

Zilker Neighborhood Association news

Austin, Texas

An inner city neighborhood

October, 1998



Lamar Plaza was named recently coolest strip center by the Austin Chronicle. And we locals take it for granted!

New bylaws proposed

By Robin Cravey, editor

New boundaries, new dates for officer elections, a new meeting schedule, and a new foundation for a neighborhood plan are all included in a package of proposed amendments to the Association bylaws that will be presented at the next Association meeting. The proposal is the product of a process that began in July when the Executive Committee appointed a committee to study the bylaws, which had not been revised since the formation of the association.

The bylaws committee developed a recommendation based on years of Association experience and taking lessons from the bylaws of several other Austin neighborhoods. The Executive Committee pored over the recommendation and made further refinements. The committee members discussed ways to broaden representation in the Association, and to reach out to merchants and absentee property owners by adding seats on the Association Executive Committee.

The proposal retains the overall structure of the bylaws, which is divided into 12 articles, but adds a 13th article that defines the neighborhood boundaries. Major revisions are proposed for articles covering meetings and organization, committees, and special provisions. Substantial changes are proposed for articles covering objectives, membership, voting, and officers.

Printed copies of the proposed changes will be available at the next membership meeting, October 29. Approval will require a two-thirds majority vote at the following meeting November 23.

Town Lake Park

By Jeff Jack, secretary

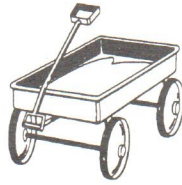
Palmer Auditorium will be renovated for performing arts; the coliseum will be razed to make room for a new civic center; a parking garage will be erected; and asphalt will be torn up to make room for green space under propositions 11 & 12 on the November 3 ballot.

Since 1986 when the City dedicated the 54 acres around Palmer Auditorium as parkland and 1989 when it adopted the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan, the area has remained an ugly sea of parking.

Recently, Arts Center Stage proposed to raise \$40 million to renovate Palmer for performing arts and \$10 million as an endowment for operations and maintenance. This sparked a search for space for current users of Palmer, and strong neighborhood work. That led to the current proposal to levy a 5% tax on rental cars that will pay for a new Community Events Center, Parking Garage and Parkland improvements.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been crafted and endorsed by all stakeholder groups including the Zilker Executive Committee.

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At our next neighborhood meeting
we'll talk about:

- ☛ Major bylaws revisions
- ☛ New boundaries
- ☛ Lost Canyon
- ☛ City bond election

Thursday, October 29, 7 pm
Kinney Avenue Baptist Church
1801 Kinney Ave.

YAHOO Zilker?

By Richard Gravois

Zilker is on the WWW.

If you have Internet access,
go to <http://www.yahoo.com> and
search for the word Zilker, one of the first hits
will be members.tripod.com/~znaweb which is
one of my first attempts at WEB publishing.

I tried to include as much as possible and
still meet a deadline. Old *Z News* articles are
there and I tried to cross reference them on
simplelines, but I feel that I should have included
authorships of the articles. The ByLaws are
there with some copies of bylaws from other
neighborhood associations.

If you have any comments or suggestions,
please write me at gravois@yahoo.com.



Zilker Elementary Notes

By Rich Gramman

Zilker Zamboree, October 24th

Zilker will have its fall fundraiser,
Zamboree, on Oct 24th, 12 - 4 pm. Come sup-
port your neighborhood school, enjoy the fun
and games, and bid on the silent auction items.

School Boundaries

A boundary feedback and information
session will be held at the school October 27, 7-
8:30pm. AISD is planning to redraw school
boundaries for all schools. Come to Zilker to
learn about the process, provide comment, and
fill out a questionnaire.

Playground Update

The playground equipment factory had a
fire, and the equipment is being delayed. Current
plans are to have the equipment arrive in late
November, with the playground being completed
in January.

Zilker thanks all the neighbors that clean up
after their dogs at the school grounds. Discus-
sions between Austin Parks and Rec. Dept. are
underway to make the park a leash free area
during off hours. Please help keep our park clean
and safe by cleaning up after your dog.

More action from the executives

At its October 14 meeting the executive committee took action on a number of hot items.

Nominations

The execs opened the period for nominations for neighborhood officers. They set officer elections for November 23, which means all nominations should be forwarded to the executive committee by one week before that date. The execs will then present the slate of nominees to the membership at the November 23 meeting.

On this schedule officers will be elected at the same meeting at which the bylaws are amended.

City Bond Election

The execs endorsed all the Austin City bonds on the November 3 ballot. The bond package contains funds for road reconstruction, public safety, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural centers, water and wastewater improvements, to name a few. This package represents an important step in continuing the progress made in the city moving from confrontation to cooperation among developers, environmentalists, business, and neighborhoods.

Longhorn Pipeline

The execs voted to support the City's demand that an Environmental Impact Statement be done on Longhorn Pipeline. You may have read in the paper about the pipeline explosion down in Houston. The same pipeline runs across the Edwards Aquifer, through over forty south Austin Neighborhoods, and within 1000 feet of the homes of almost 18,000 Austinites.

Lost Canyon

The execs met with a pair of developers who are considering putting residences in the Lost Canyon, with a small local retail building at Barton Springs Road. The developers will present their proposal to the Association membership at the October 29 meeting.

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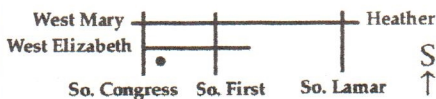
Officer elections

Monday, November 23, 7 pm



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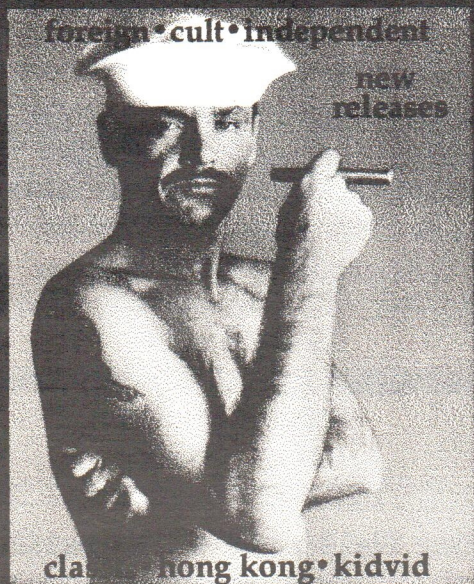
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