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CORONADO HILLS/CREEKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
to ensure the safety of residents—to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood—to increase the value of homeowner property



Our Neighborhood Plan Rezoning Update

On April 1st, City Council heard the applicant for the 290/183 property give his testimony. We presented our opposition testimony. *Our thanks to all who were at City Hall from 1:30 p.m. until about 9 p.m. to either speak or donate time to speakers.* The final outcome was that City Council members **were not ready to endorse the proposed zoning change and put off a second reading until June 2015.**

At that time, public input will be allowed (a rarity for 2nd readings), so we will again present our arguments to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood.

Let your Council Members know how you feel. We already have 1,467 housing units in our 0.551 mile subdivision (much denser than Austin overall). We need to maintain our zoning as a buffer for office build-

Meeting Location

St. George's Court Clubhouse
1443 Coronado Hills Dr.

The meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Parking is available. *Thank you to St. Georges Court for providing the great meeting location.*

Meeting Schedule

April 21st, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
May 18th, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

April Guest Speaker

Mr. Jere Locke, with the Texas Drought Project, the Austin Community Climate Steering Committee, and a coalition of groups opposing the new gas plant, will be our April guest speaker. Please come out, hear the presentation, ask questions and be informed. **Thank you!**

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ings at that corner and not provide housing where residents, including children have daily pollution, noise, debris from elevated and ground-level roadways breathing fouled air. Do you want inexperienced teen drivers daily trying to exit onto 290 or worse, walk across highways? A teenager was killed near 183/290 intersection several years ago trying to walk across the highway, it was the 3rd accident that year.

Now is an especially important time, as planning department and their consultants are hard at work to rewrite the code to make it easier for speculators, developers and real estate brokers to further destroy our urban core neighborhoods through rezoning.

For example: the current proposal to eliminate all restrictions on additional dwelling units (ADUs) like setbacks—the number of feet from various things like streets or housing; elimination of additional parking space requirements; ability to build larger structures in one's backyard with only-access through the property to the street where additional cars will be parked.

So far, there have been no economic impact studies completed on how the rezoning affects current residential areas. There is already evidence of commercial creep: changing one house rezoning to less restrictive, commercializing the property,

adding extra customer parking in what once was a yard. Typically next door or backyard neighbors are adversely affected. As to density and affordability, look at property and rental costs in dense cities such as New York, Boston, and Portland. Most of us could not afford our present homes if located there.

Online there is a CodeNext advisory committee page. Email your opposition to the reduction of current zoning restrictions. There is opportunity to email your city council, not just our district representatives, but all the council members. Our opposition is well funded and well connected. They stand to make money at the expense of our urban core neighborhood destruction. The developers who want neighborhood plan changes at 290/183 all live elsewhere, several in the Lakeway area.

Reminders for 2015: Part 3

It's always nice to see so many folks, out for their "good-health walks" in the neighborhood. While in the process of improving your health, try improving your knowledge of your neighbors by stopping briefly to greet and introduce yourself to someone who may be out in their front yard as you pass by. Let's try to make it a Spring and Summer of friendly greetings and new acquaintances.

Many of us are dog lovers and frequently walk our dogs in the neighborhood. We need to remember to take along the necessary items to scoop the poop—Thank you.

Several neighbors have expressed concerns with the large number of cigarette butts that are tossed along their front curb and lawn. It can be a potential fire hazard, especially, when there are so many dry leaves along those places. However, at any time of the year, it's unsightly and shows disregard for the environment and the property of the home owner. If you're a smoker, please don't add to street litter.

Crime in our Neighborhood

Crime stats from Feb and March in our neighborhood, show incidents of Criminal Mischief, Assault, Theft, and Burglary of Vehicle. The most incidents involved Burglary of Vehicles.

3 ways to keep burglary away from your car:

1. Park cars in driveway.
2. Remove all items visible, inside your car.
3. Lock car at all times—even when you're at home.
4. Have dusk to dawn lights or motion detector lights, on your garage or front door.

Call APD (911) to report suspicious persons/vehicles in the neighborhood. Calls to APD about possible crime in our neighborhood increases police patrol throughout our neighborhood. If you have a question, or need clarification, contact our APD Neighborhood Police Officer, James Scoggins at 512-974-8393.

MANY THANKS to all the neighbors, Coronado Hills residents, Old Town residents, St. George's Court, and anyone else who called and lastly but not least, Dave Easterday who emailed a picture of the smashed AT&T box to KXAN Investigative Reporter. The day after the report aired on TV, AT&T began to fix the eyesore leftover from last year.