



Agenda

10:00 - 10:15 | Coffee and Conversation (w/ Talisman coffee) - 15:00 min

10:15 - 10:20 | Welcome (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

5 newcomers - Janna, Linda, Becky, Chiho, Janice - welcome!
Chad recognized Martin for working projector and newsletter deliverers.

10:20 - 10:30 | Neighbors' Communications - 10:00 min

PSAs- Sam Searle treasurer, announced a workshop at Hope Lutheran, Thursday, 1/16/25, 10am-12pm. The workshop is about power of attorney for health care.

10:30 - 10:35 | Yard of the Month (Sara Jane Lee) - 05:00 min

Sara - The January winners are Alex and Brian Franke, 6704 Duquesne Dr. They redesigned their front yard, added drought/heat-tolerant plants, and installed drip irrigation. See the newsletter for details. They will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery.

10:35 - 10:55 | Windsor Park Care Team: helping our unhoused neighbors - 20:00 min

Janis Bookout presented a pilot report for the [Windsor Park Care Team](https://www.windsorpark.info/windsor-park-care-team/) (WPCT <https://www.windsorpark.info/windsor-park-care-team/>). The team was organized to provide a winter-response for our unhoused neighbors, and it formed in partnership with [Community Resilience Trust](https://communityresiliencetrust.org/) (CRT <https://communityresiliencetrust.org/>). Janis provided the history of CRT, which started during Covid. This year, CRT is focusing on building neighborhood-based teams; CRT is building networks of neighborhoods serving neighbors.

The WPCT extended support to our unhoused neighbors January 4-10 during the period of freezing/rainy winter weather. In support of WPCT, the Windsor Park Library collected donations including hats, gloves, and coats. Memorial UMC was also a key participant in the effort. WPCT distributed hot food and warming supplies. Approximately 15 Memorial UMC members and 15 Windsor Park residents participated in the service and distribution.

Bartholomew Park has approximately 20 cars where people sleep at night. The WPCT reached out to them to care for them.

Janis indicated her goal is to empower leadership here in WP, grow the WP model, and share it with other neighborhoods.

An announcement was made that [Urban Roots](https://urbanrootsatx.org/) (<https://urbanrootsatx.org/>) wants to deliver fresh produce to local food banks and to serve the homeless.

Janis share a link with information on how to put together emergency kits:

<https://communityresiliencetrust.org/make-a-plan/#build-a-kit>

10:55 - 11:15 | Building Community (Robyn Bishop & Chad Cotton) - 20:00 min

Robyn Bishop led a workshop on building community. She described the concept of “social holiness”, the innate need to serve and care for others. She defined community in terms of unity, not uniformity. The WPCT winter response is an example of community and unity.

Robyn expressed interest in figuring out how to do meals at MUMC for the unhoused and how to utilize church facilities more effectively.

The workshop posed two questions:

1. When have you experienced community?
2. What gaps do you see in the neighborhood that could bring us together?

Below are some responses from participants.

Positives: ECO fest, library, welcoming new neighbors, National Night Out, pancake breakfast, riding the bus, volunteering at Harris Elementary.

Gaps: Improve communication (Groupme app was suggested - it is used by University Hills NA and provides instantaneous communication); 3rd spaces - Dog parks, coffee shops, pocket parks; use newsletter more to highlight activities in neighborhood; use the listserve more; traffic on Berkman; welcome packet/wagon; connect with real estate agents to point them to resources; connecting to apartment residents vs. homeowners vs. homeless; reading to elementary kids - Harris kids are at Sims near Springdale and 12th.

Project ideas for building community:

community garden; movies; park cleanup; CRT collaboration; social; Windsor Park storytelling party; knit/crochet; AA/Alanon; Habitat for Humanity; submit neighborhood stories for printing in newsletter.

11:15 - 11:20 | Bridges Trails and Streets (Hector Martell/Jeanette Swenson) - 05:00 min

Not covered

11:20 - 11:25 | Vote on Rebecca L as Inter-Neighborhood Delegate (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

Rebecca Leamon was voted into office as inter-neighborhood delegate.

11:25 - 11:30 | Confirm Committee Chairs (Chad Cotton) - 05:00 min

The following committee chairs were confirmed:

Climate: Martin Leuke

Transportation: Hector Martel

Parks: Jeanette Swenson

Schools: Emily Vittriss

Safety: vacant

Enlivenment: Elizabeth Kubala and Mohan Rao

Yard of the month: Sandy Wilcox

Beautification: Rodney Ahart

11:30 - 11:35 | Treasurers Report (Sam Searle) - 05:00 min

2024 budget highlights:

Membership renewals number in the 90s; Scholarship donations were up \$700; there was a slight dip in unencumbered funds. Sponsorships paid for the newsletter for the whole year in 2024.

Application for 2025 scholarships opens in mid January. We are currently doing a membership drive.

11:35 - 11:40 | Nov Minutes (Keith Edwards) - 05:00 min

The November 2024 minutes were approved.

11:40 - 00:00 | Adjourn (Chad Cotton) - 00:00 min

Prior to adjournment, there were two announcements:

Kelly from the library provided a list of upcoming events. See <https://library.austintexas.gov/events> for details. Some programs mentioned include the film program on Mondays showing the movie *Waking life*; the book club is reading *Diary of Anne Frank*. The library is still collecting coats for WPCT.

Jeanette gave an update on WPNA scholarships. This is year 11, and the program has awarded about \$80,000 over its history. The scholarship is for graduating seniors from AISD high schools who are WP residents; it is also for students from our neighborhood high schools, Northeast and LBJ.