



JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING

January 26, 2014
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.
7:00-8:30 PM

This month's meeting, the first of 2015, was focused on reviewing the work of 2014 and to solicit community input on the direction of the group for the future. The meeting began with a recap of the previous City Council meeting where council members took feedback over the proposed changes to the city meeting structure and council committees. The group expressed frustration over the lack of geographic distribution of meetings. Also discussed was that the proposed affordability task force not including Round Rock ISD or Leander ISD, which cover the majority of NW Austin. Attendees were also concerned that the representation for our part of town was a single Williamson County commissioner. Comments will be passed along to CM Garza, Zimmerman, and Gallo especially.

The discussion then turned to the history of NWAC -- its founding, its early focus on city redistricting maps, and its more recent history focused on issue education.

The group's existing mission was affirmed by those in attendance. After much debate about the efficacy of geographical boundaries versus city council district boundaries, a consensus was reached to maintain MoPac and the city limits as boundaries on the East, North, and West. From the South, the previous border of 2222 was amended to include neighborhoods or communities of interest that are adjacent to that corridor. The group acknowledged that it will discuss and educate on topics impacting all areas of the city, but that its outreach efforts will be focused within those boundaries.

The group moved on to core issues. The group's original core issues of Transportation, Affordability, Water/Wildfires, and Public Safety were affirmed. The group decided to add "Zoning and Land Use" and "Government Affairs" to the list. Also noted was the need to approach those topics across multiple demographics and constituencies (e.g. seniors, people with disabilities).

The final item of discussion was how to formalize the group. Attendees expressed a desire to form a non-profit organization with a board of directors. However, folks expressed a desire to maintain the group's nonpartisan roots and to avoid candidate endorsements.

The meeting concluded with a note for those interested in serving on board of directors to contact Jimmy Flannigan for more information.

Supporting documentation from the meeting, including Powerpoint slides, draft council ordinances, and related material referenced can be found at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dj7x9xiqpfzq6np/AADPhA4MWTRDfQ3rRFA8mAkra?dl=0>

Meeting Attendees (as reflected on sign-in sheets)

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