

BHNA Meeting July 23, 2019

President

Welcome new residents

Melissa Hawthorne has asked attendees to put water in the planters along the bike path.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report

<i>Forward Balance</i>	\$30,366.22
Checking Credits	\$3,185
Checking Debits	\$7,536.53
Ending Checking Balance	\$26,014.69

Forward Paypal Balance	\$2,572.05
Paypal Credits	\$671.00
Paypal Debits Balance	\$722.28

Petty Cash	\$50.00
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Earmarked Funds	\$1,085.00
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<i>Net Balance</i>	\$25,721.97
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\$5,000 earmarked fund given to school park fund

Insurance for executive committee and 4th of July Parade paid

Membership Report

51 joined in last quarter. Membership; 251 households. Individual membership will take effect 2020.

4th of July

All expenses covered by sponsorships and then some.

Save Barton Creek Association Presentation

- Angela Ritcher, Executive Director. Abel Porras - City of Austin

Angel Ritcher:

Education include Adopt-a-Creek conservation and meetups and guided hikes.

Campaign at nodumpingsewage.org.

Proposed discharge of processed waste water in the Barton Creek Tributaries. There has been an application for Long Branch District on 290W to dump 92k per day of treated sewage into a Barton Creek tributary. There has never been a direct discharge into a creek in the Edwards aquifer/Barton Springs aquifer. Sewage dump creates algae blooms, which removes oxygen from the water causing aquatic death.

TCEQ is the agency responsible for accepting these permits. Anyone from the general public can submit comments to the TCEQ regarding this permit

Abel Porras:

Water quality impacts from this proposed discharge. Interest is in concentration of the nitrogen and phosphorus produced from the treated discharge. These two products create algae growth. Compared to the Dripping Springs allowed discharge, this proposed discharge effluents has 8 times the amount of the two nutrients in 10% of the amount of total sewage processed by Dripping Springs (995k gallons per day).

Motion for BHNA to grant executive committee to take appropriate action (issue a declaration/formal resolution) at a future date given more background data from Save Barton Creek and TCEQ to oppose the Sawyer Cleveland proposed discharge permit. One opposed, motion carries.

Comment to TCEQ - <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/ecomment/>
Enter permit NO. WQ0015594001, fill out the form and express your comments/concerns

Sign No Dumping Sewage petition - nodumpingsewage.org

For more information: <https://nodumpingsewage.org/352-2/>

Questions? SBCA@savebartoncreek.org

Oak Wilt Presentation – Keith Babberney, COA Arborist

- Texas Forest Service has created a Texas Oak Wilt certification for arborists.
- Emerald Ash Boring disease is starting to become prevalent in Texas.
- TexasOakWilt.org is a great full information website regarding the tree disease.

Oak Wilt Survey Assessment interest form to get an arborist in the neighborhood to make an assessment of oak wilt within the neighborhood. There is a grant program to help offset the cost of the arborist if over \$3000.