



# NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING

November 18, 2013  
8637 Spicewood Springs Rd.  
7:30-8:30 PM

The meeting began with introductions and a brief review of how NWAC was formed and its purpose as a non-partisan group to educate and inform citizens about issues important to the area.

Jimmy Flannigan then reviewed the status of the ICRC (Independent Citizens Redistricting Committee), and the process being used to draw districts. The "final" draft ICRC map<sup>1</sup> was reviewed. Ed English was attending the ICRC business meeting and could not attend the NWAC meeting. General consensus in the room was a preference for the ICRC's preliminary map. Several of the evening's attendees had attended previous ICRC public meetings to share this preference with the commission. Other residents of Northwest Austin also attended those ICRC meetings but have not voiced their concerns at any NWAC community meetings.

Results of the November 2013 were discussed, with a review of how Northwest Austin voted in the city's affordability bond election<sup>2</sup>. No precinct map could be identified for the Williamson County road bonds<sup>3</sup>, which also passed. Texas House District 50 special election runoff will be in January between Celia Israel (D) and Mike VanDeWalle (R). NWAC will possibly plan candidate forums for contested March primary elections, to be determined after the filing date deadline.

Jimmy Flannigan provided information about NWAC's four core issue areas, transportation, water/wildfires, affordability, and public safety from the public meetings and forums he attended the past month. Of note:

## Transportation

- Representatives from the 183 North Mobility Project (via Central Texas Mobility Authority) spoke to the group about the coming project to improve 183 between MoPac and SH 45. Official open houses and public meetings are slated to be in January. Their presentation to NWAC was their first public outreach effort on the 183 project.
- Regionally, Project Connect<sup>4</sup> continues to move forward with corridor planning, specifically the "Central Corridor" and conversations about the City of Austin urban rail plan. At the most recent Central Corridor Advisory Group, sub-corridors "Highland" and "ERC" (Riverside) were recommended<sup>5</sup>, to be approved in the

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<sup>1</sup> ICRC maps: <http://www.austinredistricting.org/maps/interactive-proposed-final-map/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.statesman.com/interactive/austin-affordable-housing-bond/>

<sup>3</sup> Wilco project map:

[http://www.wilco.org/Portals/0/Departments/PIO/Bond%20Committee/2013\\_10\\_01\\_WilcoRoadBond\\_PropProj\\_11x17.pdf](http://www.wilco.org/Portals/0/Departments/PIO/Bond%20Committee/2013_10_01_WilcoRoadBond_PropProj_11x17.pdf)

Wilco project details:

[http://www.wilco.org/Portals/0/Departments/PIO/Bond%20Committee/2013\\_10\\_01\\_WilcoRoadBond\\_PropProj\\_LIST\\_11x17.pdf](http://www.wilco.org/Portals/0/Departments/PIO/Bond%20Committee/2013_10_01_WilcoRoadBond_PropProj_LIST_11x17.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.connectcentraltexas.com/vision.php>

<sup>5</sup> Sub-corridor recommendation:

<http://www.projectconnect.com/connect/sites/default/files/Sub-Corridor%20Recommendation%20111513.pdf>

coming weeks. After the official sub-corridor selection, actual routes and costs will be detailed.

- Group discussion covered the need for NWAC and residents of Northwest to figure out what urban rail options may be supported in a future bond election.

**Water/Wildfires**

- Tina Cannon and Gopal Guthikonda offered to attend future public meetings covering the implementation of the new water infrastructure fund created by the recent state constitutional amendment.

**Public Safety**

- The 24-hour trail patrols were officially terminated by City Council

The next NWAC meeting will be scheduled in December has a social holiday celebration

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

Aaron Cleaver  
Jimmy Flannigan  
Paul Rhea  
Sumit DasGupta  
Carol Emmer  
Gopal Guthikonda  
Tina Cannon  
Andy Atlas  
Matt Stillwell  
John Bucy  
Andy Brown