

Zilker Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting Notes
6:30– 8:30 PM – January 25, 2016
Zilker Elementary School – 1900 Bluebonnet Lane

Guests: District 5 Council Member Ann Kitchen and Chief of Staff, Donna Tiemann, Michael Fossum, and candidates for Texas House District 49 primary: Aspen Dunaway, Huey Ray Fischer, Gina Hinojosa, Kent Johnson, Blake Rocap, and Heather Way.

1. David King called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and read a proclamation of appreciation for Shudde Fath from the Zilker Neighborhood Association (ZNA). Shudde celebrated her 100th birthday in January and has been a member of the ZNA since its formation. She fought to save the fire station on Kinney Avenue, was instrumental in the creation of the Electric Utility Commission, and helped protect Barton Springs, Barton Creek, and the Edwards Aquifer as an original organizer of Save Our Springs.
2. Harmony Grogan gave an update on the ZNA 2015 Holiday Families Program (HFP). During the December holiday season for each of the past 16 years, the HFP has provided household items, food, clothing, and toys to low-income families with children at the Zilker Elementary School. More families were served this season thanks to donations from neighborhood residents and businesses and ACL Fest ticket donations.
3. David made brief announcements on the following items:
 - a. The ZNA continues to work with the fire department regarding the potential use of the vacant city-owned lot on Collier Street as a pocket park or community garden.
 - b. Friends of Robert E. Lee Tributary will schedule workdays this spring. For more information, please contact Gail Rothe at grothe@austin.rr.com and check the ZNA website at: <http://zilkerneighborhood.org/>.
 - c. The Friends of Little Zilker Neighborhood Park (FLZP) is working on improvements to the Little Zilker Park adjacent to the Zilker Elementary School. For more information please contact FLZP at: FLZP@yahoogroups.com and check the ZNA website at: <http://zilkerneighborhood.org/>.
 - d. Texas Primary Elections - March 1, 2016. The last day to register to vote in the primary is Monday, February 1, 2016.
 - e. The next Parkland Events Task Force meeting is 4:00 PM Tuesday, January 26, 2016, Zilker Botanical Garden – 2220 Barton Springs Road <http://austintexas.gov/petf>
4. Jeff Jack gave a brief update on CodeNEXT and the CAG. CodeNEXT will affect every property in the City. The CAG oversees the CodeNEXT project and meets at 4:00 PM on the first Monday of every month. Code Advisory Group Meeting – 6:00 PM, Monday, February 1, 2016, Waller Creek Center, 625 E 10th St. <https://austintexas.gov/codenext>
5. Council Member Ann Kitchen discussed the following topics and

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responded to questions from the audience.

- a. \$21 million from ¼ - cent funds for mobility projects in each of the ten council districts. Each district has created a list of transportation projects that could be funded by the ¼ cent funds. Council Member Kitchen worked with neighborhoods throughout District 5 to compile a list of projects. The City Council will consider the projects at its meeting on January 28, 2016.
<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=247131>
 - b. This spring and summer, the City Council and Council Committees will take public input on funding alternatives for mobility projects including rail, bicycles, sidewalks, trails, and road projects including the South Lamar Boulevard Transportation Corridor improvement project.
 - c. Connection 2025 is Capital Metro's major outreach effort to get public input on its long-range transportation plan. Capital Metro has an online survey and an open house on Feb. 16th at the ACC South Austin campus on Stassney Lane. <http://connections2025.org/>
 - d. The City Council approved new regulations on transportation network companies (TNC) on December 17, 2015. The Council will discuss the TNC referendum at its meeting on January 28, 2016.
 - e. Council Member Kitchen responded to questions from the audience regarding TNCs, a left turn lane on northbound South Lamar at Treadwell, and unusually high water bills at a house still under construction in Zilker.
6. Michael Fossum gave a presentation on the City's coyote management program and recommended a proactive policy to trap and relocate aggressive coyotes. He demonstrated a leg trap.
 7. Texas House District 49 primary candidates Aspen Dunaway, Huey Ray Fischer, Gina Hinojosa, Kent Johnson, Blake Rocab, and Heather Way each gave a 5-minutes presentation on priorities for District 49.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.