadows was specifically noted and is seen in the picture here, second from the left.



Distict 7 CM Leslie Pool Cuts the Ribbon Officially Opening North Walnut Creek Trail Sect 2. WCNA president Robert Meadows is 2nd from left, PW CEO James Snow at right.

While the Grand Opening for the *Northern Walnut Creek Trail* was being held (see above), we held our own *Grand Opening*:

Opening of Walnut Bluffs Trail Extension Draws a Crowd! *by Sara Breuer*

Gary and Margaret Ann Brewer Honored

This Spring's *It's My Park Day* was particularly important because we celebrated the *grand opening* of the *Northern Walnut Creek Trail* from *Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park* to *Oakbrook Drive*.

Gary and Margaret Ann Brewer cut the ribbon at the trailhead, to enthusiastic cheers from the sizeable crowd. They have been critically instrumental - with the help of many other residents and the City - in cultivating the trails and creating the Walnut Bluffs Trailhead.

Now we are connected with the paved trail from *Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park* to *Balcones District Park*. These paved trails are part of a large trail system being put in place by the City of Austin (called *The Big Loop*).

The **WCNA Safety Team** stepped up with a bike raffle and tasty treats. The nonprofit **We're All Neighbors** donated a trail-lovers' gift basket. Capital Area Master Naturalist **Emily Hansen** brought a very popular “touch table”, with skins and skulls of our animal friends like raccoon, opossum, fox, and coyote— and also led a nature hike.

The neighborhood trails have been decades in the making, and this paved trail has been in the works for almost a decade. No doubt it will bring more visitors to our sweet little park, including many more on bikes. The unpaved “social trails” are still mostly accessible only by foot.

E.S. kicked off the morning with the biggest-ever *It's My Park Day* volunteer crew. We focused mainly on getting trash out of the creek, and this team was **ON IT**. Thanks to the 30+ folks who volunteered their time to get the place looking great for the grand opening. Check out the pictures on the 7th page!



Gary and Margaret Cut Our Ribbon!



The **Walnut Creek Neighborhood (WCN) Safety Team** is a group of neighbors who care about improving the sense of safety for all residents and help keep us connected. While not all neighbors are on Facebook, Safety Team's primary means of communicating with neighbors is **WCN - Safety Chat** on Messenger. Please join WCN - Safety Chat to help us watch out for each other, and get information on Safety Team events. Note that November and December have been very active this year.

The Safety Team helps the community by doing the following:

- Host safety socials and Neighborhood Night Out to connect with each other.
- Do neighborhood patrols when able.
- Organize regular neighborhood cleanups.
- Help neighbors with needs such as minor repairs.

IMPORTANT: The Safety Team does **NOT** respond to emergencies. If there is a crime or other emergency in progress **CONTACT 911 IMMEDIATELY**. After calling 911 please text the Safety Team Lead, Christian Ninaud, at (512) 971-7628 for awareness and any potential follow up.

Team members recently have responded to a number of events involving non-residents, including one which escalated beyond the scope of practice of the safety team's first responders, to APD, with whom the Team maintains a good working relationship. The neighbors who made the call were very complimentary of the intervention of the Safety Team and other neighbors. The resulting teamwork between officers and neighbors kept everyone safer.

The Team

Safety Team Lead (Christian Ninaud)

- Serves as point-of-contact for the Safety Team across WCN.
- Coordinates events with other groups, such as City of Austin or WCNA Board of Directors.
- Serves as admin for WCN - Safety Chat

Contact via text at (512) 971-7628 or on Facebook Messenger

Block Leads

- Act as point of contact for Safety Team members and WCN residents in their designated area.
- Patrol designated areas or the entire neighborhood when able.
- Connect with neighbors via initiatives such as Safety Socials, clean ups, or other activities.
- Participate in Safety Team governance and decision-making

Safety Team Members

- Get to know their neighbors so they can know when things are out of the ordinary.
- Patrol their area or neighborhood at whatever frequency feels right to them.
- Participate in Safety Team initiatives.

BLOCK LEADS NEEDED

The Safety Team could use two Block Leads to join the three current leads. Ideally they would live on the Pollyanna (east) side or the Walnut Bluffs trailhead (north) side of the neighborhood. However, no matter where you live, we will welcome two new Block Leads. Please text Christian Ninaud at 512 971-7628 or on the WCN Facebook Messenger if interested and would like to discuss. Thank you! by Christian Ninaud

"Safety Summit" Planned

by Emily Shaugnessy

Concerned about crime and safety issues in our community? Unclear what you (or any of us) can do to make a difference? Frustrated by the speed of progress or response from authorities?

Join us for the **Community Safety Summit** this June (exact date TBA).

The WCNA General Meeting in February opened the door for many questions and concerns about community safety, and the Safety Summit will continue the conversation with **speakers, workshops, networking, resources, and brainstorming sessions**.

Better communication with APD and city officials is just one piece of the puzzle. The more united, informed, and engaged we are as a community, the better we can address these frustrating (and scary) issues we face.

The Safety Summit is a joint effort of ***We're All Neighbors***, the ***Walnut Creek Safety Team***, and surrounding neighborhoods, including Georgian Acres and NACA. District 7 CM Leslie Pool's Office, the Office of Violence Prevention, and APD are planning to participate, and nonprofit organizations serving our area will also be invited.

We will continue to update the community about this important event, but in the meantime, here is what we need from you, our Walnut Creek neighbors: (continued below)

1. **Organizers:** We are looking for community members who want to be on the ground floor of this event. If you are passionate about this topic and want to be involved, please contact Christian Ninaud 512-971-7628 (txt).
2. **Topics:** What topics do you think should be addressed at the Summit? Some important issues include theft, gun safety, homelessness, working with police, crime prevention, and more. Please fill out the Google Form by scanning the QR code.
3. **Sponsors:** We are looking for individuals or businesses willing to contribute to offset the cost of the event: Contact Emily Shaughnessy at ejshaughn@gmail.com or 410-961-1402.



2023 TCAD Appraisal Season Is Upon Us *By Jill Leberknight, WCN real estate expert*

The appraisal year to catch up. Can you believe that another year has passed?

We are already counting the days until our 2023 property appraisal values are released.

DON'T FORGET: Be on the lookout for mail notices early to mid April.

Share delivery and news details about your notice on neighborhood communication groups so we can learn and fight this together. Through my annual property appraisal protest workshops our neighborhood has developed a wonderful routine of tackling this difficult process together. Knowledge is power and I will work to keep our knowledge resources full and accessible to all!

Check the TCAD website to ensure all property exemptions have been posted and noted for your property.

<https://traviscad.org/>

When you receive your mail notice from TCAD in early to mid-April, again it's important to carefully review it and ensure that all property exemptions have been correctly noted for your property. I've waited a long time to say this: I am expecting a 4% - 6% decrease in appraisal values. We've got great data to support us this year. I learned some very valuable lessons last year and plan to hold my annual protest workshop to help us navigate through this.

By staying informed and taking the necessary steps to evaluate our property and protest our TCAD property tax assessment, we can avoid overpaying our property taxes. A small decrease in your property value can translate to significant savings in property taxes over time. This year's protest could be our best window to win lowered values!

Stalemate! 2023 Real Estate in Austin

Why nobody is making headway in Austin real estate this year!

Jill Leberknight, WCN real estate expert

As a realtor with 18 years of experience in the Austin area, I've seen the real estate market's ups and downs. However, the current stalemate between buyers and sellers is a unique challenge that we haven't seen in a while.

Let's have an Agent Jill Recap -

Homeowners in the Greater Austin area have seen their property values rise to unprecedented levels over the past decade, regardless of the condition of their homes. On the other hand, homebuyers have faced the daunting task of navigating the nation's hottest market. But mortgage rate hikes starting in May 2022 has caused a market shift.

The Current Scene -

The current data is that home values have fallen 8.8% in the Greater Austin area and 5.4% in WCN compared to last year. In fact, Austin has seen the largest decrease of home values of all of its sister metros in Texas. This has caused buyers to doubt whether purchasing a home in this area is a wise investment. Homeowners, on the other hand, are hesitant to sell their homes now, knowing that they could achieve a higher price tag in the future.

As a result, we find ourselves in an investing style stalemate where buyers won't budge on price and condition, and sellers won't budge on price and repair costs. In a landscape such as this you'd think that buyers would have all the power, but sellers know this is just a temporary setback, often playing a long game by opposing many requests.

Will this continue and have we hit the top of our value heights? No, this scene will not last and when interest rates stabilize, local economists and I predict a return to healthy value increases. I'm preparing my clients to expect 5% - 7% annual increases. Once we see stabilization of interest rates for more than 3 months buyers will begin to feel more confident about purchasing a home. And our hope is that slower, steadier, and predictable growth trends will allow everyone in the market to plan their real estate investment strategies with greater certainty.

The Big Picture!

This is just a season in our pandemic recovery chapter. This current investing stalemate in the Austin real estate market is a challenge, but it is temporary. March and April are usually our "hottest" seasons so we're watching the scene closely, hoping to see some positive changes in the coming months. I will continue to monitor the market and provide my clients and neighbors with the best advice to help them make informed decisions.

Walnut Bluffs Land Stewardship Program: Conservation, Protection, and Love

By Sara Breuer

The Walnut Bluffs Trailhead and Walnut Creek itself are an important part of our neighborhood. We are kicking off a land stewardship program to help us get a vision and access to approvals, resources, and assistance to protect and preserve this irreplaceable natural resource that is so important. Our beautiful park needs some tending after all the construction, storm damage, and human impact. Invasive species removal/management, trash removal, tending to damaged trees and plants.

Join us for a Conservation Workday at Walnut Bluffs Trailhead so we can continue the great work that's been done for decades! Bring gloves, hand pruners, buckets, and pruning saws if you have them. We'll provide trash bags. No need to register for anything, just show up to help!

Sat., March 25 9-11 am. Meet at Walnut Bluffs Trailhead entrance; 11938 Oakbrook Drive

We will conclude with a brief meeting about the vision for the land stewardship program.

Contact sarabreuer@mac.com for additional info.

Neighborhood Garage & Craft Sale: Ready for Spring Cleaning?

Based on the feedback we received, the Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring 2 Garage and Craft Sales this year! Spring is in the air, it's the perfect time to clean out those closets, shed, garages, and make a little money at the same time.

Or maybe you are an artist or creator? Use this opportunity to showcase your talent and sell your wares! We loved everything we saw at the Walnut Creek Craft Fair in 2020-from mosaics & candles to owl houses and more, it's clear this neighborhood is an enclave of creativity!

Our Spring Sale will take place Saturday, April 29th, 8am -Noon

If you would like to participate, please submit your address to Robert Meadows: ROBERTL@meadows.com or (512) 633-1459 by Wednesday, April 26th. Each participating house will be listed on a map, and shoppers can pick up a copy of the map at any of the sales they visit. We encourage sellers to also post to Facebook, Nextdoor, and/or Craigslist to encourage turnout.

The Association pays to advertise the sale in the Austin Chronicle the the Austin American Statesman, as well as posting on Craigslist and putting up signs and sandwich boards at various entrances throughout the neighborhood.

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Kids' Corner by Ashley Arnerich

Welcome to Kids' Corner! I'm going to share a craft idea my son and I like to call *Nature Cakes*! It is perfect for Spring, but can be done during any season. Making nature cakes is an easy outdoor craft you and your child can create with things found in and around your yard. I start this project by offering a container with a handle; think basket or bag. Then encourage the child to collect nature treasures that have fallen to the ground, or if you are comfortable with it, picking random things from your yard. Some favorites have been sticks, dried flowers, fern fronds, seed pods and grass clippings: these will be the decorations of the cake. For the next step, you will need a "cake" to frost; any old Amazon box will do! Set up the project with an empty box, shaving cream, and spreading tools. You'll want to tape the box closed so it can be frosted easily. I like to offer an array of spreading options, including different size spatulas, butter knives, and other interesting-looking tools from your kitchen.

Now using all the found objects it's time to create the cake. Spray a couple of dollops of the cream in the corners and center of box, and let them get to work spreading and then decorating. There's no right or wrong way to decorate! It makes for good conversation on how and why some of the items got to the ground.

The frosting part should be supervised, and any shaving cream that gets on their face should be wiped away. Because of the ingredients in shaving cream, this project is not recommended for kids that often put their hands or items in their mouth. We do the whole project outside so any residual mess can be sprayed away with the hose!

I hope you enjoy this project alongside your child and that you have some magical Nature Cake outcomes!



Miles Arnerich, 3-1/2, and Nature Cake

Pictures from the Grand Opening of Walnut Bluff Trailhead paved trail and It's My Park Day



Eric & visitors at Cynthia & Mike's Food Booth



Ashley & Raffle Prizes



Gary & Margaret being honored



Christian addresses the crowd!



Seed Balls



Personal and Raffle Bikes



Emily Hansen and her "Touch Table"



Liz and John movin' trash from the creek



Roman and Tasha, also movin' trash!

Don't Forget: Austin Kite Festival at Zilker Park on April Fool's Day

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Calendar of Events

	10-25	Austin Rodeo - https://rodeoaustin.com
	11	Daylight Savings Time Begins-Spring forward one hour
	13-17	AISD Spring Break
	15	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	20	First Day of Spring
	24-26	Austin Spring Home & Garden Show https://tinyurl.com/ATXspgHome
	29	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
Apr	1	Austin Kite Festival - https://www.abckitefest.org
	10	Easter
	12	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	16	Cap10k - https://www.cap10k.com
	22	Take Back Drug Day
	24	Early voting begins
	26	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	29	Neighborhood Garage and Craft Sale! Call Robert, 512 633-1459 by 26 April
May	2	Early voting ends
	5	Cinco de Mayo
	6	Election Day
	6-7	Pecan Street Festival - https://pecanstreetfestival.org
	14	Mother's Day
	10	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	15	Bulk Item Collection