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Annual Meeting of the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association

Saturday, December 2
10 am

Bryker Woods Elementary

Come join your neighbors for the annual Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association meeting on December 2 in the cafeteria at Bryker Woods Elementary School. Chief among the agenda items are the election of next year's BWNA officers (see proposed slate on this page) and a discussion of the proposed BWNA position statement on TxDOT's plans for changes to MoPac (see article on page 2). Additional neighborhood issues can be added to the agenda by contacting BWNA president Bill Woods.

Don't miss this chance to get involved in your neighborhood and to meet your neighbors!

Nominated BWNA Officers and Board

This year's nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers and board members for the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association. BWNA members will be asked to vote on this slate at the December 3 meeting.

President: Bill Woods (454 - 9180)
Vice President: Joyce Basciano (454 - 0207)
Secretary: Jimmy McWilliams (458 - 4333)
Treasurer: David Boenisch (453 - 0304)

Members at Large:

Jerry Balaka (453 -1072)
Greg Chico (482 - 8755)
Michael Curry (453 - 7512)
John Evans (371-0866)
Linda Godinez
Susan Handy (480 - 0800) (*newsletter editor*)
Scott Page (478-7870)
Irene Pickhardt (451 - 6820)
Matt Richter (480 - 0800) (*newsletter editor*)
Tom Shefelman (477 - 9176)
Edward Tasch (478 - 1337)
Barbara ten Brink (482 - 0532)
Donald Zappone (477 - 4395)



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MoPac and BrykerWoods

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is studying possible changes to MoPac to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. Phase I of what's called the "Loop 1/US 183 Improvement Study" will identify a wide range of possible alternatives and determine their feasibility. Early in 2001, TxDOT will formally present a "mobility matrix" of concepts recommended for further study after the initial screening process. At last year's BWNA meeting, TxDOT presented some of the concepts under consideration, and Central Austin residents had a chance to comment on these concepts at a public meeting at Camp Mabry last spring. In Phase II of the study, to begin in 2001, TxDOT will select a recommended alternative and complete an analysis of the environmental impacts of this alternative.

Alternatives under consideration in Phase I include:

- 1) widening of MoPac, with the new lanes possibly elevated
- 2) modification of the 35th Street interchange
- 3) modification or closing of the Westover/Northwood access ramps

Each of the alternatives has potentially serious implications for the Bryker Woods Neighborhood. In order to speak with a consistent voice in the process, the BWNA Board has developed a position statement outlining specific concerns of neighborhood residents. This statement will be the focus of discussion at the BWNA annual meeting on December 2. Positions agreed to by the board include our opposition to the taking of private land or homes and our support for reducing cut-through traffic, noise, and safety problems. We are also calling on TxDOT to complete a comprehensive study of the implications of proposed alternatives on traffic through residential areas.

The expansion of MoPac poses a serious threat to the quality of life within our neighborhood. The Bryker Woods Neighborhood must voice its concerns about the proposed MoPac changes and their impacts on the neighborhood to TxDOT, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the City Council. Unless we speak up together as residents of Bryker Woods, the fate of our neighborhood will be out of our hands.

What can YOU do to help?

- Attend the BWNA annual meeting scheduled for December 2. At the meeting, we'll review the latest maps and plans from TxDOT and will discuss the BWNA Board's proposed position statement.
- Express your concerns directly to TxDOT, CAMPO, and the City Council. Letters and faxes are most effective; email and calls are documented as well. The concerns expressed by neighborhood residents will be a factor in the decision process. Here are a couple of key contacts:

Gonzalo Barrientos
Chair, CAMPO Policy Advisory Committee
State Senator, District 14
Tel: 463-0114
FAX: 463-5949
gonazlo.barrientos@senate.state.tx.us

Kirk Watson
Member, CAMPO Executive Committee
Mayor, City of Austin
Tel: 499-2250
FAX: 499-2337

More information about
the MoPac/US 183
Improvement Study
can be found at:
<http://www.mopac183.com>

2000 Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association Membership Form

_____ Attached is \$5.00 per household for membership in BWNA.

_____ Attached is a \$_____ contribution to Bryker Woods Elementary School through BWNA & Partners in Education

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail or deliver to: BWNA c/o David Boenisch 1804 W. 34th, Austin, TX 78703

* Thank you for supporting your BWNA *

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Public Service Announcement!

Be sure to check-out contractors before letting them work on your home. Everyone in our neighborhood receives flyers or other solicitations offering home repairs, fences or decks. Not all of the experiences with such contractors have been good. Contact the BBB (445-2911), ask the contractor for references AND call those references before signing a contract.



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