**SRCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**www.srccatx.org**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**

***https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/60nwBaUVTcSxKZ_iuveJww***

***SRCC: See the future. Shape the future.***

**AGENDA**

*Sign up or renew your membership at www.srccatx.org. There is a 28-day waiting period before new members can make/second motions or vote. For more information: membership@srccatx.org*

**1. 7:00 Welcome and Announcements**

***We are still in need of a Secretary.*** Until we have someone willing to serve in that capacity, we need volunteers to take minutes at upcoming meetings. Contact Mary Janecek-Friedman at membership@srccatx.org if you can handle one or more meetings.

*Presenter, President Mary Fealkoff* **(5 min)**

**2. 7:05 Approval of Minutes**

Vote approval of minutes from General Membership Meeting October 20, 2026.

*Presenter, President Mary Fealkoff* **(5 min)**

**Minutes accepted by unanimous consent.**

**3. 7:10 Membership Report**

Members must pay dues to participate in SRCC business and actions, such as voting and making motions. Try the subscription option for automatic annual renewals. We are delighted to have grown membership considerably over the last year.

*Presenter: SRCC Membership Mary Janecek-Friedman* **(5 min)**

**Membership numbers are up from last year at this time. There are a number of folks whose membership is expiring, and we are contacting them to encourage renewing.**

**4. 7:15 Treasurer's Report**

All reports available upon request: treasurer@srccatx.org

*Presenter: Treasurer Will Andrews* **(5 min)**

**Will Andrews shared the treasurer's report. For details, email him.**
**Will announced that he will not be seeking re-election as treasurer in the spring and encouraged others taking on the role. The group discussed upcoming financial obligations, including newsletter printing costs and ANC dues. The finance committee will be meeting to finalize the budget for 2027 and present to the EC on 12/1 and the GM on 12/15**

**5. 7:20 Planning & Zoning Overview/Update**
*Presenter*: *Planning & Zoning Chair Anita Tschurr* **(10 min)**

**Anita reported that Zoe Quadri was re-elected in District 9 without going to runoff, and discussed upcoming development issues including the NAV Center, Cidercade, and Dog's Head projects that will affect the neighborhood. She emphasized the need for community members to engage with City Council members Zoe and Jose regarding these developments, particularly as light rail and other projects will impact the area. The group discussed a request to postpone the Council vote on $2 million for Navigation Hub improvements, with Barbara explaining that shower and meal facilities would not be appropriate for a housing hub and suggesting the funds should instead focus on asbestos abatement and ADA compliance.**

**6. 7:30 Request to postpone Council vote on $2 mil. Renovation of Nav Hub [VOTE ANTICIPATED]**
**Council Letter:**
https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/2026_11_17-Letter.pdf
*Presenter: President Mary Fealkoff* **(10 min)**

**The group discussed concerns about the Navigation Hub project, focusing on its original purpose of helping families at risk of homelessness and recent changes in scope and funding. Carly Gratton provided updates on capital improvements, including asbestos abatement and ADA compliance, while noting that specific service details are still being negotiated with the vendor, Sunrise. Patrick McKenna raised concerns about the rushed process and high costs, suggesting that the group request a postponement of the vote until a clearer plan and budget are established.**

**VOTE: Request to postpone Council vote on $2 mil. Renovation of Nav Hub**
**Council Letter:**
**https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/2026-11-17-GM-Agenda-Updated.pdf**

**Motion made by Robin Sanders**
**Seconded by Anita Tschurr**
**Y-21; N-1; Abstain-1**

**7. 7:40 City Council Run-Off Candidates, D3 and D5**
Brief candidate introductions, 10 minute Q&A
*Presenters: Jose Velasquez and Neha Shah, D3; David Weinberg and Ryan Alter, D5*
**(20 min)**

**Candidate forum for District 3 and District 5 City Council races: Candidates discussed their reasons for running for office. Present were Ryan Alter, Neha Shah, Jose Velasquez, and David Weinberg.**
**Questions from the membership in attendance lead to a discussion regarding the Nav Hub facility.**

## 8. 8:00 Updated Bylaws Presentation [VOTE ANTICIPATED]

Please review proposed revisions prior to meeting: https://www.srccatx.org/bylaws/

*Presenter: Gretchen Otto* **(10 min)**

**The bylaws committee, led by Gretchen Otto, presented proposed changes that had been previously shared and modified based on feedback.**

**Updated Bylaws:** https://www.srccatx.org/bylaws/

**VOTE: Accept the updated bylaws**
**Motion made by Bylaws Committee**
**Y-21; N-1; Abstain-0**

## 9. 8:10 Presentation of Award for Exceptional Service to SRCC

*Presenter: Mary Janecek-Friedman* **(10 min)**

**Sam and Carol Martin have moved out of the neighborhood. Multiple members, including Mary Fealkoff, Gretchen, David Todd, Ken, and Ruth, expressed gratitude for Carol and Sam's mentorship, leadership roles, and support across various committees and initiatives. The group acknowledged their work in archiving historical documents at the Austin History Center and their welcoming presence at meetings. The conversation ended with members expressing hope that Carol and Sam would return to visit the neighborhood in the future. Mary Friedman presented a certificate in recognition of Carol and Sam Martin's contributions**

## 10. 8:20 Legislative Issues [VOTE ANTICIPATED]

Please review legislative issues prior to meeting:

**Halfway Houses:**
**https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Halfway-Houses.pdf**

**Mental Health Capacity:**
**https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Mental-Health-Treatment.pdf**

*Presenter: Barbara Cilley* **(10 min)**

**Barbara Cilley and Stacy Suits discussed legislative issues regarding mental health capacity and a residential reentering center. Stacy preseted research showing a significant decline in mental health treatment beds from 3,100 in the 1960s to 240 currently, and Barbara mentioned efforts to get these issues adopted by the County Commissioner's Court.**

**Barbara presented two documents responding to legislative initiatives: establishing more residential re-entry and halfway houses in Texas, and addressing mental health services. Barbara Cilley and Stacy Suits presented these proposals, emphasizing their local impact on Austin's homeless population and highlighting the improved political climate for passing such legislation. Ruth Casarez presented the idea that these letters be delayed...**

**Both initiatives were approved by the Executive Committee with 13 votes in favor and 3 abstentions for each proposal.**

**VOTE: Legislative Issue regarding Halfway Houses:**
**https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Halfway-Houses.pdf**
**Motion made by EC**
**Y-13; N-1; Abstain-2**

**VOTE: Legislative Issue regarding Mental Health Capacity:**
**https://www.srccatx.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Mental-Health-Treatment.pdf**
**Motion made by EC**
**Y-13; N-1; Abstain-3**

## 11. 8:30 TXDOT presentation regarding I35 display and mapping

*Presenter: Mark Thompson and/or TXDoT Representative* **(10 min)**

**Camille Santamaria from TxDOT presented updates on the CapEx Central Project, focusing on the Lady Bird Lake segment affecting the neighborhood from Holly Street to Ben White Boulevard. Key updates included planned closures of Woodland Avenue at I-35 in early 2027, requiring detours, and the demolition of the northbound frontage road bridge over Lady Bird Lake in December, which will temporarily close the South Shore boardwalk. Camille explained the phased construction approach for various components, including managed lanes, bridge reconstructions, and pedestrian improvements, with work expected to continue through 2033. She also mentioned upcoming open house meetings for the downtown and university segments of the project starting in early 2027.**

**Presentation materials:** Presentation slides, the Woodland Avenue detour map for January 2027, and a fact sheet on the construction and future SPUI at Riverside Drive.
**SPUI information:** https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/my35/capital/concepts/spui-factsheet.pdf

**Further Information**

- CTX GO: Visit ctxgo.com or download the app to get real-time traffic updates.
- Early 2027 events for the CapEx Central project: TxDOT will host Community Connector meetings on the Downtown and University segments. These meetings are open-house style events hosted at the onset of construction. The respective project teams will be on-hand to answer questions. No formal presentation is planned.

## 12. 8:40 Jean Mather Shelter House Signage/Report to PARD

*Presenter: Carol Martin and/or Betty Weed* **(5 min)**

Carol Martin and Betty Weed discussed the completion of the Jean Mather Shelter House signage project. Betty reported that the sign was installed about two weeks. She shared that the funding breakdown of $3,230.33 total cost with a $3,000 grant from the Parks Foundation and $230.33 donated by the Neighborhood Association. The group discussed submitting a community impact report to the Parks Department, with participants were asked to send photos and comments about the dedication via email to Carol and Betty by the following weekend.

## 13. 8:45 SANSA Meeting Update

*Presenter: Communications Chair Betty Weed* **(5 min)**

**Betty announced the next SANSA meeting on December 10 at Travis High School at 6 PM, emphasizing the positive impact of APD's attention to crime in the area east of I-35.**

## 14. 8:50 ADM Buzz "Purple Pipe"

*Presenter: Russell Fraser* **(5 min)**

**Russell provided an update on the Purple Pipe project, sharing photos of progress and noting that while there have been some schedule setbacks, pipe installation is underway.**

## 15. 8:55 Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

*a) Planning and Zoning; b) Historic Preservation; c) Finance; d) Mobility; e) Public Safety; f) Parks and Environment; g) Schools; h) Communications* **(10 min)**

**<u>Communications:</u> Membership discussed the need for improved marketing efforts for SRCC, including better website updates, standardized signage, and potential direct mail campaigns for events like potluck dinners. Ruth raised concerns about needing to budget for a newsletter designer, and the group agreed on the importance of enhancing their marketing and communication tools.**

**The group discussed the possibility of holding a potluck at the December 15th general membership meeting, with Russell and others offering to contribute food. A location needs to be determined.**

**<u>Historic Preservation:</u> Barbara discussed efforts to save several historic houses in the neighborhood from demolition, including a four-square house at 1109 Travis Heights that requires community support at the December 10th Planning Commission meeting.**

**Video for 1109 THB: https://youtu.be/nDulmihlD9c**

**16. 9:00 Reports from ACs and Group Representatives**
*a) Area Coordinators; b) TECHS CAT; c) ANC; d) SCC; e) EROC; f) GSRC NPCT; g) SCWAB; h) St. Edward's* **(10 min)**

The next **Executive Committee** meeting is **December 1, 2026**
The next **General Membership** meeting is **December 15, 2026**

**Q-4 2026/Q-1 2027 Meetings** (Zoom unless otherwise noted)**:**
GM (3rd Tuesday) Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16
EC (1st Tuesday) Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**: contact Tom Groce, SRCC Public Safety Chair at: tgroce71@gmail.com
If you have questions about using the Neighborhood ListServ:
https://groups.io/g/SouthRiverAustin
Check crime reports and statistics here:
https://www.krimelabb.com/_basic/view/v_welcome.php

Frequently used acronyms: **ACF**-Austin Community Fund; **ANC**-Austin Neighborhood Council; **BoA**-Board of Adjustment; **CDC**-Community Development Corporation; **EROC**-East Riverside/Oltorf Combined Contact Team; **FLUM**-Future Land Use Map; **GSRC NPCT**-Greater South River City Neighborhood Planning Contact Team; **NCCD**-Neighborhood Conservation Combining District; **NHPA**-National Historic Preservation Act; **NPCT**- Neighborhood Planning Contact Team; **PC**-Planning Commission; **PUD**-Planned Unit Development; **SCC**-South Central Coalition of neighborhood associations; **SF**-Single Family zoning category; **TECHS CAT**-Travis Early College High School Campus Architectural Team; **ZAP**- Zoning and Platting
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