



# APRIL COMMUNITY MEETING

April 28, 2014  
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.  
6:30-8:30 PM

The meeting began with brief introductions and a review of NWAC's history and mission.

Austin Police Cdr. Ronald Baker (Region II<sup>1</sup>) and Ofc. Angela Johnson, Region II/Adam 4 representative, gave a lengthy presentation about crime facing NW Austin and the challenges faced by APD. Information was presented on crime statistics across Region II and Adam sector<sup>2</sup>. Of note, the rape statistics from 2014 have a dramatic increase due to data reclassifications in how rape is tracked. There were not updated numbers from 2013 to reflect this change. Also, most of these occurrences in Region II are situations where the perpetrator is known to the victim. The dispatch response times for Adam are more than a minute longer than the city as a whole. Cdr. Baker believes this is because of the expansive size of the area, lack of sufficient road network, and crippling traffic problem.

There was an extended discussion on the need for more information to be distributed through NW Austin, especially about neighborhood watch and the tools needed to keep our neighborhoods and businesses safe. Much of the property crime could have been prevented if people would remember to close garage doors, lock car doors, and hide valuables. A more concerted effort to educate residents could help APD focus on community policing instead of only being able to react to inbound calls. It was suggested that residents sign up for Citizen Observer<sup>3</sup> to receive updates from APD.

Jimmy Flannigan led a discussion about the urban rail plan being discussed at the city. He reviewed the most recent Project Connect Central Corridor<sup>4</sup> Advisory Committee meeting presentation covering final route, mode, and tunneling options<sup>5</sup>. The discussion focused on concerns about data (expected ridership vs. number of cars taken off the road, accuracy of cost projections) and the apparent lack of information on wider system integration. There was much concern about this "first" rail line not being part of a larger rail network when added to the regional transportation plan.

Joyce Statz informed the group about an event coming on May 3<sup>rd</sup> called National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day<sup>6</sup>. The local public event was cancelled, but there will still be the workshop presented by the Austin Fire Department. Registration is required<sup>7</sup>.

Due to Memorial Day, the May NWAC meeting is cancelled. The next NWAC meeting will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm at the Spicewood Springs Library. We will be focusing on regional transportation including the North and Central Project Connect corridor plans, Lone Star Rail, and the 183 Mobility project.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/627403487346341/>

**Our Mission:** To support leaders in Northwest Austin and address the needs of our communities through collaboration, communication, and education.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Police/DistrictReps/region-2-map.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gioy7ccxtlv0nzp/kcr8xDfH73>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.citizenobserver.com/cov6/app/group.html?id=4117>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.projectconnect.com/connect/central-corridor>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5xci4n819x41maz/CCAG-April-11.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.WildfirePrepDay.org>

<sup>7</sup> <http://wildfirepreparedness.eventbrite.com/>

*In Attendance (as listed in sign-in sheets where legible)*

Jimmy Flannigan  
Val Yamez  
Susan Reed  
Gary Goble  
Patrick Iver  
Aaron Cleaver  
Phil Denny  
Joyce Statz  
John Bucy  
Sumit DasGupta  
Debasree DasGupta  
Mary Rudig  
Kelly Rudig