

July Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for July 11

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Griffin School Auditorium (5001 Evans Avenue 78751) and on Zoom (login information below)

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Philanthropy Spotlight: Matt Ott, from Black Fret, a charity that supports local musicians
- ❖ Presentation on Proposed New Bylaws (published in this month's *Pecan Press*)
- ❖ Announcements

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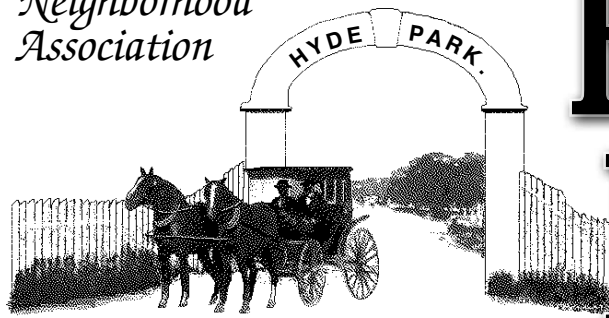
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Friends of the Ney Seek Neighborhood Support for Matching Grant

The Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum is a group that supports the Elisabet Ney Museum in its mission to educate and inspire visitors through the remarkable story and art of Elisabet Ney. For information, inquiries, pledges, and donations, go to www.theney.org.

As you might know, in April the Elisabet Ney Museum – and, consequently, the Hyde Park neighborhood and the Austin community – lost Oliver Franklin, its dynamic leader for the past 10 years, to cancer. Oliver advanced the museum in countless ways, and he had a big vision for the future. While Oliver will not be with us to fulfill his plans, the all-volunteer Friends of the

Elisabet Ney Museum are resolved to honor his legacy by making sure his dreams are realized. With a recent series of successful grant awards and the support of the neighborhood, securing his vision and the future of the Ney are within reach, and we need your help.

Many of Oliver's plans are very close to being realized, and they are exciting. Next January the City of Austin will invest \$3,415,000 in significant capital improvements to our historic museum. This will be funded through voter-approved bonds, Parkland Dedication Funds (provided by developer fees), the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund, and a \$150,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Improvements will include long-needed renovation of all doors and windows, a new HVAC system, new and improved interior lighting, an updated security system, an accessible pedestrian bridge over Waller Creek, and landscape improvements. When the museum re-opens in summer 2024, it will also feature a re-installed permanent collection and, if all goes according to plan, a re-imagined experience via a new interpretive plan.

The Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum will raise \$200,000 to develop and implement a new interpretive plan that will tell Ney's story in new way, using state-of-the-art methods to create a dynamic and memorable experience for visitors of all ages. We are off to a good start

toward our goal. In May the Friends got word that we will receive the following:

- A \$40,000 grant from the Terra Foundation for American Art (Chicago)
- A \$25,000 Challenge Grant from Austin's Still Water Foundation

The Friends of the Ney also have a \$25,000 pending request to the Summerlee Foundation for Texas History and a \$10,000 request to Preservation Austin. (In early March the Friends raised \$10,545 during Amplify Austin, and we will use this plus previous fundraising proceeds to match the Preservation Austin grant, if approved.)

This is where the residents of Hyde Park come in. The interpretive plan project will receive the Still Water \$25K challenge only if we can raise the same amount. The Friends group is asking you, our Hyde Park neighbors, and other history-loving and preservation-minded community members to step up and meet this challenge. Consider making a pledge to help us reach our goal. Your tax-deductible gifts made to Austin Community Foundation's Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum Fund will not need to be paid until our total pledges have exceeded our goal. For more information or to make a pledge, go to theney.org or inquire how you can help at the museum.

– Jack Nokes and Alison Young

From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the Shipe Pool opening party! We are thankful that this summer the pool is open and outdoor gatherings have become less risky, allowing Friends of Shipe Park to finally hold a pool opening event much like the ones before the pandemic.

This past month the Bylaws Committee and the Steering Committee have been hard at work on revising the bylaws with the goal of using the July HPNA general meeting to discuss the proposed amendments. By bringing the bylaws updates to the membership in July, we'll have an opportunity to answer questions and receive input on the proposed changes in advance of a proposed membership vote on the bylaws at September's general meeting. The main reason

behind the bylaws revision was to add provisions for remote participation in HPNA meetings. While the current bylaws do not prohibit us from holding our meetings on Zoom or a similar conferencing service, they do not explicitly include provisions describing online meeting and participation. Our goal was to update the bylaws to clearly provide for online or blended in-person and online meetings.

Other proposed changes include creating a non-voting membership category open to any person or business with an interest in Hyde Park and moving the membership year to align with the calendar year. We will make a red-line document available on the Hyde Park website to make it easy for you to review the proposed changes.



At the July meeting, we will also hear from Matt Ott, co-founder and Vice Chairman of Black Fret, a nonprofit that supports the creation and performance of music. Black Fret provides grants to musicians to allow them to focus more of their time and energy on music rather than on how to make a living at it.

We look forward to seeing you in person or online in July!

– Michele Grieshaber
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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2022

HPNA Co-President Lisa Harris called the HPNA General meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm.

The first speaker, Susan Moffat, provided an update on the City Council's proposed changes to Austin's policies related to Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) zoning and compatibility and parking regulations. The city's existing VMU program allows the relaxation of various development regulations governing building size, on-site parking, and other requirements if a certain percentage of affordable units are included in the project. The proposed ordinance would create a new zoning classification called VMU2 that would allow projects to add an additional 30' in height over the base zoning, for a potential height of 90', if the project meets more stringent affordability requirements. The proposed ordinance doubles the existing requirement for 5% affordable units to at least 10% and in some cases 15%. It would also establish criteria for the certification of, and applications for, affordable VMU units; prohibit discrimination based on an applicant's income source; require that affordable units be dispersed throughout the project; require equal access to all amenities and access routes; require affordable units to be functionally equivalent to market rate units; and establish post-construction compliance and penalties. The only areas within HPNA's boundaries currently zoned for VMU are properties facing Guadalupe.

A separate resolution brought forth by Mayor Steve Adler; Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter; and Council Members Leslie Pool, Vanessa Fuentes, and Paige Ellis outlines proposed changes that could potentially affect compatibility standards and on-site parking regulations for all properties along the city's major transit corridors, not just those areas zoned for VMU. As currently drafted, Guadalupe is the only

Monthly Calendar

July

- 1 — Recycling Pickup
- 8 — Songbird Chamber Group at New World Deli
- 9 — Landscape Learning Day at Ney Museum
- 9 — Family Day for Printmaking at Ney Museum
- 12 — HPNA Meeting
- 14 — DRC Meeting
- 15 — Recycling Pickup
- 18 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 23 — Family Day for Cardboard Castle Construction at Ney Museum
- 28-31 — Move Out ATX
- 29 — Recycling Pickup
- 30 — Artist's Talk with Rehab El Sadek at Ney Museum

corridor in or near Hyde Park that would be affected by the proposed changes. The proposal, if approved by City Council, would then have to be drafted as an ordinance and go through the standard city adoption process, including public hearings at Planning Commission and City Council, before it could go into effect.

Ms. Moffat noted that Austin's compatibility standards were designed to ensure that new construction, remodels, and additions to existing structures are compatible in scale and bulk with existing neighborhoods. As currently drafted, the proposal would apply to large and

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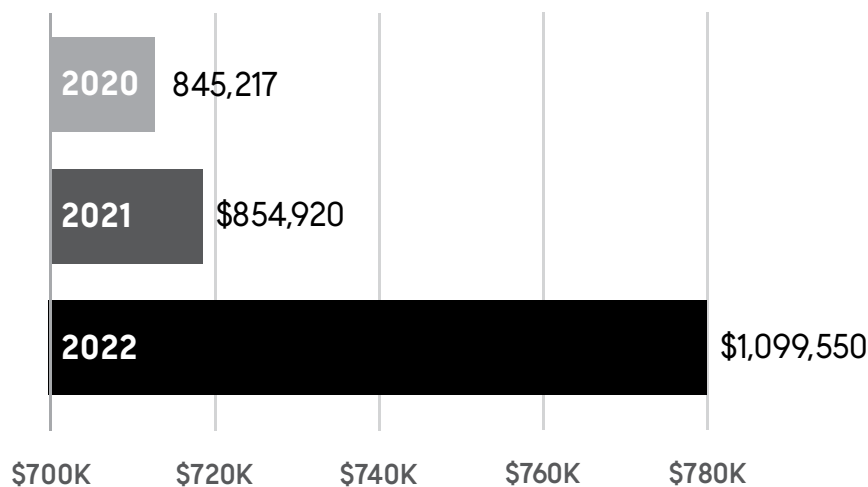
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News from the Ney

The Elisabet Ney Museum has many exciting exhibits and events planned for July! Throughout the month, the museum will continue to showcase the site-specific installation *Secret Place* by conceptual artist Rehab El Sadek.

This immersive exhibition features multi-media sculptures and collages that exemplify the parallels between her own life and that of Elisabet Ney. Over the next several weeks, El Sadek will also be curating rotating displays of Ney's personal objects and anatomical studies. The exhibition will culminate with an artist talk with El Sadek on Saturday, July 30, from 2 to 4 pm.

In addition to exploring these indoor exhibits, visitors can also learn about the Elisabet Ney Museum's historic grounds through our new self-guided landscape tour. Follow the museum's outdoor trails to view educational panels that illuminate Elisabet Ney's connection to her natural surroundings. For those who want to have a more hands-on experience, we will be hosting a Landscape Learning Day on Saturday, July 9 from 9 am to 11 am. This will be a great opportunity to learn about native wildflowers and prairie grasses while working on engaging outdoor projects.

The education staff at the museum will also host two more installments of our Summer Family Day program. During the first workshop on July 9, from 10 am to noon, we will spend the morning experimenting with different forms of printmaking, including cyanotypes and stamping. Participants will be able to create unique prints that are inspired by the natural landscape surrounding the museum. For the second workshop on July 23, from 10 am to noon, we will be constructing cardboard castles that are reminiscent of Elisabet Ney's historic studio. Both of these sessions will be free to the public and all of the supplies will be provided. We hope you will join us!

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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

1. Main author of a declaration. (9)

2. Oldest signer of #1. (8) _____
3. Edward, youngest signer. (8)

4. Last thing pledged. (6,5) _____
5. "Governments are _?_ among Men" (10)

6. Quality of certain truths. (4-7)

7. "When in the course of _?_" (5,6)

8. First signer of #1. (7) _____
9. Where # 2 was born. (6) _____
10. This plus #9: a get-together at the harbor. (3,5)

11. First shots fired here? (9)

12. Country aligning with France. (5)

13. Final accord of the war. (6,2,5)

14. Last shots fired here? (8)

15. Loser at #14. (10) _____
16. Long winter spent here. (6,5)

17. Who whipped troops into shape at # 16. (3,7)

18. Where Burgoyne lost. (8)

19. Parliament's response to #9 &10. (11,4)

20. Colorful garb of a Brit. (3,4)

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Around & About the Avenues

Safety Concern over Hit and Run in Hyde Park. On Saturday, June 18, a parked car on 44th Street was rammed from behind in a hit and run. Witnesses say that the vehicle involved was a black Dodge Ram with a camper top, dark windows, and larger than normal tires. Apparently the driver was behaving in an aggressive way, intimidating pedestrians by following them closely and revving the engine. This was one block from Shipe Park, near numerous pedestrians and children. The incident happened around 6:40 pm, when the driver decided to speed west down 44th street toward Speedway, where he struck the parked car. The truck was going fast enough (toward a stop sign) that it smashed the entire back and side of the parked car and launched it 20 to 30 feet up on the sidewalk. There is some information that suggests the driver was visiting or parked at Shipe Park in the afternoon. The police would not respond to the incident because they did not consider it an emergency. If anyone has any information or saw anything that would help identify the truck (including Ring or security footage, phone pictures, or videos), please reach out to the HPNA Crime & Safety Task Force.

Hyde Park Contact Team Meeting Postponed. The regular quarterly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team, scheduled for July 25, has been postponed pending the availability of a draft ordinance regarding City Council's proposed changes to Austin's compatibility requirements. Once a draft becomes available for public review, the Contact Team will announce its rescheduled meeting on the Hyde Park listserv. The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team is established under Austin Land Development Code Section 25-1-805 and serves as designated steward of the area's city-approved Neighborhood Plan.

Hope Food Pantry. The Hope Food Pantry needs rice and pasta for their patrons this summer. Please take all donations to 4208 Avenue B. There will be a container on the front porch where you can drop off your donations. We would prefer rice and pasta, but will take any unopened nonperishables that you would like to donate. This food drive will be held all summer long. Thank you so much for your generosity! – Marsha Riti



Austonia Features Avenue B Grocery. Writer Laura Figi reported in the June 3 issue of *Austonia* that Avenue B Grocery has finally reopened after being closed for two years. The article, "New era, same shop: Austin's oldest grocery store finally reopens after pandemic closure," states, "The store unofficially opened when passerbys saw lights inside on Wednesday but Mason said he never told anyone he was opening, it just sorta happened." Mason, the owner, stated in the article, "I'm still testing the water, gauging how things are gonna go and slowly bringing things back online. I haven't personally been telling people I'm open yet because I wasn't ready. Only today, as you saw, did I uncover the menu." Read the article at <https://austonia.com/avenue-b-reopens>.

MoveOutATX. MoveOutATX is a collaborative program that brings convenient donation stations to West Campus and other student areas at the end of July during move-out. The program helps keep gently used items out of dumpsters and off the streets and puts them into the hands of local reuse organizations. This year's program will run July 28 to July 31, 11 am to 6 pm. Encourage any students you know to bring items to the station nearest to Hyde Park, Camino Flats at 2810 Salado Street.

Free Smoke Alarms. Does your house lack a smoke alarm? Or is your present smoke alarm over ten years old? The city of Austin will provide you with a free smoke alarm (or several, if appropriate). Call the Free Smoke Alarm Hotline at 512-974-0299. Provide your name, address, and phone number. The city will contact the closest fire station – in the Hyde Park neighborhood, that's the station at Speedway and 43rd Street. A representative at the fire station will contact you to set up an appointment. The fire fighters will install a smoke alarm, complete with a ten-year battery, in each bedroom. The entire visit – paperwork and installation – will take around half an hour.

Songbird Chamber Group at New World Deli. On Friday, July 8, at 3 pm, the Songbird Chamber Group will be performing at New World Deli. This performance is coordinated by Songbird Rising, the Hyde Park string instrument music school, and the performers are local students. They will be playing a variety of soothing classical chamber music for your enjoyment.

Ney Exhibit Publicized in Austin Monitor. *Secret Place*, the installation by Rehab El Sadek that opened at the Ney Museum on June 18, was the subject of a Whisper in the Austin Monitor on Thursday, June 16. The author, Tai Moses, describes the parallels between El Sadek and Elisabet Ney – both came from abroad, where they were established as artists, and relaunched their careers in a new country. Read the article at <https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/whispers/elisabet-ney-hosts-secret-place/>.

Brave Combo Entertains at Ney Museum. On May 21, Brave Combo performed on the grounds of the Ney Museum. Familiar to Hyde Park audiences because of their repeated appearance at the Polkapocalypse, they attracted a large crowd, who participated eagerly in the



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medium corridors, including Guadalupe. It would reduce the compatibility trigger distance to 300' from the current 540'; provide that only properties on the same side of a corridor could trigger compatibility; tie compatibility to zoning, not existing use; allow by right an additional 5' in height over the base zoning height; and allow more flexibility on what could be put in the 25' rear setback of corridor-facing properties. The proposal would also create a bonus program for corridor-facing properties that provide affordable units, which, on larger corridors like Guadalupe, would allow 65' tall buildings at a 100' distance from a property zoned for single-family or duplex use and 90' tall buildings at a 200' distance. The proposal would also reduce on-site parking requirements to 25% of the current standard for properties on large corridors. While this change could result in overflow parking on streets near large projects, developers typically want to provide sufficient on-site parking to make a project viable so it is not known whether and to what degree future builders might take advantage of the parking reductions.

Ms. Moffat noted that both the VMU ordinance and the proposed compatibility resolution are posted for action by the City Council on June 9th, but both are still under review and more changes are possible.

Brendan Wittstruck, Chair of the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition (NCINC) and member of HPNA Steering Committee, gave an update on NCINC. NCINC is a coalition of 12 Neighborhood Associations that either border or are close to I-35. NCINC's mission is to interact with state and local governments to promote a better-designed I-35 through north central Austin. A well designed I-35 would improve the safety, health, connectedness, mobility, and quality of life of everyone who lives and works near I-35. Mr. Wittstruck thanked the HPNA representatives who attended NCINC's recent meeting at the Cherrywood Coffeehouse, and he said that current NCINC neighborhood associations will be holding meetings to determine whether HPNA should be invited to join NCINC. Mr. Wittstruck was optimistic that an invitation would be extended to HPNA.

Laura Dierenfield, the City of Austin's Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager, gave an update on the construction of the 46th-47th Street, Bennett-Middle Fiskville Neighborhood Bikeway Route, which will run through the Triangle, Hyde Park, Hancock, and North Loop neighborhoods. This new project is funded by the voter-approved mobility bond passed in 2016.

As part of this project, the City plans three new signalized crossings at 46th Street and Guadalupe, 45th Street and Bennet, and 46th Street and Lamar. Also planned are new pavement markings, wayfinding signs, sidewalks, and speed reduction devices (for example, speed bumps or speed cushions). Also planned is a connection across I-35 starting at the Cherrywood Bikeway at Wilshire and 43rd Street.

Ms. Deirenfield also discussed plans for a Shared Street program on Avenue G and Avenue H between

E. 51st Street and E 56th Street – a program similar to the Healthy Street program currently on Avenue G. A Shared Street's purpose is to slow down and/or reduce vehicular traffic and create a more pedestrian-friendly neighborhood. Ms. Deirenfield said that the City was not implementing the Shared Street program in lieu of placing sidewalks in Hyde Park. Ms. Deirenfield's slide presentation is available on HPNA's website.

Betsy Clubine and Marsha Riti spoke about the Hope Food Pantry (Hope), located at Trinity Church in Hyde Park. Ms. Clubine is Hope's Coordinator. Ms. Riti is HPNA's liaison with Hope.

The food insecurity rate in Travis County is 17.1%, compared to 15.4% nationwide. For children, the food insecurity rate is 24% in Travis County, compared to the national child food insecurity rate of 20.9%. In 2021, Hope provided groceries to 4,509 households experiencing food insecurity. Over 6,400 hours of volunteer time was devoted to delivering, sorting, stocking, preparing, and distributing approximately 203,000 pounds – an equivalent of 169,166 meals – of produce and non-perishable grocery items.

Hope accepts donations and welcomes volunteers from the Hyde Park neighborhood. For more information, contact betsyclubine@gmail.com.

Lisa Harris reminded members that the Shipe Pool opening party was coming up at Shipe Park. Katie Turner announced that, after a three-year absence, the HPNA Fire Station Festival would return to Hyde Park on Sunday, October 23, 2022. Ms. Turner said that the group organizing the Fire Station Festival welcomes additional volunteers.

Before the meeting adjourned, Zo Qadri, candidate for City Council District 9, introduced himself to the HPNA membership.

Lisa Harris adjourned the meeting shortly after 8:00 pm.

– Kevin Heyburn

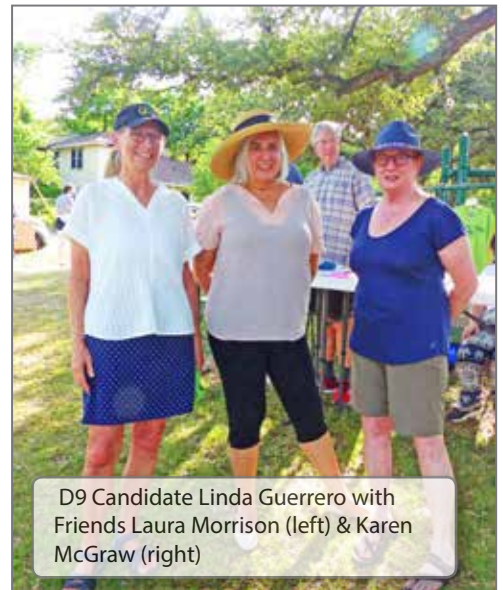




Enjoying the Pool

Shipe Pool Opening Party

On June 11, over 200 Hyde Park neighbors gathered to celebrate the opening of Shipe Pool. Organized by the Friends of Shipe Park, the party featured music by DJ Kelly D Beats; donations from Quack’s, Asti, and Hyde Park Bar and Grill; raffle prizes provided by Astound Broadband; and food from Stony’s Pizza. City of Austin Aquatics was kind enough to keep the pool open an extra hour, until 8 pm. The party was followed by a movie in the park, *Kung Fu Panda*, also sponsored by Astound. Because of the pandemic, this celebration was postponed for two years. However, if the fun had by all was any indication, it was well worth the wait!



D9 Candidate Linda Guerrero with Friends Laura Morrison (left) & Karen McGraw (right)



Some Happy Prize Winners



The Party Team



Signing Up for Prizes



DJ Kelly D Beats



Hyde Park Neighborhood Association & Friends of Shipe Park



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Hyde Park Contact Team Special Called Meeting Minutes: May 31, 2022

1. *Call to Order.* Chair Barbara Gibson called the meeting of the HPNPCT to order at 7:01 pm. A quorum was present.

2. *Briefing on Proposed VMU and Compatibility Changes.* Ms. Gibson invited guest speaker Barbara McArthur to provide information about proposed changes to the City of Austin's Vertical Mixed Use (VMU) ordinance and compatibility standards and parking regulations. Neither item was posted for action.

Ms. McArthur provided an overview of the draft VMU ordinance sponsored by Council Member Ann Kitchen, which is scheduled to be heard at the June 9 Austin City Council meeting (Agenda Item 80). CM Kitchen's original draft would have allowed 30' additional building height over the base zoning by right in a new category called VMU2 for a potential building height of up to 90'. However, a more recent substitute by CM Kitchen would not grant the additional height by right, but would require a rezoning process for a VMU2 building.

The proposed VMU changes would apply on core transit corridors and future core transit corridors. The draft would also extend the availability of VMU2 on sites of three acres or larger on a variety of other roads.

Ms. McArthur noted that CM Kitchen's draft ordinance would retain the city's current compatibility standards, but said that CM Chito Vela has posted amendments that would eliminate compatibility standards as well as on-site parking requirements, because current compatibility standards would make some of the 90' height bonuses unachievable.

Ms. McArthur stated that she used data from city staff to determine that almost 750 acres could be built to 90' heights with no change to current compatibility standards, a buildable area roughly 40 times the size of the Statesman PUD. She expressed concerns about displacement of longtime residents in East Austin where there is a significant amount of existing VMU zoning. She also stated that the city does not collect demographic data on residents of affordable density bonus units so that it's impossible to know whether the affordable units produced by the VMU program or other city density bonus programs are actually serving their target population. She further stated that a majority of affordable density bonus units were found to be out of compliance in the most recent monitoring by a city subcontractor, which occurs every three years. She observed that at the current rate the VMU program is producing units, it would take 1667 years to reach the city's goal of 60,000 affordable units.

Ms. McArthur then spoke about a separate resolution to relax compatibility standards and on-site parking requirements on corridors, which is also scheduled for the June 9 City Council Meeting (Agenda Item 66). The proposed resolution was created as a compromise position by Mayor Steve Adler with Council Members Leslie Pool,

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Alison Alter, Vanessa Fuentes, and Paige Ellis; it is not yet in draft ordinance form, but the resolution is intended to begin that process.

As currently written, this proposal would relax compatibility standards throughout the city on major and medium-sized corridors, including Guadalupe Street, which the proposal defines as a major corridor. The proposal would trigger compatibility standards if a single-family home or duplex is within 300' of a proposed project, down from the current triggering distance of 540'. Only homes on the same side of a corridor would trigger compatibility, not those across a corridor.

Ms. McArthur took issue with city staff's assertion that Austin's compatibility standards are far stricter than other cities, stating that staff used incorrect information for Dallas and noting that some cities have different compatibility standards for different areas of town and that city staff appeared to have cherry-picked at least some data to make Austin appear more of an outlier than it actually is.

Ms. McArthur acknowledged that it might be possible to reduce Austin's compatibility standards, but that the process needs to be transparent and based on accurate data. She also provided information about the environmental impact of tall buildings on the heat island effect, stating that extreme heat kills more people in the U.S. annually than any other weather event. Finally, she noted that if the goal is to increase transit use, concentrating major employers downtown will drive transit use more than tall buildings on corridors.

After Ms. McArthur concluded her presentation, Ms. Gibson opened the floor to comments and questions.

Susan Moffat noted that CM Kitchen's draft VMU ordinance strengthens the existing ordinance by increasing the required percentage of affordable units and deepening the levels of affordability. She said the draft ordinance also establishes long overdue criteria for certifications of, and applications for, affordable VMU units; prohibits discrimination based on an applicant's income source; requires affordable units be dispersed throughout a project; requires equal access to all amenities and access routes for residents of affordable units; requires affordable units to be functionally equivalent to market rate units; and establishes post-construction compliance and penalties.

Karen McGraw expressed skepticism about city monitoring of density bonus programs in general. Regarding compatibility standards, she said the city needs to look more carefully at individual sites and that most large corridor buildings are on much deeper lots than exist on the portion of Guadalupe Street adjacent to Hyde Park. She also emphasized the need for modeling to show the impacts of reduced compatibility standards on nearby homes. In response to a question, she said the building north of Walgreens is zoned to 50' with four stories on the front, dropping to three stories in the rear where it faces homes on Avenue A.

Ms. Gibson encouraged Contact Team members to share this information with others and to continue to monitor both the VMU ordinance and the compatibility proposal.

3. *Announcements.* Susan Moffat announced that Cap Metro is conducting outreach related to Equitable Transit Oriented Developments or ETODs and that Hyde Park is one of its focus areas because a northbound station of the Orange Line will fall within Hyde Park's boundaries on the east side of Guadalupe Street at 39th Street. She posted a link to an ETOD survey (<https://qrco.de/ETOD>) in the chat as well as a slide deck about ETODs and will share these on the neighborhood listserv as well.

Kevin Heyburn announced that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) will meet Monday, June 6, 7 pm, at the Griffin School, where Susan Moffat will discuss VMU and compatibility and Brendan Wittstruck will ask HPNA to consider joining the I-35 Neighborhood Coalition.

4. *Adjourn.* There being no further business, the HPNPCT adjourned its meeting at 7:49 pm (Kevin Heyburn, motion; Susan Moffat, second).

– Susan Moffat
HPNPCT Secretary



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Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



What are Your Recycling and Reuse Inventions?

One of the best things about "Lettuce Recycle" is receiving questions and ideas from my readers. I would love to know what great recycling projects my readers have produced. Please send pictures to recycling@hpwbana.org. I will publish them in a future "Lettuce Recycle" edition. Below are two projects from my household.



Old Wood from a Major Deck Repair Became a Grill Cave

We no longer have to cover our grill with the \$50 plastic grill cover that wears out in 6 months. We just roll our grill into the grill cave!

Recycling Contamination Campaign

Plastic bags in the blue recycling bin are the main contributors to recycling contamination at the recycling facilities in Austin. The picture above shows workers at a recycling conveyor belt dealing with the non-recyclable materials that come



A Very Old Wheelbarrow Became a Caladium Garden



Worker at Recycling Facility

into the recycling facility. Austin Resource Recovery is launching a new campaign to keep plastic bags and other contaminants out of the recycling stream. To support the campaign, I am presenting some of the reasons why this happens and how we can all help solve the problem.



The Reasons People Put Plastic Bags into the Recycling Bin

- People put their recyclables into plastic bags to take them to the blue bin. The solution is to dump the recyclables into the blue bin and reuse the plastic bag for trash.
- People who have lived in apartments are often used to collecting their recyclables in bags and therefore think this can still be done in residential recycling. Commercial recycling is processed differently from residential recycling.
- Hefty sells a plastic bag labeled "for recyclables." Although these bags might be accepted in other places, they are not recyclable in Austin's residential recycling market.
- People don't know what to do with the plastic bags they get from shopping. These can go in the plastic bag collection bins found at most grocery stores.

Questions from Readers

How do I recycle PVC pipe? PVC pipe that is at least three feet long is accepted by Austin's Habitat for Humanity.

Will the recycle & reuse drop off center accept dirty styrofoam? They accept only clean styrofoam. The styrofoam can have some dust on it but no oil or food product stain.

Can I put greeting cards into the blue bin? Cards can go into the blue bin as long as they are not adorned with glitter or foil.

Do I need to remove packing tape and staples from cardboard boxes before I put them into the blue bin? No, you do not. Tape and staples are fine to leave on the cardboard. Everything will be processed and baled at the recycling facility. At the secondary recycling paper mill, cardboard and paper go through a pulping process to remove any impurities.

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Remember the City of Austin recycling website:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

Stay tuned for future tips for creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to recycling@hpwbana.org.

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Proposed Bylaws of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association

I. NAME

The name of this organization is the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, also referred to as “HPNA.” HPNA is an unincorporated, nonprofit association, operating under the Uniform Nonprofit Association Act.

II. BOUNDARIES

South of 45th Street, HPNA is bounded by 38th Street, 45th Street, Guadalupe Street and Duval Street. North of 45th Street, HPNA is bounded by 45th Street, 51st Street, Red River Street and Guadalupe Street except for the University of Texas Intramural Fields, which are not a part of HPNA. The above area shall be referred to as “Hyde Park” in this document.

III. PURPOSE

HPNA exists to foster a closer, more genuine community of neighbors and the historic and unique character, amenities, and ecology of Hyde Park.

We accomplished this through meetings and events of HPNA and the activities of HPNA’s committees in service of the community. HPNA pursues a variety of goals beneficial to the community by combining the efforts of residents to enhance, improve, and restore the Hyde Park neighborhood.

HPNA will not engage in partisan politics to achieve any of its goals, nor will HPNA endorse or otherwise support political candidates. HPNA is not organized for profit and no profit shall accrue to anyone by virtue of being a member or officer of HPNA. HPNA shall maintain its status as a 501(c)(4) organization in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

IV. GOALS

The goals of HPNA include but are not limited to the following:

- To promote a sense of community among Hyde Park residents.
- To seek the maintenance and improvement of single and multiple family dwellings by residents and absentee homeowners and apartment owners.
- To support and engage in activities and policies that promote social and economic diversity, equity, access, and inclusion in Hyde Park and among its residents.
- To facilitate the education of residents regarding all available options open to them relating to the problems of home ownership, zoning rights, etc.
- To promote the preservation and celebration of historically significant homes in Hyde Park and to support and preserve the Elisabet Ney Museum.

- To participate in the observance of city zoning and use codes and to help address zoning and land use concerns in Hyde Park and surrounding areas.
- To work toward development and preservation of natural green spaces, creeks, parks, trees, appropriate landscaping and general land use.
- To establish mutual protection and safety.
- To promote recreation and neighborhood community-building events.
- To aid in procuring cultural facilities in the Hyde Park area.
- To provide a greater emphasis on inclusion of renters and students as integral members of the community.
- To work towards the establishment and maintenance of zoning standards that preserve and enhance the unique character of Hyde Park.
- To accomplish any other activities in furtherance of the purposes of HPNA.

V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in HPNA is open to all residents aged 18 or older.

HPNA has three categories of membership:

- **Voting membership:** This is open to all residents of Hyde Park and those who reside on the opposite side of any of the streets that compose the boundaries of Hyde Park. Voting Membership confers the right to make and second motions and to vote at meetings.
- **Non-voting membership:** This is open to any individual interested in Hyde Park, including business owners and non-resident property owners.
- **Honorary membership:** This may be conferred upon individuals with a majority vote of HPNA membership and is a recognition of services performed to Hyde Park or the Hyde Park community. Honorary membership does not confer voting rights.

A voting member must be 18 years of age or older, have held membership for at least 30 days, and be current on dues. The 30 day period shall be determined by the date of receipt of membership dues by the Membership Committee; the date of post mark, in the event the membership dues are mailed; or the date an electronic payment is made

The HPNA membership year begins on January 1 of each year and ends on December 31 of that year. Members at the time these bylaws are adopted shall have their memberships extended to December 31.

VI. DUES

Membership in HPNA is contingent upon payment of annual dues. The amount of such dues will be determined by vote of the membership upon recommendation of the Steering Committee. Dues paid at any time during the year shall convey membership only until the end of the HPNA year, December 31.

To be eligible to vote, a member must be current on dues. Renewing members have continuous voting rights provided their dues have not lapsed for more than 6 months.

VII. MEETINGS

General meetings of the membership of HPNA are held on the first Monday of each month, unless the first Monday falls on a holiday, in which case the Steering Committee shall designate an alternate meeting time. The time and place of all meetings shall be set by the Steering Committee and announced to the membership in accordance with Article VIII of these Bylaws.

A special meeting of the membership may be called at any time by at least two officers or 15 members of HPNA in time-sensitive situations that require immediate attention. Membership must be given 24 hour notice of any special called meeting.

A quorum is defined as 15 members. A quorum is required to be present at any meeting of the membership of HPNA at which a record vote is taken.

Presentations by candidates for political office shall be limited to a brief introduction and statement of qualifications, except when such presentations are part of a general candidate forum invited by HPNA.

Meetings may be held in person, by synchronous online video, or by a combination of those options.

VIII. NOTICE

HPNA shall maintain an official announcement email list. Subscription to the official announcement email list shall be offered to all members.

Notice of any issue to be voted on at any meeting of HPNA must be posted on the official announcement email list at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the vote on that issue is to be taken, with the exception of emergencies as provided herein.

It is recommended that any non-financial issue or draft resolution to be voted on be shared with members prior to a vote, either electronically, in the HPNA monthly newsletter, or both.

A vote may be taken on an emergency basis with fewer than seven days' notice with the vote of three officers of HPNA certifying that an emergency exists. Notice of such emergency votes must be posted on the official announcement email list at least 24 hours prior to the general meeting or special meeting at which the vote is to occur.

IX. VOTING

A recorded vote of the membership is required for the following issues as well as for any other issue for which a record is appropriate:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the budget
3. Setting of dues
4. Setting or change of any policy of HPNA
5. Amendment of the bylaws
6. Adoption of any position of HPNA, including all positions to be communicated to any governmental body, with the exception of specific cases for which the City of Austin asks the opinion of the HPNA

Voting members (see section V) must be present either in person or via synchronous online conference. Those voting online should participate using tools and instructions provided during the meeting.

No member shall accept consideration for voting the interest of another.

No proxy or absentee voting shall be allowed.

The HPNA Membership Committee shall verify the membership status of voting attendees of HPNA meetings using a procedure appropriate to the type of meeting (in person or online).

X. OFFICERS

HPNA shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each officer shall perform the duties of the office, as follows:

1. President: The duties of the President shall include presiding over meetings of HPNA and serving as a spokesperson for the association.
2. Vice President: The duties of the Vice President shall include performing the duties of the President in the absence of the President or at the request of the President. The Vice President shall have responsibility for implementing programs for Association meetings.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting of the general membership and shall maintain the organizational records of HPNA.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain all financial records and banking accounts of HPNA, and conduct all associated activities, including reconciling banking records, performing billing, and paying invoices. The Treasurer shall be responsible for production of a general financial summary yearly, for review by the Finance Committee.

Officers shall be elected in October, to begin serving at the January meeting. The slate of nominees shall be presented to the membership no later than one month before the meeting at which voting takes place. Nominations shall also be taken from the floor at the October meeting.

Officers shall serve one-year terms. No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms with the exception noted in **XI. Steering Committee**. However, a member may hold the same office again after an absence from that office. Any office may be filled by more than one person. Any vacancy that occurs during a term shall be filled by a candidate nominated by the Nominations Committee upon a vote of the Steering Committee.

The Treasurer is not required to reside in Hyde Park. While residing outside of Hyde Park, the Treasurer shall be a non-voting member.

In the event that a member who holds an elected office fails to perform the duties of that office, the member may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Steering Committee. The member who is being considered for removal from office shall not participate in the removal vote. Three consecutive absences without advance notice to at least one officer shall be considered grounds for removal from office.

All members who hold elected office in the association are encouraged to regularly attend both the general membership meetings and the Steering Committee meetings of the association.

XI. STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee shall be the principal representative, governing, and policy-recommending body of HPNA. Actions of the Steering Committee shall be governed by the will of the membership as expressed at general and special membership meetings.

The Steering Committee shall comprise the officers of HPNA, the immediate past president or past co-presidents of HPNA and six current at-large members of HPNA who are elected at large for a two-year term and have voting rights on the committee. These six positions will be staggered so that three positions are filled each year at the same time officers are elected. An up-to-date list of the members of the Steering Committee will be published in the *Pecan Press* and on the HPNA web site.

The at-large members may be re-elected; however, an at-large member shall not serve in excess of two consecutive full two-year terms, except with a majority vote of the general membership to waive a term limit.

A member may be reelected as an at large member of the Steering Committee after a two-year absence from that office. For the purposes of term limitation, more than one year of a two-year term shall be treated as a full two-year term and one year or less of a two-year term shall not be treated as a full two-year term.

If the immediate past president or co-president is unable to serve on the Steering Committee, an additional member shall be elected to the Steering Committee. If the position is vacant at the regular time for the election of officers, it shall be filled by a candidate elected by the membership. If the vacancy occurs during a term, it shall be filled by a candidate nominated by the Nominations Committee and elected by the Steering Committee.

The President shall serve as chairperson of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee meets monthly at a time and day to be determined annually by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee meetings are open to all members of HPNA, however, only Steering Committee members can vote on issues.

XII. REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEES

All representatives, standing committees, and ad hoc committees exist by appointment of the Steering Committee. All standing and ad hoc committees shall be listed, with their chairs and contact information, in the *Pecan Press* and on the HPNA website. All committees and representatives should report their activities and recommendations to the Steering Committee.

A. Representatives: Representatives are members of HPNA who volunteer to fill positions needed to conduct the ongoing business of HPNA. They are appointed by the President as needed.

B. Standing Committees: Standing Committees are committees that operate on an ongoing basis to conduct the business of HPNA. They may meet regularly, for a specific period of time or purpose, or on an as-needed basis. The Standing Committees of HPNA shall include the following:

1. *Development Review Committee:* This committee will deal with questions of proposed development within the boundaries of HPNA. If there is a need for HPNA to provide an opinion to the City for a particular development case, the Development Review Committee will report its findings to the Steering Committee and the Steering Committee can vote in support or opposition. The Steering Committee may also request that a developer present plans to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee can decide to refer the case to the membership for vote.
2. *Finance Committee:* This committee shall be responsible for guidance, oversight, and review of the financial affairs of HPNA. It shall prepare a proposed annual budget and proposed expenditure limits to submit for a vote of the membership of HPNA no later than the first general meeting of the budget year. The committee shall annually recommend which officers and chairpersons shall have authority to approve expenditures.

3. *Homes Tour Committee*: This committee shall be responsible for the planning and conducting of the annual Hyde Park Homes Tour. The committee shall be responsible for obtaining financial underwriting, sponsorships, and advertising to support the event.
4. *Membership Committee*: This committee shall be responsible for determining eligibility for membership, maintaining the official membership records of HPNA, maintaining the official announcement email list, and certifying membership status for the purpose of determining eligibility to vote.
5. *Nominations Committee*: This committee shall be responsible for recruiting and proposing a slate of candidates for the annual election of officers and Steering Committee members. The committee shall further be responsible for recruiting and nominating members to fill any vacancy on the Steering Committee that occurs during the HPNA year.

C. Ad Hoc Committees: Ad Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the Steering Committee as necessary to the business of HPNA.

XIII. COMMUNICATION

HPNA shall publish its newsletter, the *Pecan Press*, monthly. The *Pecan Press* is distributed publicly in printed form and available in electronic form through the HPNA website.

HPNA shall also maintain a website to provide information about HPNA activities and content of interest to Hyde Park residents.

HPNA shall maintain an electronic distribution list of current members and use it to publicize HPNA activities and meetings.

XIV. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Financial matters of HPNA, including the budget, shall operate on a calendar year basis. The Finance Committee shall present to the Steering Committee its proposed budget and its recommendation for the level of expenditures that HPNA officers and chairpersons can authorize. The Steering Committee shall review and may amend the Finance Committee's proposed budget and expenditure authorizations. After the Steering Committee votes to approve the proposed budget and expenditure authorizations, the Steering Committee shall present the proposed budget and expenditure authorizations for a vote no later than the first general meeting during that budget year.

Appropriate banking and investment accounts shall be maintained and audited by HPNA.

The Treasurer shall sign checks on behalf of HPNA, but shall not have authority to approve out-of-budget expenditures.

XVI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest exists when a HPNA officeholder, representative, or committee member might realize any direct financial or material benefits from business before the HPNA. HPNA requires these individuals to recuse themselves as voting members from any such business before the HPNA. This conflict of interest can be disclosed by the individual or by any other individual aware of the situation.

XVII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current revised edition, shall govern in all HPNA proceedings, except where inconsistent with these Bylaws.

The President or other presiding officer may appoint an officer or other member of HPNA to serve as Parliamentarian for a general or special meeting of the membership if the need arises.

XVIII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the membership, provided that the exact wording of the proposed changes have been published at least 60 days prior to such meeting on the official HPNA announcement email list and in at least one issue of the *Pecan Press*, which is published at least 30 days prior to the date of such meeting.

XIX. REPEAL

With adoption of these Bylaws, all previous Bylaws are hereby repealed.

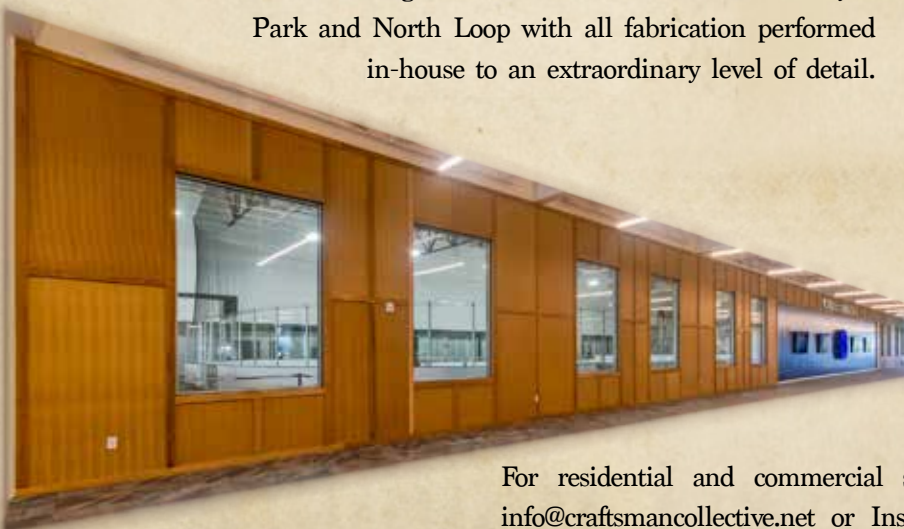



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