

Barton Hills Neighborhood Association  
Quarterly general meeting  
January 24, 2017

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: 49

Officers present: David, Scott, Stan, Russ, Kierra

### **CodeNEXT**

- Councilwoman Ann Kitchen provided an update on CodeNEXT
- CodeNEXT is the process for aligning Austin's land use standards and regulations with Imagine Austin, the city's comprehensive plan. Austin explicitly called for revising the Land Development Code (LDC) as a means to achieving the plan's goals.
- Draft code is being released the week of February 1<sup>st</sup> at Palmer Events Center
  - o Open House at 4 PM
  - o Call to Action from the Mayor at 5 PM
  - o Consultant Presentation at 6:30 PM
- After an extensive review and comment period, the draft code will be revised in accordance with feedback received and delivered for City Council potential adoption
- Ann also provided her perspective and approach. She will stay in-touch with District 5 throughout the process and is committed to protecting the character of Barton Hills
- To learn more: [www.austintexas.gov/codenext](http://www.austintexas.gov/codenext)
- We plan to have a guest speaker to the Neighborhood Association meeting in April

### **Zilker Kite Festival**

- Scheduled for March 5
- Rain date is March 12

### **Bus Route 29**

- Fill Hendrix provided an update on bringing back Bus Route 29
- To learn more and support: [www.bringbackrt29.weebly.com](http://www.bringbackrt29.weebly.com)

### **Barton Hills Garden Club**

- Needs help to raise funds to keep the medians on Barton Springs Rd. full of plants
- Need volunteers to go to local businesses to gain financial support
- Please contact Mary Ann Neely to get involved

### **Oak Wilt**

- City Austin of Austin Arborist Chris Dolan provided an update on Oak Wilt in Barton Hills
- Also reminded Do NOT Trim Trees from February 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>
- And if you trim trees at any time to seal the wounds immediately

### **Treasury Report**

- Stan provided the Q4 Treasurer's Report
- Balance sheet is in good order
- **If you haven't paid your \$10 Neighborhood Association Dues, please do so**

### **Neighborhood Park Improvement**

- Roy Smithers provided an update on latest and future improvements to the park
- More limestone blocks and rocks beneath the mural were added
- Sidewalks around entire school completed
- Future plans include adding stairs, moving the track and expanding the ball field, adding exercise equipment

### **Barton Hills Drive Median Planters**

- We need funding and volunteers to help maintain the planters on Barton Hills Drive
- All donations up to \$1,000 will be matched by Melanie Gantt and Melissa Hawthorne

### **Open Executive Committee Positions**

- Two open executive positions:
  1. Austin Neighborhood Council (represents Barton Hills with the Austin Neighborhood Council)
  2. Community Outreach Coordinator (goes to local businesses to secure advertising and funding for the Newsletter and July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade)
- Contact David Poisson if interested

### **Greenbelt Guardians**

- We had 55 volunteers attend our last workday in November at Gus Fruh
- Next workday is March 4<sup>th</sup> and coincides with Austin's "It's My Park Day – Spring". We'll be working at the Homedale entrance. More details coming soon
- The Guardians also continue to be involved with the Violet Crown Trail which has a planned completion to the Wildflower Center by the end of 2017
- To get involved, keep an eye out on the list serve or contact Stan Ostrum or Glee Ingram

### **AISD Facility Master Plan**

- Cherylann Campbell presented a detailed overview of the AISD Facility Master Plan
- The Master Plan is a plan to modernize AISD facilities over the next 20-25 years
- This process is different than former ones – current focus is on modernization to fit 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, better technology and community spaces. We also want to address the “worst first” in terms of facility condition and overcrowding so all of children are in safe environments. Yes, it will lead up to an “ask” of the community in the form of a bond, but we want to get the strategic facility plan in place first.
- To get details on the current process, goals, and to read up on some of the reports/options click on “Austin” [www.AISDFuture.com](http://www.AISDFuture.com)
- Cherylann is on the citizen facility advisory committee and will continue to keep the neighborhood and council informed

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM