

December Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, December 4, 2017

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

Note: HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month.

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for December 4

- Vote: 2018 HPNA Budget
- Update: APD Officer Beldin will describe his department's activities in the neighborhood and field questions
- Vote: Baker School Resolution
- Vote: Letter to City of Austin Regarding Demolition in Historic District
- Announcements

Shipe Pool Update

Editor's Note: Interested residents can sign up for updates on Shipe Pool on the city of Austin website: austintexas.gov/shipepoolimprovements. Scroll down the page for the sign-up link.

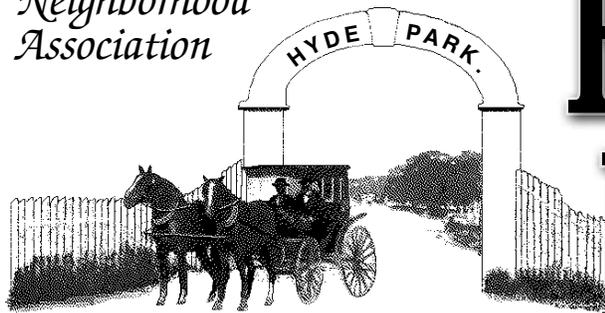
Updated Schedule for Shipe Pool Construction

Following the HPNA meeting on November 6, City of Austin staff presented an update on the Shipe Pool construction project. Robin Camp, Project Director, Public Works Department, said that pool construction is now on the following schedule:

- November-December, 2017
– Site permitting on current design
- December, 2017- January 15, 2018 – Required 6-week construction bidding period
- January-March, 2018 – Right-of-way approval
- March-April, 2018 – Council vote to approve contractor and construction contract
- May, 2018-February, 2019 – Eight month construction period
- March-May, 2019 – Contingency period for unexpected delays
- June, 2019 – New pool opening

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A Festive Welcome to the Holiday Season!

In our Hyde Park tradition, HPNA will get a jump-start on the season with our annual holiday event – a fun, festive neighborhood party held at the Elisabet Ney Museum.

On Sunday, December 10, from 5:30 to 8 pm (note the earlier time this year), Hyde Parkers of all ages will visit with their neighbors at the Museum and celebrate HPNA volunteers who contribute to our community. This year, Typewriter Rodeo will provide custom poetry crafted for attendees on the topics of their choice, typed on the spot on a vintage typewriter! There will be light bites and beverages for old and young alike.

Neighbors and friends are invited once again to decorate the ever-popular Wish Tree with personalized wishes for the New Year. Those who cannot attend the event can take a few minutes to come to the Ney during the previous week to help adorn the tree, now a traditional part of the annual celebration.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, all party goers are invited to bring an unwrapped gift for the children at the Helping Hand Home for Children. This wonderful facility provides children who have suffered abuse and neglect with treatment and housing in a nurturing and healing setting. Gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, and Toys“R”Us are always welcome presents, as are costumes, board games, small LEGO sets, toy cars, beads, and science kits. Books are always popular, including children's books; sketch books; coloring books; and art and craft books with directions or materials for making things like paper airplanes, Origami creations, or paper animals. Please don't donate weapons of any kind (including Nerf guns), sharp metal items, or glass or ceramic items.

If you are unable to attend but still would like to contribute, please make arrangements with Sarah Cook (cooksicle@gmail.com) and deliver the items to her house prior to the party.

As usual, it will be a very special occasion for neighbors and friends to relax, socialize, and enjoy our very special Hyde Park community. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to join or renew your membership in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association at the HPNA table at the event. We welcome additional volunteers to help us with this celebration; get in touch with Sarah Cook to sign up.

Sunday, December 10, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Elisabet Ney Museum, 44th and Avenue H (across from Shipe Park)

– Sarah Cook

From the Desk of the President



I hope that your December is off to a great start and the holiday season has not robbed you of all your free time! Holiday season in the neighborhood means that it's time for the Holiday Party. This year the Holiday Party, which honors our volunteers, will be held on December 10 at the Elisabet Ney Museum. Many thanks to Sarah Cook, Adrian Skinner, and all the neighbors involved in working on and coordinating the party. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Oliver Franklin and his team at the Ney for their help in putting on the party.

Just past is our Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour. This year was our 40th tour, and it was ably lead by Carolyn Grimes, her final homes tour in six years of successful tours. Carolyn did a wonderful job: She was able to identify an amazing selection of homes and coordinated a team of neighbors to organize all of the aspects of the tour. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Carolyn for all that she has done for the neighborhood in her many years of leading the homes tour. Carolyn was assisted in the preparations for this year's tour by Ellie Hanlon, David Bowen, Sarah Cook, and Kevin Heyburn. Each of these individuals played an important role in helping to make this year's tour a success. Finally, we know that the tour will be in good hands, because Ellie Hanlon has agreed to take the reins. Under Ellie's leadership, the tradition is in good hands.

Finally, just because we are entering the holiday season does not mean that the issues facing the neighborhood have decreased. In fact, it seems like they might be accelerating. First, the Steering Committee approved an initial budget that will go to the full membership for approval in December. This budget largely mirrors the budget approved last year, with a few slight changes. Additionally, our neighborhood police liaison will be attending. With the holidays approaching, the number of packages will be increasing and with them the increased likelihood of package theft, particularly off porches. I hope that Officer Bel-din can help provide some tips to prevent these thefts from becoming an issue.

Finally, two significant items regarding properties in the neighborhood will come before the membership for a vote. The first is the agreement reached between the Alamo Drafthouse, the likely developer of the Baker Center property, and the subcommittee that has been meeting with the architect. This proposal was discussed at Steering Committee and approved without opposition. The details of this proposal can be found on page 3 of this issue. As a member of the subcommittee, I can attest that the agreement represents a compromise between the two parties. Additionally, the agreement serves to protect both sides, limiting expansions, changes, and uses to those compatible

with the surrounding neighborhood. While many of us would have preferred AISD to retain possession of the property, that possibility is no longer realistic and this proposal represents the next best option.

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Issues for Vote at the December Meeting

Editor's Note: Besides the budget, HPNA members will have the opportunity to vote on two important issues at the December meeting. The following articles describe the background and content of those issues.

Baker School Proposal

For several months now, members of an HPNA committee (Susan Moffat, Reid Long, Kevin Heyburn, Karen McGraw, Ann Graham, Tom Shaughness, and Jess Chapin) have been meeting with Richard Weiss of Weiss Architecture, Inc. about the Baker School property, to arrive at an agreement about zoning and uses. Richard represents the Alamo Drafthouse, which is interested in purchasing the property if it can secure appropriate zoning from the city. Because the property is owned by AISD, it is currently unzoned. However, it is part of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD), and under the agreement reached by Mr. Weiss and the HPNA committee, some changes to the NCCD (indicated in the following list with asterisks) would also be required. Those changes would be pursued at the same time as the new zoning. These are the stipulations of the agreement:

- Zoning: CS-HD-NCCD (if the city does not require MU zoning due to residential use)*
- Maximum FAR: 1.5 to 1*
- Maximum Height: 50' (only on the west side of the lot, behind the school building)*
- Allowable Uses: Administrative and Business Offices, Art and Craft Studios (limited and general), Cultural Services, Condominium Residential*, Day Care Services (limited and general), Financial Services, Food Sales (5000 square foot limit), Art Gallery*, General Retail Sales (convenience and general), Indoor Entertainment, Multifamily

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Demolition in the Local Historic District

At 4207 Avenue H stands a duplex that was a contributing structure to the Hyde Park Local Historic District. "Was" is the operative word here. The Historic Landmark Commission approved certain additions to the property. The architect, Leland Decker, in making these additions, dismantled the entire structure. He had no permission to remove windows, porch, siding, or any of the other features that made the house a contributing structure. He claims to have encountered various structural problems and to have removed everything he did as a result of those problems, but at no time did he return to the Historic Landmark Commission to discuss the situation. That body only became aware of the situation after the damage was complete.

The worst aspect of this situation, however, is that, despite Mr. Decker's flagrant disregard for the restrictions placed on him by the Historic Landmark Commission, the City of Austin has thus far done nothing to remedy the situation. The HLC, which lacks the authority to levy fines, could do nothing more than tell him to rebuild the house with new materials and to be more careful in the future. The fact that a mandate from a city commission can be ignored with impunity makes a mockery of the entire City of Austin Commission process. Mr. Decker should face real consequences for violating a mandate of the HLC, including being assessed fines and penalties. Without

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Membership Information

- Membership in HPNA is open to all residents 18 years or older residing within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of its boundaries.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
- Membership dues can be paid in several ways: By signing up at an HPNA meeting or event, by mailing in the membership form, or by joining online using PayPal. To pay online, go to www.austinydepark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6.

Submission Information

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@grandecom.net.
Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.
All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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	2015	2016	2017
NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	20	18	19
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$564,709	\$532,583	\$615,250
AVERAGE SQ FT	1,508	1,912	1,661
AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$376.77	\$340.44	\$389.16
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	37 DAYS	40 DAYS	44 DAYS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 08/10/2017 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.

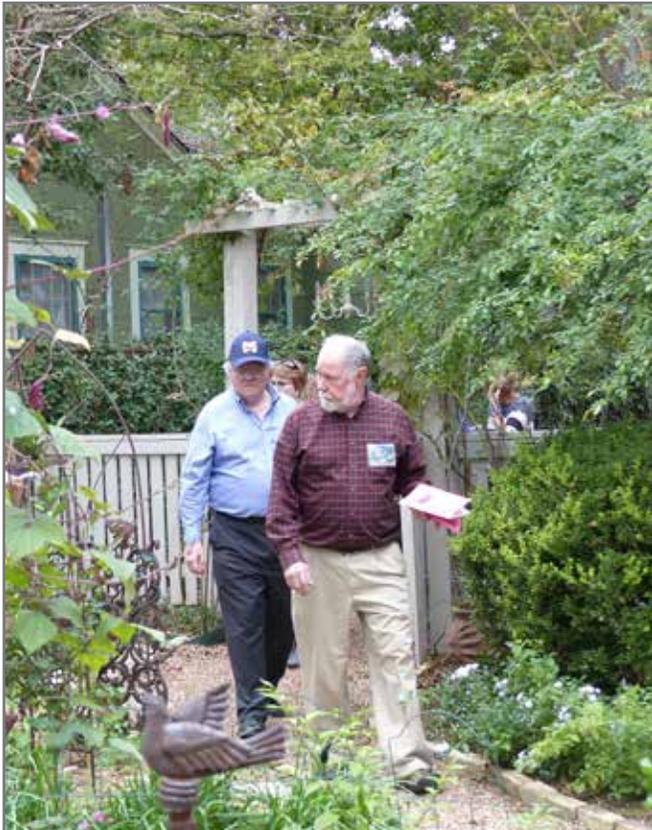


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Forty, Funky, and Fabulous – and Highly Successful!

On Sunday, November 12, the 40th Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour took place, and our Forty, Funky, and Fabulous tour was a rousing success.

Docents greeted over 600 tour guests with stories of current and prior homeowners, descriptions of neighborhood and architectural details, and beautiful and unique homes filled with whimsy and creative design inside and out.



Special appreciation goes to the homeowners of our seven homes on this year's tour:

- David Connor, William T. & Valerie Mansbendel Williams Home, 3820 Avenue F
- Crisanta & Robert Lozano, Hildreth-Flanagan-Heierman House, 3909 Avenue G
- Donald & Diane York, Zimmerli-Rosenquist House, 4014 Avenue H
- Jean Bertrand, Dykes-Bertrand House, 4206 Avenue H
- Suzanna Walker, Phillips-Walker House, 4312 Avenue F
- Peter Maxson & Jack Taylor, Kopperl House, 4212 Avenue F
- Lee & Katie Edwards, Nash House, 4210 Avenue H

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Hundreds of volunteers play an essential role in the success of the tour each year, and this year special recognition goes to the following people:

- Tour Planning Team: Carolyn Grimes, Ellie Hanlon, David Bowen, Kevin Heyburn, and Reid Long
- House Captains: Lin Team, Katie Turner, Barbara Gibson, Cindy Beall, Valerie Harris, Linda Pennington, Karen Saadeh, Betsy Clubine, Kevin Heyburn, and Carolyn Grimes
- Tour Booklet: Lorre Weidlich, David Connor, Clay Smith, David Bowen, Katie Vignery, Carolyn Grimes, Peter Maxson, Kristen Remeza, Lloyd Cates, and Zeke Barbaro
- Photography: Lizzie Chen, Carolyn Grimes, and Lorre Weidlich
- Marketing: Ellie Hanlon, LB Deyo, Adrian Skinner, David Bowen, Zeke Barbaro, and Carolyn Grimes
- Sponsorships: Suzanne Pringle, Kuper Sotheby's International Realty; Lin Team, Landmark Properties; CG&S Design Build; Jen Berbas, Realty Austin; and Carolyn Grimes, Coldwell Banker United Realtors
- Ticket Sales: Ellie Hanlon, LB Deyo, Denise Girard, Gail Reese, Bonnie Neel, Jess Chapin, Tina Blassiter, James King, and Paige Taylor
- House Flower Coordination: Phil Seibert
- Homeowners' Recognition and Kick-off: Sarah Cook and Adrian Skinner
- Neighborhood Partners: Trinity Church of Austin, Texas Blooms, Office Depot on Anderson Lane, Best Banner Sign Graphics, City of Austin, *Austin American Statesman*, and *Austin Chronicle*
- Volunteers: John Williams, Ellie Hanlon, and all of the many docents who helped to make the tour successful

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Monthly Calendar December

- 4 — HPNA Meeting
- 7 — DRC Meeting
- 8 — Recycling Pickup
- 10 — Kinder Holiday Open House at the Ney
- 10 — Holiday Party at the Ney
- 11 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 16 — Shipe Park Artisans' Christmas Market
- 22 — Recycling Pickup
- 25 — Merry Christmas!
- 31 — Happy New Year's Eve!

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I know that you will find it a fun activity and a rewarding gift to give back to our neighborhood.

Thank you, Hyde Park, for supporting this event for 40 years. It is a wonderful part of our history, and I know that it will continue on for another 40 years.

– Carolyn Grimes,
Chair, 40th Annual Historic
Hyde Park Homes Tour



This is the sixth and final homes tour that I have chaired for our neighborhood. It has been a joy and pleasure to take on this role, which many neighbors shaped and enriched before me. Fortunately, new co-chairs Ellie Hanlon and David Bowen have spent the last year shadowing me, so there should be a seamless transition to our 41st tour in November, 2018. Ellie already has a page on the home tour website, hydeparkhometour.org, where anyone can volunteer to adopt one of the many roles required to make each tour a success. The co-chairs are completely open to new ideas about taking the homes tour forward, and I *highly* recommend more focus on the many wonderful neighborhood homes and businesses north of 45th Street. I encourage anyone new to the neighborhood or anyone who has yet to get involved in Hyde Park activities to volunteer to help in any way that you feel comfortable. I volunteered to help with the homes tour within months of moving to Hyde Park, and every year I met more dear and wonderful friends through the many years that I volunteered for that annual event.



Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team Minutes: October 24, 2017

1. Chair Adrian Skinner Opened the Meeting with Elections

The following nominations were made from the floor:

- Chair – Lorre Weidlich
- Vice-Chair – Kevin Heyburn
- Secretary – Susan Moffat

The slate was elected unanimously. Adrian Skinner offered to continue to moderate the Yahoo group and advise as immediate past Chair. Kevin Heyburn recognized the service of Adrian Skinner and Mity Myhr.

2. Neighborhood Plan

Karen McGraw and Wanda Penn requested that the HPNPCT remind the city of action items that have not yet been addressed. In particular, they highlighted sidewalks, 43rd and Duval, and crosswalks across Guadalupe. Adrian Skinner offered to send out notices to recruit volunteers for committees to address sidewalks, lights, and crosswalks.

3. CodeNEXT

The Contact Team discussed the second draft of CodeNEXT, which preserves our NCCD under the label F25 (former zoning). The Contact Team agreed on the following concerns:

- The processes chapter has not yet been written (calculations, rules, and so forth), so we do not yet know how it will be treated by the Austin Planning Department. We do know that if the use of a lot changes, it reverts to CodeNEXT zoning rather than zoning laid out under the NCCD.
- There are not any new districts in CodeNEXT that match ours. The history of what works and what doesn't work in Austin is not reflected in CodeNEXT.
- The new version does not address affordability because it does not address demand for family housing (2-4 bedroom apartments, houses).
- If and when CodeNEXT is put in place, the committee eventually should update our NCCD to the language of CodeNEXT (25% of Austin is in a similar situation).

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The Contact Team made the following observations and suggestions:

- Recommend that the City get rid of the maps. Solidify the text and then apply it to the maps.
- Ask that the schedule be extended. On December 12, Planning Commission will hold a hearing and will have to make full recommendations on January 11.
- Make comments on how CodeNEXT will affect our neighborhood. We can't really address what will happen to other neighborhoods, we can express concerns and make suggestions.
- Offer help to Heritage and Hancock neighborhoods. See the letters Heritage and Hancock sent to the city.

Following discussion, the committee agreed to wait to decide whether or not to support the petition by Community, Not Commodity to require a vote on CodeNEXT. We agreed to wait until the final plan goes to City Council in February and offer constructive comments. We should also take into consideration what Planning Commission and Zoning and Platting Commission recommend. At that point, we can decide about the petition.

4. Round Table Discussion of Particular Concerns and Issues

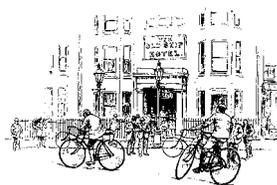
- Flood Meeting - Thursday evening, October 26, at Griffin School. Members are encouraged to attend.
- 5207 Avenue H - a duplex. All that remains is the frame. There can be penalties of \$500 a day until it is restored, but it is uncertain that the city will do anything.
- 4012 Avenue G - wrapped in plastic and all that remains is the front wall and front windows.

5. Baker School Update

The Contact Team discussed the pending contract with Alamo Draft House. Alamo Draft House has a 3 month option period, beginning in December, to start the process. It has started meeting with HPNA and a few neighbors to work with them on a shared agreement on uses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

- Mity Myhr



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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Minutes: November 6, 2017

President Reid Long called the monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to order at 7:05 pm in Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue.

Announcements

Reid Long announced that this will be a short meeting. Immediately following adjournment, city staff will provide an update on the Shipe Pool project. The next announcement was a reminder of the upcoming Hyde Park Homes Tour, for which tickets can be purchased online or, on the tour day, at Trinity Church at Speedway and 40th Street. This is a big fundraiser for HPNA; all are encouraged to attend. Seven houses are on the tour, and the route goes past fifteen additional landmarks. Reid also recognized first-time meeting attendees and acknowledged the presence of a new Hyde Park homeowner.

Fire Station Festival Wrap-Up

Sarah Cook gave a report on the October Fire Station Festival. The event was very successful, with attendance of over 500. She reported that the kids' activities were simplified, with good results. She acknowledged a long list of local businesses and churches that contributed to the event's success. Sarah also reminded members of the upcoming holiday party on December 10 at the Ney Museum. Volunteers are needed.

Watershed Protection Department Meeting Report

Lorre Weidlich reported on a meeting with the city to discuss neighborhood flood abatement. The city identified Hyde Park as its fifth most serious flooding area and has designated a Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvement Project to address the problem. The city has identified one key cause of neighborhood flooding as the age of our infrastructure. Our drainage system was constructed between 1928 and 1932, and our storm drains are small relative to newer areas of the city. The project is now in the data-collection phase and the city is soliciting input from the neighborhood in order to correctly map out the scope of the flooding problem. Neighborhood participation at this stage is very important. To submit information about past flooding (including photos) go to austintexas.gov/online-form/flooding-information-form. The next stage of the project is analysis, which will propose improvements for flood abatement. The Watershed Department plans to schedule the next public meeting in the fall of 2018; they will send out a notice. To keep updated on the status of this project, go to austintexas.gov/department/Guadalupe-street-storm-drain-improvements.

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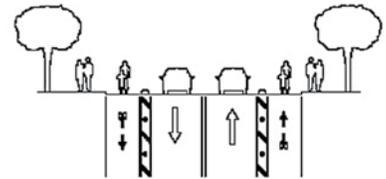
Friends of Shipe Park Receive Grant. The Friends of Shipe Park received word on November 14 that they are the recipients of a \$50,000 grant from the Austin Parks Foundation for renovations to the historic Log Cabin. The members of FoSP have worked with dedication to care for Hyde Park's beloved and well used park and we all applaud and appreciate this successful outcome of their efforts.

Bike Lanes on Duval. The Austin Bicycle Master Plan (Austin Ordinance No. 20141106-118) identified Duval Street as a bicycle route, in fact, one of the busiest bicycle corridors in the city: 9% of the traffic on Duval consists of bicycles. Feedback acquired through an

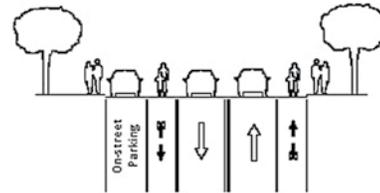
extensive public engagement process confirmed the desire for improved

conditions for biking along Duval. As a result, the Austin Transportation Department has created a bicycle route plan for Duval from San Jacinto Boulevard to 53rd Street. That plan has two parts: from San Jacinto to 50th Street, bicycle routes would run along both sides of the street and parking would be

South of 50th



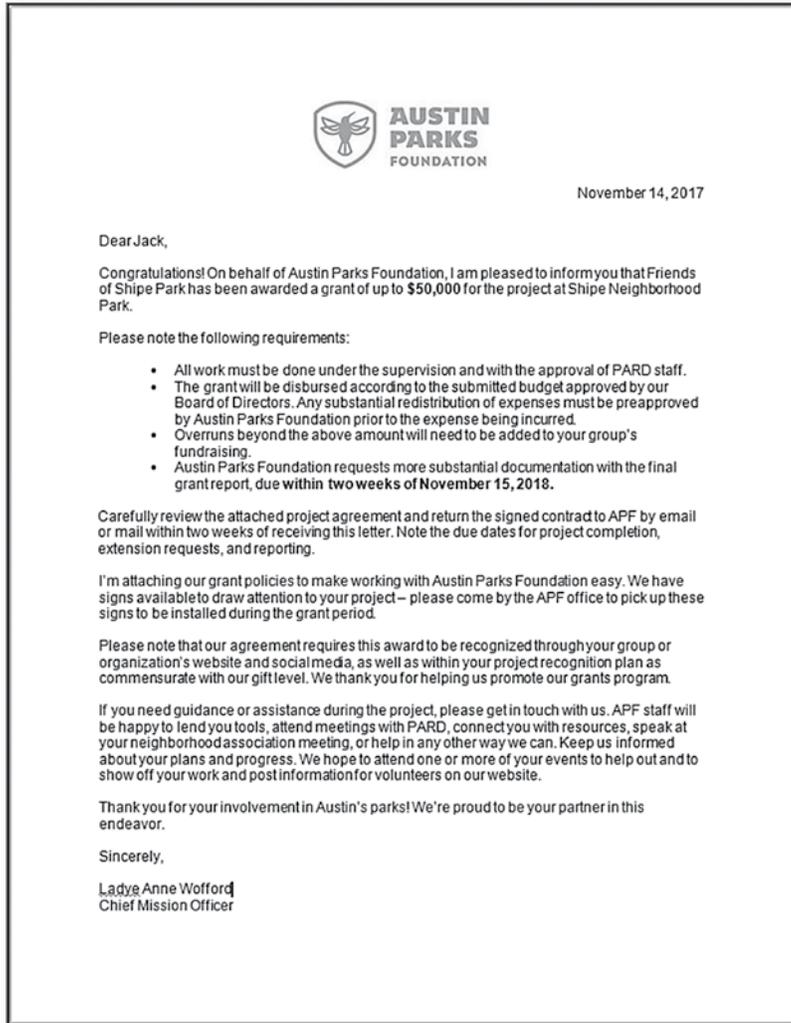
North of 50th



prohibited; above 50th Street, parking would be allowed on only one side of the street. On November 16, representatives of the Austin

Transportation Department held an open house at Ridgetop Elementary School to collect feedback on the plan. Those who attended had the opportunity to view a detailed map of Duval stretching across several tables and to see pictures of several different methods of separating the bicycle lanes from the car lanes. Understandably, response to the plan was mixed. No timeline has been announced. For questions, contact Alison.Mills@austintexas.gov.

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Christmas Artisans' Market in Shipe Park. Shipe Park will be the site of an artisans' market on December 16, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Come to shop for hand-crafted items from approximately 20 artisans: ceramic artists, jewelers, fabric artists, and photographers, among others. There will also be a food truck or two. If you'd like to participate, contact Leila Levinson at leilalevinson@yahoo.com. There is a fee to cover city-required insurance, and artisans need a valid Texas tax id#. The event will be advertised through social media, flyers, and a banner on 45th Street.



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Fourth First Annual Polkapocalypse a Rousing Success.

On October 29, for the fourth year in a row, the Elisabet Ney Museum rolled out its dance floor, called on some of the best bands in Texas, and put on a rousing good time for music and dance lovers from all over Austin. There were German polkas, Mexican polkas, Czech polkas, and totally original polkas. Costumes, worn because of the proximity to Halloween, ranged from lederhosen to Tippi Hedren in *The Birds*,

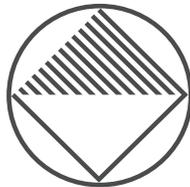


and there was a late-afternoon break to award prizes to the best costumes. The event concluded with Brave Combo, who had the audience up and dancing with such entertaining fare as the Hokey Pokey and a medley of Hernando's Hideaway and Hava Nagila. We thank Oliver Franklin for organizing and hosting the event.



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Hyde Park Stabber Denied Parole. Pearl Moen, who attacked a woman in Hyde Park on November 14, 2015, one block from Shipe Park, was denied parole on November 8, 2017. The Parole Board stated, “The record indicates the instant offense has elements of brutality, violence, assaultive behavior, or conscious selection of victim’s vulnerability indicating a conscious disregard for the lives, safety, or property of others, such that the offender poses a continuing threat to public safety.” Many Hyde Park residents wrote to the Parole Board expressing their opinions about the proposed parole.

Moen was arrested due to a tip from her mother, who had seen one of the HPNA’s flyers asking for information about the stabbing. Moen was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 15 years in prison, but due to an oversight in the law, was already up for parole. *The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure*, Article 42.12(3)(g), designates certain crimes (known as “3G crimes”) as “very serious” and forbids consideration for parole until a sentence is half served. Attempted murder does not rise to the level of a 3G crime unless there is an affirmative finding that a deadly weapon was used; that did not occur in Moen’s case. Non-3G crimes allow for parole after 1/4 of a sentence is served, and Moen’s good behavior reduced that period to 1/8 of her sentence. Moen will be considered for parole again in a year.



Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements Project

Update. On October 26, members of the City of Austin Watershed Protection Department gave a presentation at Griffin School to Austin residents concerned about flooding in Hyde Park. Hyde Park flooding ranks fifth on the list of Watershed Protection Department flood-control priorities. The drains in Hyde Park were constructed between 1928 and 1932; consequently, they are old and undersized. The primary drainage system in the Guadalupe area runs down Avenue A to the Hemphill Branch of Waller Creek at 33rd Street. The other flood control devices of significance are the various retention ponds: a pond at the Triangle and three cascading ponds in the Central Park area.

The plan set out by the Watershed Protection Department is to spend the next year working on this problem, using a three-step process: step one, collecting data; step two, modeling the flooding conditions; and step three, crafting a solution. Modeling the flooding conditions will use hydrology to determine how much water gets to each of the 241 drain pipe inlets in the area and hydraulics to determine how deep the water gets. The solution will involve some combination of pond, storm drain, street, channel, and inlet improvements. That solution will be presented at a follow-up meeting in the fall of 2018. During their data collection phase, the Watershed Protection Department would appreciate input from Hyde Park residents. If you have photographs of any of the recent floods in Hyde Park, send them to chief engineer Reem Zoun at reem.zoun@austintexas.gov.



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- Affordable Housing Terms: Homeownership – 25% of the total units affordable to 120% MFI, Rental – 10% Affordable to 80% MFI and 15% Affordable to 100% MFI, Term – 30 years (as stipulated in the original AISD RFP)

In addition, Alamo Drafthouse agrees to the following:

- It will support the neighbors along Avenue B in applying for the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program at the city of Austin.
- It agrees to seek historic landmark designation for the Baker School building.
- It agrees to maintain and care for the trees on the site.
- It agrees to place dumpsters in the alley to the west of the new building or in the alleyway between the Baker School building and the new building. The dumpsters will be screened.

The HPNA Committee agrees to the following:

- It will ask the neighborhood to write a letter of support for a variance to count the parking adjacent to the site on W. 39th and W. 40th Streets toward the onsite parking requirements for the project. The application for variance will be filed after the rezoning is complete.

Demolition in LHDs... ...cont'd from page 3

stringent enforcement of the historic district standards in our current city code, how many other structures will be violated by architects, builders, and developers who know they can get away with it?

Consequently, the Steering Committee is in the process of composing a letter to the City of Austin to address this issue. That letter will be read at the December meeting, and, if approved by the membership, will request the following:

- Appropriate fines and penalties for Mr. Decker for the destruction of a Hyde Park contributing structure.
- Strict enforcement of the mandates established by the HLC.

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- Additional staff for the Preservation Office, to enforce those mandates.

Hyde Park has numerous examples of old houses that had serious problems but were never-the-less restored, with wonderful results. Working with old materials and crumbling structures might not be easy, but it can certainly be worthwhile, and, in the case of a landmark structure or contributing structure, it is required by Austin city code. The citizenry of Austin should not have to feel like they are wasting their time and money attempting to preserve their own history.



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Finally, the Steering Committee is proposing a letter to be sent to the City of Austin regarding enforcement of specific provisions of city rules. As many neighbors know, a contributing structure that had been reviewed by the Historic Landmark Commission was almost completely gutted, far exceeding the permitted construction for the property. While challenges and difficulties do arise during construction, it is imperative that proper procedures be followed. This particular problem was only noticed when nearby neighbors brought the issue up with the Preservation Office staff. This department, which is charged with safeguarding our historic district and overseeing new construction, is severely understaffed. As a neighborhood, we are asking that the city, in addition to obtaining compensation for the loss of the contributing structure, also fully funds this department so that it can better prevent these situations from even arising. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I wish everyone a wonderful and joyous holiday season.

– Reid Long,
 HPNA President

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News from the Ney

It's that time of year again! The Elisabet Ney Museum, its volunteers and staff, wish you the very best in Seasons Greetings!

The beloved annual Wish Tree will be open for wishes from Wednesday, November 29 through January 7! This has been such a wonderful joy for the staff and visitors to the museum and such a fascinating, funny, and often moving representation of folks' thoughts no matter where they are from. It's also in keeping with Elisabet's hopes for us all to rise up and be the best we can be. A table will be in place for tags ready for you to wish upon.

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 10, the Museum will also have our new Kinder Holiday Open House for youngsters and their families to come and enjoy the season. There will be cider and treats, winter art and nature activities, indoor and outdoor games, and Wish Tree tags for them to use to express their wishes. This will happen from 1 to 4 pm.

The annual HPNA and Ney Museum's Hyde Park Holiday Party will then follow that evening, starting at 5:30! Similar to last year's event, there will be grown-up treats, cider, and more. There will, of course, be Wish Tree tags for these guests as well. For more details, see the article on page 1!

And remember, the tree will remain up through January 7. Visit frequently, as the tree constantly changes till the day it gets put away and stored for the next year's festivities.

Remember, in January, to put on your calendar our Saturday Morning Drawing Salons, in which visitors are provided with all the tools and guidance they need to produce lovely art based on the sculptures within the building. The Museum will also be opening an exciting photography exhibition entitled "Austin Women by Austin Women" on Thursday, January 11. Other terrific events and exhibitions follow throughout the spring, so keep an eye out; and in the meantime, have a super sweet holiday season!



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Baker School Working Group Update

Reid Long gave an update on the Baker School working group, which has reached a tentative agreement regarding zoning with Alamo Draft-house, the prospective purchasers of the property. The property is currently unzoned and needs a zoning classification in order to proceed with sale. Baker School is within the Hyde Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD), an agreement with the city to protect older neighborhoods; this ensures resident input. Our NCCD restricts usage of the site and imposes some limits on scale. In broad terms, this buyer is seeking Commercial Services (CS) zoning. They have agreed to height restrictions and intend to keep the Baker School intact. Their stated plan is to use part of the building for Alamo Draft-house offices, but this will be low-key, to fit in with the largely residential neighborhood. At present there are no plans to place commercial signs on the property. Over half of the space will be leased to nonprofit organizations. In the short-term, they will agree to a lease-back plan by AISD to continue operating at Baker School a television studio used for professional development. They have also expressed interest in keeping the TV studio for student use once AISD vacates the building. In addition, they plan to open parts of the building as community meeting space, including continuing its current use as a polling place.

The only new construction proposed on the Baker School property is on the strip of land directly behind Guadalupe Street between 39th and 40th Streets. This proposed new building will have three stories of residential units above a parking garage. There will be set-asides for affordable housing. Regarding concerns about parking congestion, Alamo Drafthouse is willing to support a residential parking district if neighbors so desire. They are also committed to keeping the old trees on the property and to make some improvements in the existing landscaping.

Several residents spoke up in support of the proposed plans, stating that AISD will never again use this property as a school, and the Alamo Drafthouse plans are the best option for Hyde Park. They are compatible with our NCCD, will have less of a negative impact in terms of traffic congestion, and will allow continued use of the property by the neighborhood. The prospective buyers seek neighborhood approval to petition the city for the CS zoning change in December. The Historical Landmark Commission must also approve the change.

Reid Long adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

– Submitted by Susan Marshall
HPNA Co-Secretary



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Once you spy a “pod” of dolphins
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I keep my eyes peeled wide
And fail to watch my feet
Or see anyone walking by
As I gaze out on the line
Where the ocean meets the sky

Is that a roil of ocean
Black fins do I espy?
The thrill of massive movement
Usually denied my mortal eye,

I think they are the gods of the sea
Knights watching for the king
Neptune’s command to guard the shore
From mortals and underlings

They travel together and
In graceful lines they glide
I am fascinated any time
Our different worlds collide

Could we be kin with dolphins?
They seem to know and sense
When we are present
Please come up and show me
The mystery of your lines

Above and below the sea
Please carry my good wishes
That you always remain free
Among men and among the fishes

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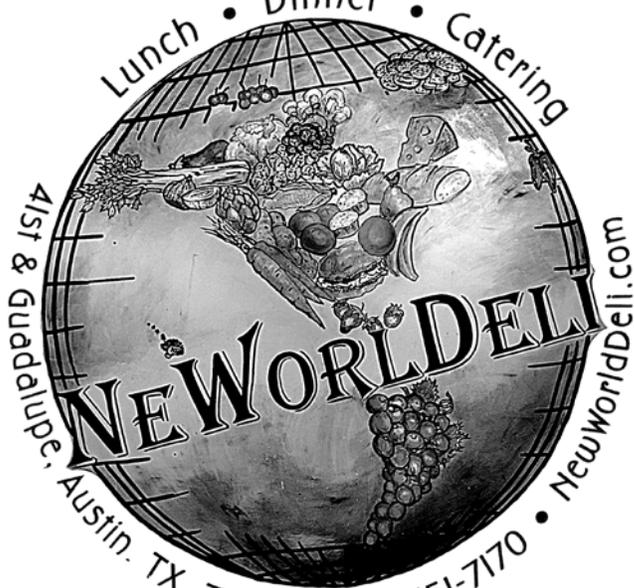
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— Cynthia Janis

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Shipe Pool Update ...

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The city has not yet granted a site permit for the pool site. The process is taking a long time due to high city workload and the fact that city projects do not get special access to the permit process. Private developers and the city are in the same queue. The site permit was filed this past spring; after comments, a revised permit was submitted in September, 2017. The Public Works Department is still awaiting comments from the second-round submission. The bidding process can begin before final permit approval, but it does need the comments from the second round before putting the pool project up for bids. Ms. Camp indicated that the main issue remaining concerns right-of-way easements.

Reasons for Pool Closures in 2017 and 2018

In response to questions about why Shipe Pool will be closed for two swim seasons, Ms. Camp explained that the 2017 closure resulted from the fact that the pool was leaking over 30,000 gallons of water per day, and the cost of repairs simply could not be justified. Audience members commented that the neighborhood was not given the chance to raise money to repair the pool on its own for the 2018 season. Jodi Jay informed the group that chlorinated water from the pool was polluting the creek, and because of environmental and other regulations, the repairs required to open the pool would have been a minimum of \$200,000.

During the public input process for the new pool, no one knew that the pool would be closed during 2017. The original, best-case scenario, construction schedule would have ended by the 2018 swim season, but delays were caused by several factors:

- 1999 regulation changes. New pools must be built to new codes that regulate bathrooms and infrastructure.
- Utility and right-of-way easement issues. The infrastructure of Shipe Park was never documented. In the process of researching the pool site, it was discovered that the park is intersected from 44th Street to 45th Street by an alley that was never built, but which had sewer lines in preparation for future residences. The log cabin sits on this never-created alley. In addition, the wider pool dimensions and the proposed deck that faces the Ney Museum protrude over the property line, which will require a right-of-way easement. The pool plan also includes sidewalks along part of the park perimeter (Avenue G and 44th Street) that will require an easement.
- Additional time required for project design in response to neighborhood feedback, for example, the decision to renovate the bathrooms in the log cabin in lieu of situating two additional bathrooms within the pool area.

- Time required for the redesign of the shade structure over the wading pool, requested by neighbors. Ms. Camp discussed plans for the shading device over the pool. The design team did a number of shading studies and as a result lowered the height of the permanent device that will divide the two pools. Because some trees had to be removed due to age and disease, there will also be a temporary structure over the kiddie pool; this will be removed after the new trees grow in. The plan is to stretch some material horizontally over the kiddie pool and attach it to the permanent shading device. The material is not yet determined, but they are seeking something compatible with the neighborhood's historic character. One possibility being considered is punched metal.

Ms. Camp also discussed other pool design features. The lighting will include foot lighting, trellis lighting, security lighting around the fence, and lighting on the mural from above. The pool will also have new spaces for workers to shelter during bad weather.

There were comment from the audience opposing the proposed bump-out of the sidewalk on the corner of 44th Street and Avenue G. The objection was the obstruction posed to cyclists. Ms. Camp explained that it was done to obscure a cluster of utilities on that corner and to enhance pedestrian traffic safety. The design comes from the Sidewalk Program of the Public Works Department and comments should be directed to that office.

The Log Cabin Renovation

An important part of the project is the renovation and modernization (compliance with code and ADA requirements) of the bathrooms in the historic 1933 Log Cabin. These bathrooms will be counted as two of the required four bathrooms for the pool, thus providing additional space around the pool deck and ensuring that the park will have updated bathrooms available for year-round use. There are also nearly complete designs for repairs to the log cabin, including a new roof. Ms. Camp explained that PARD has identified funding for this much-needed renovation. The Log Cabin renovation project can be done as part of an ongoing contract that PARD has for park renovations.

Other Pool Issues

Jodi Jay and Wayne Simmons of the City of Austin Aquatics Program responded to general questions about City of Austin pools, including the new Shipe Pool. Mr. Simmons explained that the schedule for Shipe Pool will probably be similar to the schedule for the Westenfield Pool:

- Tuesday - closed
- Lap swimming - 8-11 am
- Swimming lessons - 9-11 am
- Recreational swimming with 1 lap lane - 11 am-8 pm

- Team practice (for a swim team, resulting from neighborhood interest) – 7-8 pm (until mid-July)
- Parties and private rentals – 8-10 pm
- End-of-season closure – around August 20

He said that, while the lifeguard situation is better than it has been in previous summers, it is still a challenge to keep all the pools staffed, particularly near the end of swim season. Lifeguard recruitment has improved, in part because of relative high wages for a staff that is 80% under 18 years old. Training has also improved to increase job commitment so that lifeguards complete the full season. In response to questions about residents raising money to pay lifeguards and extend the season, city staff reminded the group that most lifeguards are high-school students whose school year begins in August. In addition, they raised issues of equity with lower-income city neighborhoods that do not have the local resources to extend pool schedules. There is also the cost of chemicals to consider. Mr. Simmons stated that the Aquatics Program would welcome suggestions.

Aquatics Master Plan

Ms. Jay addressed the City of Austin Aquatics Master Plan. The task force had scheduled public meetings on November 7 and 29 to gather additional feedback before it finalizes its recommendations for City Council. No recommendations have been finalized, but they are considering the following options:

- \$120 million to repair and replace all pools with needs.
- \$200 million to repair all pools and add five new pools to underserved areas. These would be community pools similar to Northwest Pool or Bartholomew Pool.
- Close ten pools, repair the remaining pools, and add a few community pools to underserved areas.

– Jack Nokes and Susan Marshall

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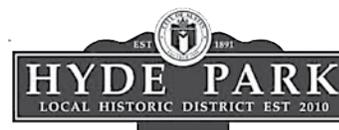
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