



**Newsletter of the  
Zilker Neighborhood  
Association**

**JULY 2021**

Established 1981 in  
Austin, Texas

**ZNA General Meeting**

**Monday, July 26**

**6:30-8:00 PM**

Umlauf Sculpture Garden  
605 Azie Morton Road



Meeting agenda:

Vote on Bylaws Amendments

Zilker Park Vision Plan Updates

Zilker Café Alcohol Sales Update and  
Possible Vote

Rezoning report (1725 Toomey,  
2700 S. Lamar, Brodie Oaks)

Hether at S. Lamar update and other  
infrastructure issues

See [zilkerneighborhood.org](http://zilkerneighborhood.org) for more info



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business neighbors

❖ ❖ **All Welcome** ❖ ❖

*A Message from ZNA President Bill Bunch*  
**Parks Bring Us Together, in Person**

Dear Zilker Neighbors,

It's summertime! Finally, Barton Springs is open at least four days per week, and with the early summer rains, the creek has been flowing. What a blessing!

Please join us on Monday, July 26, at 6:30 pm, at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum, for our first post-pandemic, in-person general meeting. We'll be voting on amendments to the ZNA bylaws (see page 3), but the bulk of the meeting will be discussion and updates on the Zilker Park Vision Plan. The park planning process is under way, and it is critical that Zilker residents be heard and engaged in the process. (More on that on page 2.) We have adopted initial priority positions on restoring the park, reducing pavement, expanding green park space, and reducing commercialization of the park. Meanwhile, others would expand commercial operations in the park and the parking to accommodate these ventures. The future of Zilker Park is at stake. We need your help and we need to hear your priorities and views on what is best for the park.

We will also be discussing the proposal to sell alcohol at the new Barton Springs concession stand. At the end of last month, six members of the Austin Parks

***Raise a Glass to Pat Cramer***

The Zilker Neighborhood Association joins supporters of voter rights, gay and lesbian rights, equal rights, and human rights throughout Texas in grieving the loss of Pat Cramer last month. Younger neighbors will know her as the chair of the ZNA social committee, where, since 2017, she brought neighbors together for fundraisers, happy hours, and voter registration at the drop of a hat—a master of small celebrations.

For a sense of Pat's larger role in Austin's history of activism, go online to The Portal to Texas History, [texashistory.unt.edu](http://texashistory.unt.edu), and look for the program to the March on Austin for Lesbian/Gay Equal Rights on April 30, 1989. Along with other South Austin neighbors, Pat was an organizer of that march and rally at the Capitol, which turned out to be a proud and joyous moment for all of Austin.

A memorial may be organized later in September, but meanwhile, we can always visit her regular spot at Sazon and raise a glass to Pat Cramer, the best of neighbors. *The Editor*

Board went on record as opposed to the proposal (called a conditional use permit, or CUP). As this newsletter goes to the printer, we have not confirmed whether the CUP will be considered by the Planning Commission in August or delayed. The ZNA executive committee is preparing a resolution of opposition to present to the membership for a vote.

At our July 26 meeting, as usual, we will review pending proposals for new development along South Lamar and behind Chuy's, at Sterzing and Toomey.

Now that we can be together in person, we'll also be reaching out to all of our neighbors to join ZNA and meet and make friends with our neighbors. Officer elections are approaching in the fall.

With at least two vacancies to fill and plenty of work to be done, we invite ZNA members with time and interest to volunteer and/or nominate themselves for an officer position. Hope to see you on July 26!

If you want to share an opinion or have a question, contact me at [president@zilkerneighborhood.org](mailto:president@zilkerneighborhood.org).

*Your neighbor, Bill Bunch*

**Zilker Park Vision Plan in Full Swing  
Community Input is Everything for July!**

*by Robin Rather, ZNA vice president  
for Parks and Environment*

THANK YOU TO ALL THE ZNA NEIGHBORS who attended the City's first Community Meeting on the Zilker Park Vision Plan at the end of June, and the pop-up event at Barton Springs Pool on Friday, July 16. If you missed those events, feel free to stop by the pop-ups later this month, in other parts of town, and let others around the city know their feedback is also essential. See the full schedule for this month's pop-up series at the City's website, [www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision](http://www.austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision).

The ZNA parks and environment committee is gratified that many of our ZNA priorities (<https://zilkerneighborhood.org/zilkerpark-mp.shtml>) are emerging as key themes in the planning process, including re-wilding/restoration, climate, water protection, and public safety.

We understand that many neighbors were disappointed that the Community Meeting was totally closed to comments regarding alcohol sales at Barton Springs Pool. At a separate meeting, however, six members of the Parks Board went on record as opposed to the proposal, thanks to the many emails received before its June meeting. Next step is a hearing at the Planning Commission. ZNA is closely monitoring that issue and will let you know when the next hearing is scheduled. See <https://zilkerneighborhood.org/dev/zilkercafe.shtml>.

A major theme for Zilker Park going forward involves problems related to mobility: traffic, parking, and travel to and in the Park. ZNA is advocating for more multi-modal options including safer pedestrian crossings, more bike lanes, and more alternatives to cars. If you have comments or ideas on transportation solutions for the Park, please let us know.

ZNA is planning a series of bike tours related to the Vision Plan. If you are interested in these, contact [president@zilkerneighborhood.org](mailto:president@zilkerneighborhood.org).

We'd like to introduce you to our summer intern, Alec Hoelscher, 17 years old and a former PARD life-



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guard and AISD high schooler. His family lives on Margaret Street. Alec is helping us out with all aspects of the Zilker Park Vision Plan: outreach, analysis, and communications. Reach him at [alech.zilkervision@gmail.com](mailto:alech.zilkervision@gmail.com).

If you'd like to join our working group on the Zilker Park Vision Plan, please feel free to reach out to [parks-env@zilkerneighborhood.org](mailto:parks-env@zilkerneighborhood.org).

**Bylaws Amendments Up for July 26 Vote**

AS ZNEWS REPORTED IN APRIL, the pandemic led ZNA officers to draft and propose revisions to the bylaws to accommodate new types of meetings and voting. We also took the opportunity to include some minor revisions to formalize procedures and provide for clarity. A set of proposed bylaws amendments was presented at the meeting of the general membership on April 26 and has been posted online at

<https://zilkerneighborhood.org/bylaws.shtml>.

Please join us to vote on these proposed amendments at the July 26 meeting.

Most of the proposed revisions have been proposed by consensus of the ZNA executive committee. In addition to the amendments for electronic meetings and voting, these consensus proposed revisions, if approved by the general membership, would (a) formalize procedures for proposing and voting on resolutions by the general membership, (b) set out how non-officers may propose resolutions to the Association, and (c) provide for virtual meetings and voting by the Executive Committee.

These consensus revisions would also move the deadline for officer nominations up by about a month, requiring the executive committee to make nominations at their executive meeting before the fall meeting. The general membership may nominate candidates, but the nominations must be submitted to the executive committee no later than one week before the executive meeting.

ZNA president Bill Bunch proposed two amendments that were not supported by the remainder of the executive committee. These two amendments will be voted on separately. The first would provide for calling on officer nominations in the summer, with nominations accepted for at least 30 days following the summer meeting. The executive committee may still vote to recommend candidates. All qualified candidates will be given equal opportunity to ask members for their vote in ZNA sponsored communications.

The second Bunch proposal provides: "There shall be no more than one officer from the same family, or from the same household, unless a call for nominees has been made to the general membership and no qualified nomi-

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nees have stepped forward to serve within 30 days after the call for nominees."

In all cases, any candidate for an officer position must be a paid-up member of ZNA as of September 30.

ZNA members: Please view the complete proposed bylaws amendments online at [zilkerneighborhood.org](http://zilkerneighborhood.org). On the home page, click on "proposed bylaw changes." And please join us July 26 to vote on these proposed amendments.

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June 1 - September 12, 2021

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 with 30 rarely-seen objects from  
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Dues amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Zilker Neighborhood Association and mail with this form to:  
 ZNA Memberships, 1510 Oxford St, Austin, TX 78704  
 or join online at [zilkerneighborhood.org](http://zilkerneighborhood.org).

**ZNA Officers for 2021**

- President:* Bill Bunch
- Executive VP:* Gary Hamilton
- Secretary:* Dave Piper
- Treasurer:* Bruce Wiland
- VP Communications:* Open
- VP Parks and Environment:* Robin Rather
- VP Social:* Open
- VP Zoning:* Bill Neale
- ANC Delegate:* Bobby Rigney

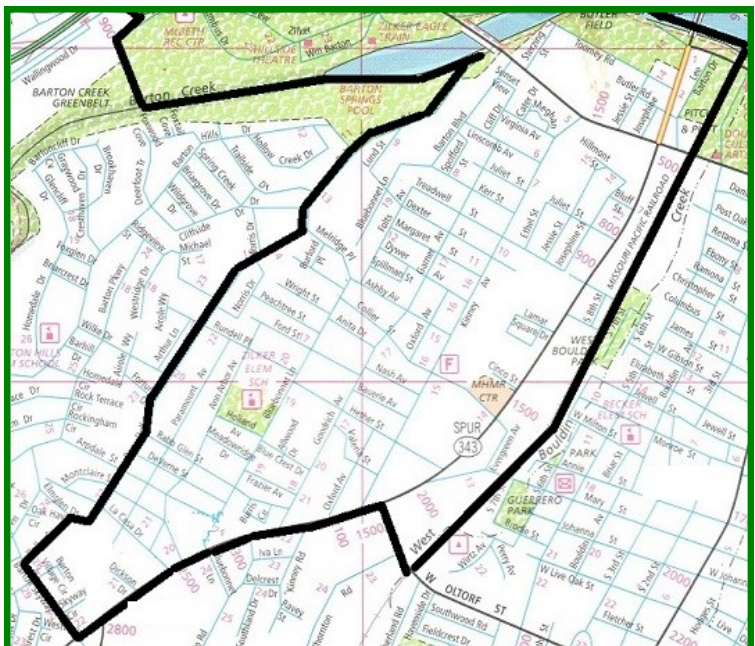
ZNA is accepting nominations for officers to be elected in October and serve in 2022.

The Executive Committee meets the first Monday of most months, at 5:30 pm, at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden, 605 Azie Morton.

Email [ZNA@zilkerneighborhood.org](mailto:ZNA@zilkerneighborhood.org)

*For ZNA bylaws and to join online, visit*

[www.zilkerneighborhood.org](http://www.zilkerneighborhood.org)



*ZNA boundaries include Zilker Park and Rabb Road on the west, from Lady Bird Lake to Barton Skyway, and the railroad tracks on the east to Oltorf and then south along South Lamar.*



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**Zilker residents vote in Travis County precincts 340 (Butler Shores and east of Kinney), 332 (west of Kinney), and the Skyway Circle portion of 342**