



Newsletter of the Zilker Neighborhood Association

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Responding to Rising Floodwaters

AUSTIN'S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT is based on old data. The latest rainfall study by the National Weather Service, called Atlas 14, shows that Austin's current 500-year flood is closer to being a 100-year flood. That means storms have been larger and flooding more severe, and that 2,800 buildings and 3,400 acres in the 500-year floodplain are at greater risk than previously thought. Because assessing flood risk is so important to development, flood insurance, and drainage infrastructure, among other issues, the City's Watershed Protection Department is revising Austin's floodplain regulations and drainage criteria. To provide information and gather input from the community, a meeting will be held August 2, 11:30 AM-1 PM, at Town Lake Center, Assembly Room 130, 721 Barton Springs Road.

For more info, including access to webinars, visit:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/event/changes-floodplain-regulations-stakeholder-meeting>.

Atlas 14 reports are posted in the Watershed section of the ZNA Web site at zilkerneighborhood.org.

THOUSANDS OF APARTMENTS have been added to voting precinct 340 (east of Kinney and north of Barton Springs Road), but only 263 of its voters turned out for the Congressional runoffs in May. Zilker could make a big difference in the November elections, if we all vote. Email Democratic Precinct chairs Maureen Galaviz (precinct 340, maureengalaviz@gmail.com) and Jeff Jack (precinct 332, jjack2@austin.rr.com) to find out how you can volunteer to register voters and increase voter turnout right here in Zilker. More information will be available at the ZNA meeting on July 30.

Intersecting Traffic Headaches

A Message from ZNA President Dave Piper

GOODRICH, BLUEBONNET, OLTORF, AND HETHER are going to get some traffic control and parking changes connected with new office buildings on Lamar, the reconstruction of Goodrich Place, and future South Lamar Corridor projects. The office building at Bluebonnet is complete, the one at Hether is still under construction, and the Enchanted Forest project on Oltorf should begin construction this year. Groundbreaking on the 120-unit public housing project between Goodrich and Bluebonnet is set for September 19.

ZNA officers have repeatedly expressed our concern to the Austin Housing Authority, Council Member Ann Kitchen's office, and the Austin Transportation Department about the potential for a less-than-desirable mobility outcome when these projects come together. Also, neighbors are anticipating months of headaches during construction. We are *(Continued on page 2)*

ZNA General Meeting

July 30

Monday 6:30-8:30 PM

at Kinney Avenue Christian
Fellowship Room, 1801 Kinney



ZNA Bylaws Amendments
Barton Springs Bathhouse Renovations
Traffic and parking briefings:
Azie Morton Road, Goodrich,
South Lamar, and more
Land Use Cases, CodeNext Updates
Low Voter Turnout



Newcomers, homeowners, renters,
business neighbors

❖ ❖ **All Welcome** ❖ ❖

(Continued from page 1) doing our best to keep abreast of the plans and to communicate the plans to the neighborhood. The City needs to ensure that neighbors have a chance to provide input before street work begins.

On the north end of the neighborhood, ZNA, the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association, and many others have been engaged with the city's transportation and parks departments for a long time to improve intersections, crosswalks, and parking connected with Zilker Park. The out-of-control parking situation on and near Azie Morton Road (the back entrance to Barton Springs Pool) tops the list. This affects pedestrian crossings at Lund and up the hill on Lund to Bluebonnet. The city has promised (and partially delivered) some signage and enforcement mitigation, but they have a long way to go. ZNA and BHNA and others will continue our efforts.

The Azie Morton Road problem is wrapped up in the larger Zilker Park mobility and parking situation that encompasses the Polo Field parking, the Stratford Road proposed parking lot (which has been put on hold), the Austin City Limits festival and other special events in the park, and the new Barton Springs Road bridge (being designed now). Last month the City Council directed the City Manager to start a comprehensive planning effort to improve transportation options and address parking challenges in and around Zilker Park.

In the meantime, the Azie Morton problem can't wait. The ZNA Executive Committee encourages neighbors to contact the Mayor and City Council about pressing park and traffic problems via the link below. Be specific about your concerns, on Azie Morton Road or Lund or whatever, and say it can't wait for the City Manager's report. *Dave Piper, ZNA President*

Updates on these issues (crosswalks, stop signs, sidewalks, traffic lights, residential parking permits, and more) will be posted in the Traffic and Mobility or the Parks and Environment sections of the ZNA Web site at zilkerneighborhood.org.

2018 ZNA Executive Committee

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The Executive Committee meets at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum, 605 Azie Morton, 6:30 PM, the first Monday of most months. Watch the Web site for updates.

Contact the Executive Committee by email through zilkerneighborhood@gmail.com

ZNA is in District 5, represented by Council Member ANN KITCHEN, at district5@austintexas.gov or 512-978-2105. Email the Council at <http://www.austintexas.gov/email/all-council-members>

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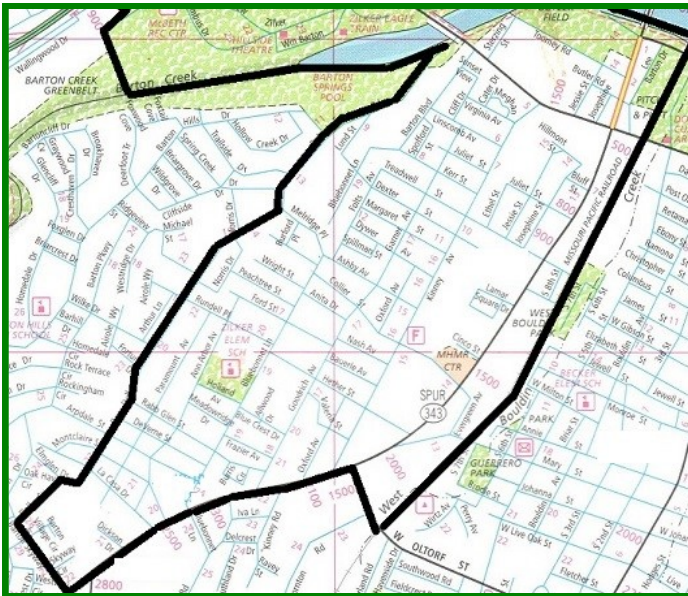
Also on the agenda for the July 30 quarterly meeting:

Membership Vote on ZNA Bylaws Amendments

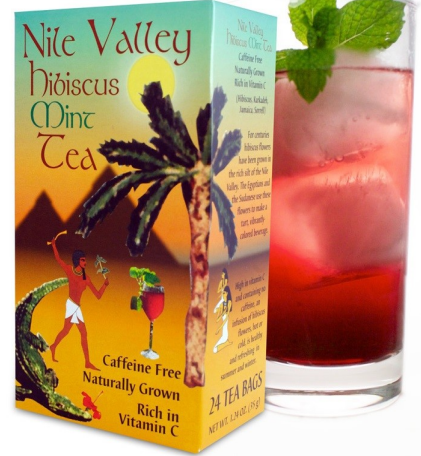
BYLAWS AMENDMENTS have been recommended by the ZNA Executive Committee for approval by the general membership at the July 30 meeting. The changes reflect the association’s status as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation, including adding “Inc.” to the name, listing some of the executive members as vice presidents, starting the fiscal year on January 1 instead of November 1, and establishing two standing committees (Zoning and Parks and Environment). These are the same amendments presented at the April 30 meeting. The complete bylaws with the proposed amendments may be viewed on the ZNA Web site at

zilkerneighborhood.org/bylaws.shtml.

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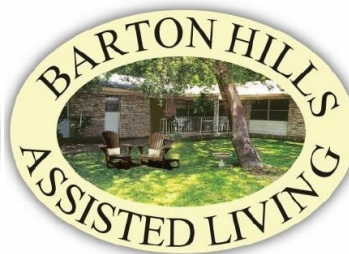


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Annual dues are \$7 per person. Please list each member's name and e-mail address below.

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Please make checks payable to Zilker Neighborhood Association and mail with this form to:

ZNA Memberships, 1510 Oxford St, Austin, TX 78704

or bring this form with you to the next ZNA meeting. Boundary map on page 3.

For ZNA bylaws and to join online, visit the ZNA Web site: www.zilkerneighborhood.org

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