

June Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, June 5, 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 June 5

- Update on Shipe Park and Pool project by Alison Young of Friends of Shipe Park
- CodeNEXT discussion and vote on resolution
- Presentation by Mayor Adler
- Announcements

See You There!

Not Shipe Pool, but Shipe Park Party!

As most of you know by now, the Shipe Park pools will not reopen again before construction begins on the new pools this Fall. The only thing left to do is...have a PARTY!

Please join us for a farewell celebration of our beloved old pools on Sunday, June 11, from 4 pm to 7 pm. We will have an inflatable water slide, inflatable slip'n'slide, live music, food trucks, and activities for all ages.

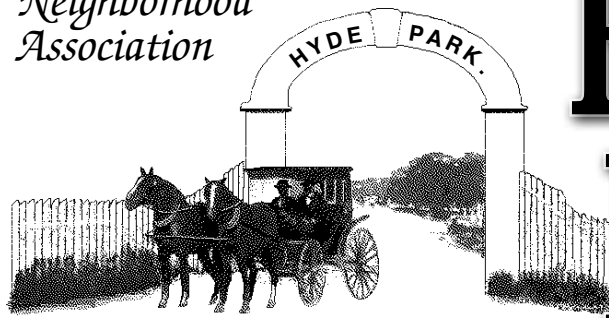
Wear your bathing suits and bring your soaker guns for a spectacular field battle and a rousing game of tug of war (Parents versus kids? You're on!).

Join your neighbors and friends to say goodbye to the beloved pools that we have enjoyed for more than 80 years! This will be our biggest party yet - well, until the new Pool Opening Party in 2018!

Volunteer help is appreciated

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A Perspective on CodeNEXT NCCDs, Density Targeting, and District 9 Mapping Meeting

Austin city staff has stated that the Hyde Park NCCDs will not be changed by CodeNEXT. However, there are many questions that have not been answered. We know that, in the current draft of CodeNEXT, much of the current land development code – McMansion, compatibility standards, lot sizes, public notice, and procedures – will be dramatically altered. These things were part of the base code underlying our NCCDs when they were established.



As this newsletter goes to press, neighbors are trying to get more clarification from the city regarding how any zoning-related changes will be handled in our neighborhood in the future. Staff has said these will be administered using the procedures specified in CodeNEXT, which differ from the current and familiar procedures. We need to learn the details.

In addition to these issues, we are learning more every day that District 9 neighborhoods that surround Hyde Park – Heritage, Hancock, East Austin, Old West Austin, and Bouldin – are being targeted for much greater density (3 or more units on every lot). If this zoning goes into effect, there will likely be pressure to upzone Hyde Park in the near future. Upzoning allows more units on each lot and encourages demolition and redevelopment. The result will be higher property values and taxes for all of us.

I encourage you to attend the District 9 Mapping Meeting on June 3, from 10 am until noon, at City Hall. There is free parking below City Hall, accessible from Guadalupe Street. Carpools and public transit are encouraged because this meeting will be well attended.

To comment on CodeNEXT, go to <https://codenext.civiccomment.org/>.

– Karen McGraw, Member of the Joint
HPNA-HPNPCT Committee

From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



Mayor Steve Adler will be our guest at our June membership meeting. Mayor Adler, who used to live in Hyde Park, has expressed his support for preserving traditional central neighborhoods such as Hyde Park from overdevelopment. Mayor Adler will discuss CodeNEXT, the rewrite of the City of Austin zoning code, and other issues of relevance to the neighborhood, and he will take neighbors' questions.

The June meeting will also feature a vote on a resolution from the Steering Committee to the membership regarding CodeNEXT, the new Austin zoning code. You can find a copy of that resolution on page 3 of this issue of the *Pecan Press*. The resolution is intended to let our city leaders know that many neighbors in Hyde Park are concerned by the efforts of a few determined individuals to transform central Austin neighborhoods by replacing traditional single-family homes with multifamily properties, short term rentals, and commercial businesses. Hyde Park already has a creative and harmonious mix of businesses, rental properties, and owner-occupied single-family homes. But in the name of urban density and affordability, some so-called urban reformers are calling on the city to allow more housing and more businesses – and less parking – in central city neighborhoods. If anyone doubts the density of our neighborhood, simply try driving down some

of our Avenues during the day. Cars crowd each side of the street, and on some busy days, neighbors can't park in front of their homes.

A neighborhood – whether it is in the central city or to the east, north, south, or west – only works when its residents commit to maintain the neighborhood and to improve its future. The chances of this happening, if Hyde Park's single-family homes are turned into stealth dorms or allowed to become permanent short-term rentals, are greatly reduced. The guiding principle that we have kept in the forefront of our minds during this process and which we recommend to all of our neighbors is this: What kind of Hyde Park do you want in the future? Who will be able to live in this neighborhood if many of the hard-won rules that maintain the livability of the neighborhood are eliminated in a single pen stroke? How will your quality of life be affected if the house next to yours turns into a tattoo parlour or a pizza restaurant? Even worse, do you want Hyde Park to become an extension of downtown Austin, with downtown's congestion, flashy Dallas-style boutiques, and Houston-priced steak houses encroaching on our neighborhood's borders or located next to your house and driving out the small neighborhood restaurants and shops we currently enjoy?

We realize that there are many ways the City can approach rewriting its land development code, and many of the potential disasters we discuss in this column are based on worst-case scenarios. However, it is incumbent upon all of you to

keep abreast of the news about CodeNEXT and the zoning code rewrite. To begin, we encourage you to read the resolution in this issue and to attend the June meeting with your questions for the Mayor.

– Reid Long,
Kevin Heyburn
HPNA Co-Presidents

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CodeNEXT Resolution

Editor's Note: HPNA members will have the opportunity to discuss, amend, and vote on the following resolution at the June meeting.

Whereas, while the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) recognizes that the current Austin land development code is significantly flawed and in need of reorganization and therefore supports efforts on the part of the city of Austin to carry out that project; and

Whereas, the joint HPNA-Hyde Park Contact Team CodeNEXT Committee has reviewed the proposed new Austin land development code, CodeNEXT, and its mapping of zoning categories to the City of Austin and found it to be significantly flawed in the following ways:

- It significantly rolls back or eliminates a number of protections, many of them hard won by the citizens of Austin, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Occupancy limits
 - Parking requirements
 - Compatibility standards
 - McMansion standards
 - ADU restrictions
 - Neighborhood Plan overlays
 - Restrictions for the usage of property
 Resulting in the possibility of Austin residents having to confront significant reductions in the quality of their lives in the homes they have purchased or rented;
- It fails to incorporate the body of recommendations from the Flood Mitigation Task Force, while advocating for increased impervious cover, resulting in increased potential for flooding;
- It arbitrarily zones Austin neighborhoods with-

out allowing and enabling the residents of those neighborhoods to participate in the zoning process to ensure that zoning matches the neighborhood plans or existing zoning for those neighborhoods;

- It zones significant parts of the Central Austin area for greater density, which threatens the character of Central Austin, in violation of both the advocacy of Imagine Austin for preservation of neighborhood character and the avowed purpose of many neighborhood plans;
- It fails to provide protections against gentrification;
- It reduces transparency by shifting into administrative hands decision making that had previously required public input or input from the boards and commissions; and

Whereas, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has significant questions about its Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts, carefully crafted to maintain neighborhood character, with regard to how those NCCDs will coexist with CodeNEXT; and

Whereas, the timeline for the examination, modification, and adoption of CodeNEXT is unreasonably rapid, requiring a white paper within a month of the release of modified mapping, and the tool for response is inappropriate, because a citizen's objection to a significant change in procedure, zoning, or restrictions - after being told that most neighborhoods would not experience any change under CodeNEXT - should not require the creation of a full white paper;

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AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$321.75	\$376.47	\$361.16
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	14 DAYS	7 DAYS	7 DAYS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 10/04/2016 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.



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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: May 1, 2017

Reid Long, co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm after a potluck.

1. Kevin Heyburn, co-President, announced some events to take place during the month of May as well as an addition to the agenda regarding the park development along Waller Creek.

2. Melissa Ayala, representing the Waller Creek Conservancy, was up next. The Conservancy is in the process of creating a string of urban parks from 15th Street to Lady Bird Lake along Waller Creek. She announced open House meetings to be held during May. Some details follow:

- Waller Creek Conservancy is looking for input on lighting, paths, and playscapes for Palm Park, Waterloo Park, and the Creek Delta.
- The specific area of Palm Park to be developed or renovated has not yet been determined.
- Construction on Waterloo Park is expected to happen sometime near the end of this year.
- Waller Creek Conservancy is expecting to raise \$50 million; \$15 million for Waterloo Park is available from a donation by the Moody Foundation.
- Waller Creek Conservancy is working with many partners. See wallercreek.org for more information.

3. Karen McGraw was up next with a presentation on CodeNEXT, the proposed revision of the City of Austin zoning regulations. She began with a bit of history:

- 1928 - Austin's first comprehensive plan was adopted.
- 1931 - First real zoning regulations were adopted.
- 1978 - Austin's zoning code was still minimal.
- 1985 - The zoning code was redone, including the introduction of conservation code and compatibility standards.
- 2000 - Hyde Park plan was adopted (NCCD).
- 2005 - North Hyde Park plan was adopted (NCCD).
- 2006 - McMansion code was adopted.
- 2010 - Hyde Park LHD (south of 45th Street) was adopted.

CodeNEXT is an attempt to revamp the zoning code. Some of its intent is to promote "missing middle" housing, plan for greater density, streamline the processes and procedures required for approval of projects, and, in general, restructure the code to unify it.

In the 1985 code overhaul, names of regulations were changed but the changes themselves were not dramatic. The changes in CodeNEXT are more significant. For example:

- Many front setbacks are being reduced by 5 - 10 feet.
- The transect areas will have a form-based code

Monthly Calendar

June

- 3 — District 9 Mapping Meeting at City Hall
- 5 — HPNA Meeting
- 8 — DRC Meeting
- 9 — Recycling Pickup
- 10 — Ney Day at Ney Museum
- 11 — Shipe Park Party
- 12 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 14 — Flag Day Parade
- 23 — Recycling Pickup
- 24 — Artswap at the Ney Museum

(relying on the character of the buildings) rather than a more traditional use-based code.

- The code is more prescriptive than before.
- Neighborhoods such as Bouldin and Heritage are slated for increased density.

Karen mentioned some other issues:

- Procedurally, the Director (of Development) will make decisions that commissions make under the current code.
- It is somewhat unclear which provisions will apply for future development in some covered areas; there are situations where multiple previous agreements appear to be in force.
- Timelines will be compressed, lessening the ability of neighborhoods and citizens to voice their concerns.

Another issue raised is "Where is this coming from?" That is, what is the impetus for these changes? The consensus had been that it is a progression from the Imagine Austin plan (2012), but, increasingly, it appears to be driven by the Director (of Development), the Assistant Director, and the hired consultants.

Concerns were raised by the membership:

- How do Local Historic Districts (LHDs) figure into all this?
Historic overlays will probably remain in force.
- What about Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts?
It's unclear if NCCDs will survive this code overhaul.
- What about occupancy limits?
Again, unknown.
- How tall would commercial buildings be allowed to be?
Possibly up to one hundred feet.

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The organization Community Not Commodity will be meeting and can be a locus of opposition to the CodeNEXT plan.

Public hearings will take place this fall.

Reid Long announced that HPNA, in conjunction with the Contact Team, has a CodeNEXT Committee. They are trying to network with other NCCDs, seeking to put a formal statement together. Please email Reid or Kevin if you want to participate.

4. Finally, it was time for votes on the two resolutions scheduled for the meeting:

- Shipe Pool
 - Resolution to expedite the renovation process of Shipe Pool to make sure it is open for the 2018 season
 - Results: 23 for, 0 against, no abstentions
- Letter to Parole Board
 - Resolution to send a letter to the Parole Board recommending that the perpetrator of the stabbing that occurred on Speedway in November, 2015 not be considered for parole; she is serving a fifteen year sentence.
 - Results: 23 for, 1 against, no abstentions.

5. Announcements:

- Preservation Austin has offered HPNA a matching grant for Hyde Park Local Historic District sign toppers.
- The fate of the Baker School building and property is still unknown. There was a meeting with the Arts Collective regarding their bid, which was further discussed in the Steering Committee. Should we approach AISD with a request to slow down the process?
- Karen McGraw mentioned that the School for the Deaf (on South First) has a museum on the property and is well maintained. Why not the Austin State Hospital?

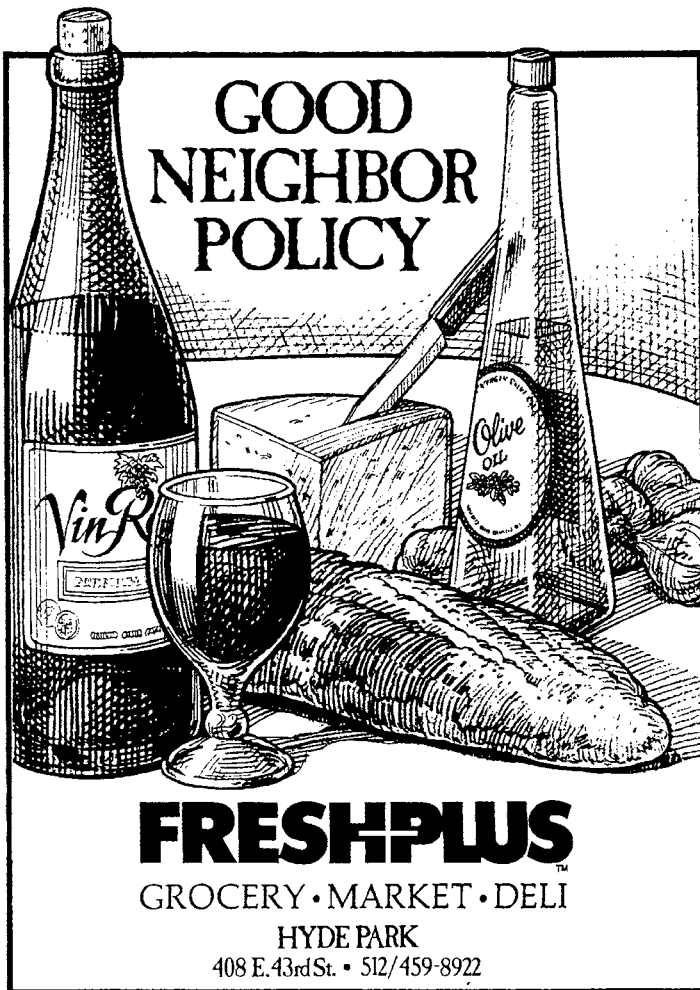
The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

— Artie Gold
HPNA co-Secretary

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Hyde Park Spanker Remains Unapprehended. As this issue of the *Pecan Press* goes to press, the molester dubbed the Hyde Park Spanker is still at large. This person has been widely reported on Nextdoor and in the local news media (www.keyetv.com/news/local/austin-police-searching-for-hyde-park-spanker; www.twcnews.com/tx/austin/news/2017/05/5/austin-police-searching-for-man-involved-in-spanking-incidents.html; www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/253002547-story). Several HPNA functionaries were interviewed for these articles. Vice President Kathy Lawrence described Hyde Park for the Fox7 story: "We have a lot of people who are very passionate about living in the neighborhood, care a lot about the community and we're a very organized neighborhood, people know each other, people talk to each other, and so we are able to get people off the streets who are causing crime." In the KEYE story, Crime and Safety co-Chair Kristin Remeza offered advice to women walking or jogging in the neighborhood: "Maybe not have headphones on or looking at a phone, know who's behind you, who's around you. Just be safe."

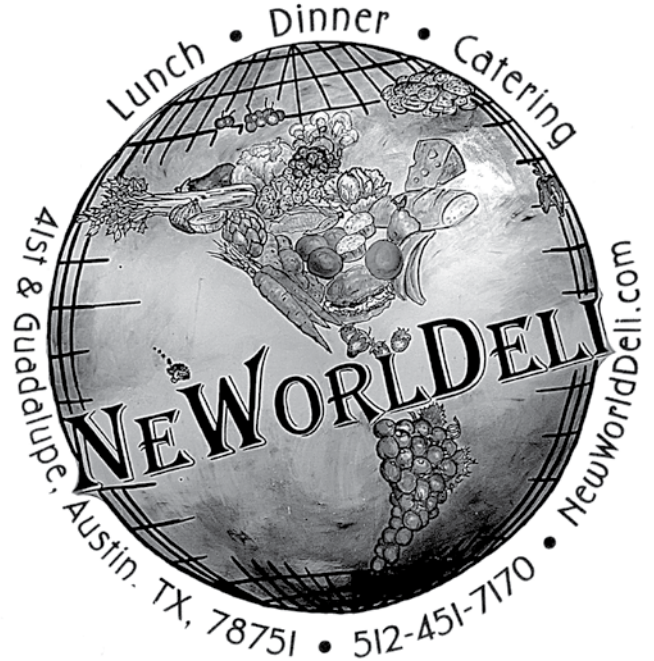


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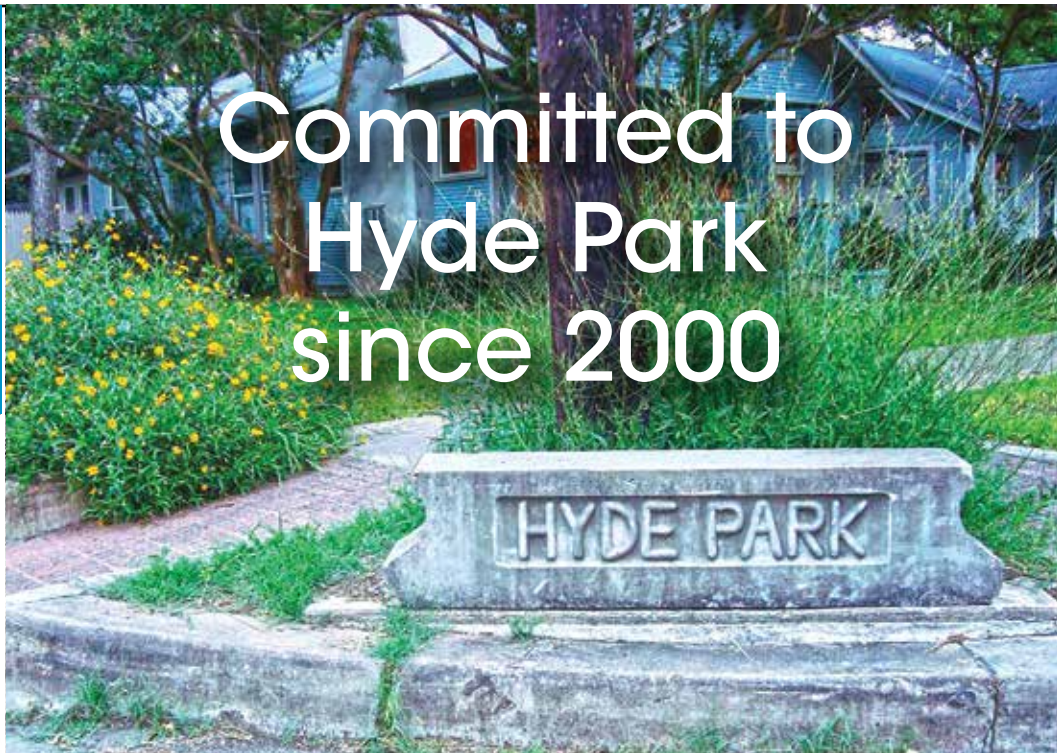
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Big Changes Ahead for Shipe Park

Our well-loved and equally well-used Shipe Park is about to undergo major renovations that will improve and enhance most of Shipe Park's popular features.

The largest project will be the renovation of the aging pools. Sadly, a recent inspection determined that the current pool's pump and leaking shell would not last for even one more season. The old pool will be replaced with a deep pool and a separate smaller wading pool, both reconfigured inside the slightly expanded footprint of the existing big pool. The new fenced pool will also have a wonderful bathhouse with plenty of toilets and changing areas as well as storage rooms for the lifeguards. The funky bathrooms in the log cabin will also be replaced by two new ADA-accessible bathrooms and a storage room. The current wading pool will be filled in and reclaimed for more picnic and play area, and some sidewalks will be removed to better help sustain our two treasured historic live oaks. The "big-kid" swings will be relocated to the space in the former wading pool area to avoid further drastic trimming of live oak branches.

The pool renovation funds cover the new construction and the bathrooms in the cabin as well as some of the filling in and reclamation of the old wading pool. But to complete the job – most importantly restoring the entire cabin and finishing the reclamation of the wading pool – the neighborhood will be asked to pitch in with funds, some sweat equity, and assistance in applying for grants. The degree to which we are able to leverage the funds the city has already allocated will determine what the park looks like and how it functions for decades to come.

Friends of Shipe Park (FOS) is dedicated to begin the fundraising and support needed to see these projects to completion, but we will need your help in the coming months with both financial and volunteer support to make sure the park is in peak condition for many generations to enjoy. Please visit Friends of Shipe Park Facebook page or website or email *Alison@alisonyoungdesign.com* for more information on how you can help with fundraising parties, social media and community outreach, or construction management.

Following is a timeline and cost estimate for the new projects:

- June 11, 2017 – Shipe Pool Closing Party. Come say goodbye and thanks to the old pool and learn more about what's ahead for the park. Want to help set up for the party? Contact us!
- August, 2017 – Removal of ball moss from park trees. FOS applied for a \$4000 grant from the Forestry Department for this. Awarding of the grant is pending.
- November 4, 2017 – It's My Park Day. This year we are hosting a second IMPD, with the focus this

fall on removing gravel from the big swing area and helping convert it to a shady mulched picnic and bench area. Volunteers are needed to help publicize the event and to work 1 to 3 hours on November 4.

- November, 2017-May, 2018 – New pool construction, funded by the city of Austin, begins.
- November, 2017-May, 2018 – Log cabin renovation, roof repair, and chinking between logs will be done during pool construction. Complete renovation of the cabin depends on neighborhood support.
- To be Determined – The old swing set will be replaced by new swings and relocated to the former wading pool area. FOS is working with the Parks Department to find out what resources they have to dedicate to replacing the gravel with mulch, turf, and the engineered mulch required below the equipment and with the neighborhood to determine what it can contribute to complete this area. We are forecasting costs of up to \$10,000 to accomplish this, which includes cost for new picnic tables, mulch, swings, and benches. We hope to have this area complete before the new pool opens.
- May, 2018 – New pool opens.
- 2018 – The Playground Department for Austin Parks and Recreation will request a bond budget for funds to replace existing aging playscapes. Completion of the new playground is expected to be completed within 5 years. Neighbors will have the opportunity to review the playground design.

– Jill Nokes



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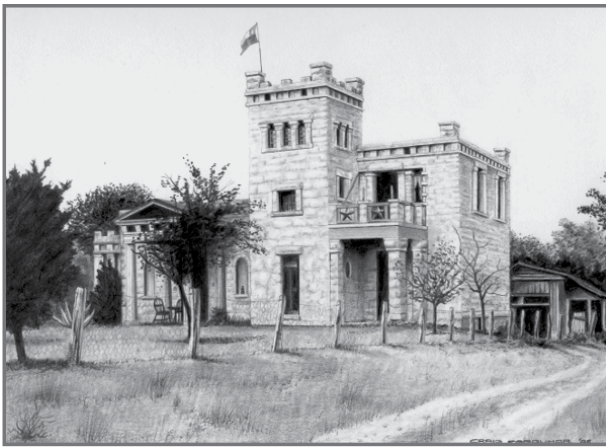
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News from the Ney

As you probably noticed, Ney Day was postponed due to bad weather predictions. After all, even UT was worried the weather - for graduation! But don't fret: Ney Day is now scheduled for Saturday, June 10, from noon to 5 pm. The Ney will have much the same program that was scheduled for May, featuring Las Tesoros de San Antonio at 1 pm, The Jones Family Singers at 2 pm, Riders Against the Storm at 3 pm, and Ruby Fray at 4 pm. There will still be lots of booths, art activities, food truck, and a new addition: between bands, there will be fiction readings by Austin writers, presented with help from the Texas Book Festival. So mark your calendar for June 10 for a great event: the Fifth Annual Ney Day, celebrating women in the arts, sciences, and civic culture!

Another perennial favorite – the Artswap – comes to the Ney on Saturday, June 24! This program will start at 10 am and run through 2 pm. Presented in collaboration with Big Medium, the people who produce the EAST and WEST Austin studio tours, it will also feature free breakfast tacos along the creek. Meanwhile, artists will be assembling tables and bringing their wares – mostly art, art supplies, finished and unfinished projects, and more – and offering it up for trade! Feel free to bring a table full of work to trade, either work you made or work you just have. Also think: What do I have at home that I'd trade for art? Make a list, then bring it. Then propose a swap! Offer an item for trade and start negotiating. Only one rule: nothing can be swapped for cash. Go home happy with all new treasures!

Coming in July: Meet Her Hands, the Ney Museum's collaboration with BossbabesATX, continues!



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[The numbers in parentheses refer to the number of letters in the answers.]

1. It's #3 and full of dos and don'ts. (9)
2. Apparently, he got it right about beating the Assyrians. (6)
3. Source of the song, Turn, Turn, Turn. (12)
4. In the beginning was this. (7)
5. Longest letter Paul wrote was to them. (6)
6. Letter written to Jewish Christians? (7)
7. Story of Persian girl who becomes queen. (6)
8. Supposedly, songs of King David. (6)
9. Remember: only one apocalyptic vision. (10)
10. Poems about destruction of Jerusalem. (12)
11. Is it the truth he was the CPA in the NT? (7)
12. Solomon's take on right conduct, etc. (8)
13. Prophet know for complaining and performance art? (8)
14. For the math majors? (7)
15. Opens referring to death of Joshua. (6)
16. Sounds like some big dudes in NT. (10)
17. He was not auditioning for a circus job. (6)
18. Cool Hand in the NT? (4)
19. Took over after Moses croaked. (6)
20. Title is Greek mistranslation ("2nd Law") of original Hebrew: (11)

Answers on page 14

A Park, a Tree, and a Baby Owl

After extensive examination, including sonograms and consultations with international experts, it was determined last fall that our beloved post oak, on the north end of the Shipe Park log cabin, needs to be removed. The tissue inside the tree is not stable and it is a security risk for the log cabin, pump house, and park visitors. The removal was scheduled for Tuesday, May 16. The evening before, Alison Young and Matt Baugh met at the tree to discuss possible harvesting of the wood when they spotted a baby owl - a Great Horned Owl!



Although the nesting site is well known, there have been no reported sightings of the parent owls in recent months. The baby owl, only about 10" tall, was perched outside its big nesting hole, sometimes hopping but not flying, indicating that it is too young to fly. The Forestry Department was immediately notified and the tree removal was postponed until the fledglings leave the nest in the autumn.

According to *Owlpages.com*, "Great Horned Owls are extremely aggressive when defending the nest and will continue to attack until the intruder is killed or driven off. Normally, two to four eggs are laid and incubated by the female only for 26-35 days. Young start roaming from the nest onto nearby branches at 6 to 7 weeks, but cannot fly well until 9 to 10 weeks old. They are fed for another few weeks as they are slowly weaned. Families remain loosely associated during summer before young disperse in the autumn.

Adults tend to remain near their breeding areas year-round while juveniles disperse widely, over 250 km in the autumn. Territories are maintained by the same pair for as many as 8 consecutive years; however, these owls are solitary in nature, only staying with their mates during the nesting season. Average home ranges in various studies have been shown to be approximately 2.5 square kms."

Let's hope these babies get airborne soon so they can find a nesting site of their own nearby. They are magnificent creatures, averaging 2' tall, have a distinctive "ho ho ho hooooo" call, and are active from dusk until dawn. If you spot the parents or baby owls, take pictures but please do not disturb them. Any sightings can be reported on the Hyde Park Yahoo group, Nextdoor, and *inaturalist.com*.

— Alison Young

Hyde Park Contact Team Minutes: April 24, 2017

The meeting came to order around 7 pm. Because Chair Adrian Skinner was not present, the meeting proceeded as a conversation among attendees.

The Hyde Park Contact Team is in need of officers. No volunteer for Secretary has stepped forward since the term ended for the previous secretary; co-Chair Kristen Remeza has resigned; and Vice Chair Kathy Lawrence is looking for a replacement.

Susan Moffat will consider taking the position of Secretary in the Fall. Lorre Weidlich agreed to run for co-Chair. No volunteers were forthcoming for Vice Chair, but the request for volunteers will remain open. Interested parties should contact either Chair Adrian Skinner at adrian.h.skinner@gmail.com or Vice Chair Kathy Lawrence at klawrencetexas@yahoo.com. No vote was taken. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

There was a discussion about CodeNEXT. The joint Hyde Park Neighborhood Association-Hyde Park Contact Team CodeNEXT Committee has met twice. There is a need for a meeting of representatives from neighborhoods with NCCDs (there are six in Austin) with city staff, because Karen McGraw has

been unable to get answers from city staff about the future of NCCDs under CodeNEXT. Karen has detailed questions to ask city staff on the topic. Plans for a meeting are in progress. There will be a District 9 meeting about Code NEXT on June 3, with District 9 City Council Member Kathie Tovo. At the recent ANC Sector 5 meeting, attendees expressed concern over CodeNEXT. There was an announcement about an upcoming meeting sponsored by Community Not Commodity to oppose CodeNEXT. Lorre Weidlich provided an overview of the recent CodeNEXT committee meetings and the city presentation about neighborhood character. Susan Moffat presented her concerns about potential zoning changes around schools due to CodeNEXT. She also stated that, in her review of the CodeNEXT document, she had found numerous technical errors.

There was a discussion about Baker School, but no action was taken.

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CodeNEXT Resolution...

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Therefore, be it resolved, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association requests the following remedies from the City of Austin with regard to CodeNEXT:

- The inclusion of all the protections currently enjoyed by Austin residents;
- Respect for the neighborhood planning process and all existing neighborhood plans;
- The restoration of public and board or commission input into development decisions and removal of unilateral administrative authority;
- The application to each geographical area of zoning that corresponds to existing zoning for that area or differs from existing zoning only in accord with the neighborhood plan for that area;
- The inclusion of all Flood Mitigation Task Force recommendations;
- The inclusion of protections against gentrification;
- The creation of NCCD-specific transects to translate the existing NCCDs into the language and structure of CodeNEXT;
- The retention of the NCCD tool for additional neighborhoods that want to make use of it for their protection and preservation; and
- Changes in the adoption process for CodeNEXT, including a realistic timeline and an easier, more direct method for citizen input and open public discussion.



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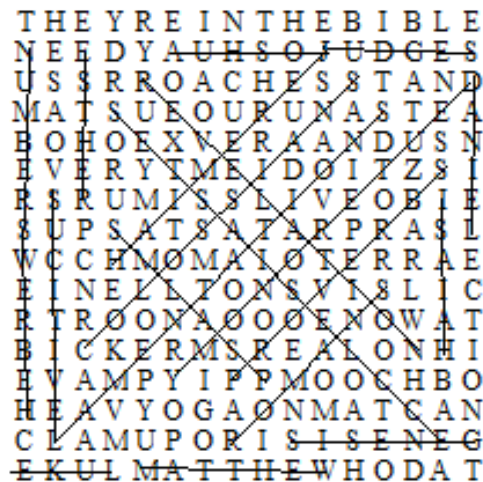
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Attend the Flag Day Parade on June 14

Wednesday, June 14th is Flag Day, and for the 24th year in a row, Hyde Park vexillologist Jim Ellinger will host a Flag Day Celebration.

Because Flag Day falls in the middle of the week, and because of the mood of the nation, the event will be somewhat toned down this year. Instead of a Flag Parade starting at the Flag Store at 45th and Duval, flag fans will gather at the circle park at Eilers Avenue and Fairfield Lane, where events will begin at 6:00 pm. Homemade, international, antique, and unusual flags are especially welcome.

At 6:30 pm, flag bearers will run around the circle park two times, ending beneath the giant Texas Flag hanging over the street. Numerous houses in the neighborhood will display flags in front of their homes.

Following the Flag Run, awards will be presented to the best flags in each category and participants can enjoy soft drinks and a neighborhood potluck in the back yards of neighbors at the circle park.

The event will last from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. For more information, contact Jim Flag at 512-796-4332.

See highlights of last year's parade at <http://kxan.com/2016/06/14/flag-day-celebrated-in-hyde-park/>.

— Jim Ellinger

Hyde Park Poets —

Spring

The ground is swelling
Narcissus sits by a spring
He likes what he sees

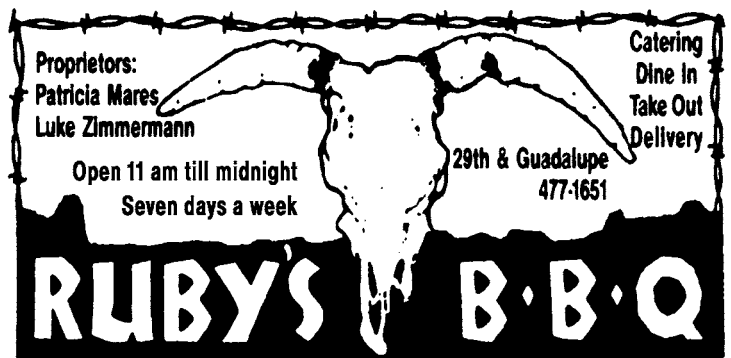
— Adam Callaway

Shipe Park Party... ...cont'd from page 1

for pre-party coordination and at the party. Email me at alison@alisonyoungdesign.com for information on how you can help.

For updated party information, check the Friends of Shipe Park Facebook page.

— Alison Young



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