

November Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, November 6, 2017

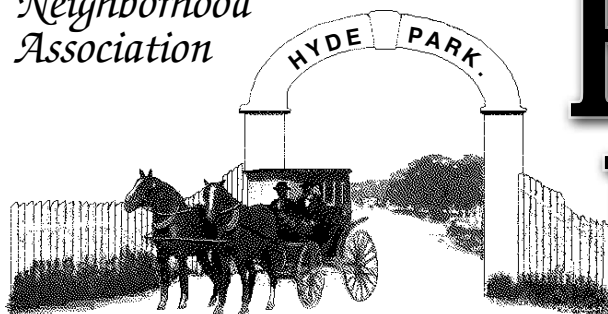
Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for November 6

- Announcements
- Sarah Cook: Report on the Fire Station Festival
- Reid Long: Update from the Baker School Working Group
- *The regular HPNA meeting will adjourn after 30 minutes to clear the floor for a community update on Shipe Pool presented by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments.*

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Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour Celebrates Forty Years

Forty years ago, people had to be convinced to buy a house in Hyde Park. The neighborhood's older homes were filled with renters and poor UT students, and PBS had not yet started the series "This Old House." At that time, the idea of restoring or remodeling vintage homes was daunting. Many

homes became neglected and were torn down, and apartments began appearing in their place. Hyde Park housing, which was built predominantly from the 1890s to the 1930s, was not considered historic; it was "old."

But the truly adventurous became inspired by the challenges of owning and restoring an older house. They purchased these homes for a song, and then poured blood, sweat, and tears into making them more habitable. They began leading annual walking tours to point out their successes and important landmarks, and they became evangelists for the history, architecture, and period details of what has now become one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in Central Austin. Over the years, the neighborhood tour has opened the doors of homes that are architecturally remarkable and simple, homes that are restored and modernized, and homes that had renowned and working-class owners.

On Sunday, November 12, the Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour will mark its 40th anniversary. In reaching this milestone, the neighborhood is featuring seven outstanding homes that represent what is wonderfully creative about Austin's Hyde Park. The homes that illustrate this year's theme, "Forty, Funky, and Fabulous," include the following:

Zimmerli-Rosenquist House (4014 Avenue H). Constructed in 1903, this landmark cottage has Colonial Revival and Queen Anne influences. It is also

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and*

The City of Austin Public Works Department

**Invite All Interested Parties
to a Community Meeting for an
Update on Shipe Pool
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Griffin School, 5001 Evans**

The following areas will be discussed:

New Construction Timeline

Shade Features

Log Cabin

Tree Removal

Sidewalks on Avenue G

A Fire Station Festival to Remember!

We did it again! During the 43rd Annual Fire Station Festival, we pulled together a community of neighbors to honor our fire fighters and express appreciation for our fire station # 9, and hundreds of people had a great time in the process. We dressed up in Halloween costumes and brought pets and loved ones for a Halloween parade through the avenues, complete with balloons and prizes for participants.

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From the Desk of the President



Last month, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association held elections and many people who have spent years faithfully serving this neighborhood rolled off the Steering Committee. We owe all of the officers and Steering Committee members a great debt for the countless hours and blood, sweat, and tears that they devoted to make our neighborhood the wonderful and livable place it is. In keeping with the spirit of the Thanksgiving season, I want to spend this column thanking those who are transitioning off the Steering Committee and wish them the best in their upcoming projects and responsibilities.

First, Mark Fishman, who is transitioning off the Steering Committee, has been a critical voice for the parks and green spaces within the neighborhood. He is one of the lead organizers for It's My Park Day at Shipe Park and he is critically involved in the upkeep of Huffstickler Green. While he will remain as the chair of our Parks and Public Space Committee, his critical voice on these issues, which have been major issues during recent months, will be missed.

Also rotating off the Steering Committee is Joan Burnham, who has served the neighborhood in a number of roles. In addition to being an active and engaged Steering Committee member, Joan has been the organizer of our holiday party for several years. That particular event owes its success largely to Joan's dedication and hard work.

Additionally, Paula Rhodes, who stepped up to fill a one-year unexpired term, is leaving the

Steering Committee. While Paula was only on the Steering Committee for a year, she provided a calm and reasoned voice for numerous discussions. Her willingness to fill this role is much appreciated, and we hope that she will be able to return to the Steering Committee in the near future.

Finally, the last person who is transitioning off the Steering Committee is Kathy Lawrence. Kathy has served for the last four years as co-Vice President and has been a leader in the neighborhood. During that time, Kathy helped to coordinate the campaign that led to the capture of Pearl Moen in the November, 2015 stabbing case and has continued to actively be involved with that case as it makes its way through the legal system. Recently, she was instrumental in the letter-writing campaign regarding the possible parole of Ms. Moen after only a few months in jail due to an error in the legal code. In addition to this critical role, Kathy has been actively engaged in all of our neighborhoods initiatives and has provided an invaluable source of counsel and wisdom to myself and the other Steering Committee members as we have worked to advance neighborhood causes. Her presence leaves a large hole to fill in our leadership team.

While each of these individuals leaves a shadow across our new officers and Steering Committee members, I know that the new team – including new members

Charlie Sawtelle, Phil Seibert, and Lisa Harris, who have stepped up to fill their slots – is more than capable of following their examples and advancing the neighborhood even further.

– Reid Long
HPNA President

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Fire Station Festival...

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Once at the Fire Station, we enjoyed the awesome sounds of the Soul Supporters and the McCallum Drum Line, and many neighbors decorated Quack's cookies, got henna tattoos from Henna Arts, went fishing and tossed beanbags, toured the fire truck, adopted amazing balloon animals from Zippy is Silly, and enjoyed outstanding refreshments. Thanks to our State Senator Kirk Watson and our County Com-

missioner Brigid Shea for visiting with us on such a beautiful day.

Huge thanks go out to our sponsors, especially Grande Communications, who help the HPNA cover the expenses associated with the event. Many of our area businesses helped us with food and drink: Fresh-Plus Grocery, Wheatsville Coop, Hyde Park Bar & Grill, and NeWorlDeli. Toybrary and Wheatsville offered gift certificates to our costume contest winners.

Also, we could not pull off the event without the kind support of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, who provided many chairs, coolers, and countless volunteers; we thank June Spikes and others for coordinating that effort. Special thanks to Quackenbush's 43rd Street Bakery, manager Heather, and other volunteers for the second year of excellent cookie decorating.



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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.austinhypark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6.

Submission Information

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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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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Minutes: October 2, 2017

The October Meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:06 pm, October 2, 2017, by Kevin Heyburn, co-President.

The agenda was as follows:

- Announcements
- A discussion of the plans for the Baker School property, from Richard Weiss representing the Alamo Drafthouse.
- Elections
- A presentation by County Commissioner Brigid Shea describing, in particular, the upcoming bond election for Travis County.

Announcements

Kathy Lawrence introduced Katie (who prefers her last name not be used), the victim of the knife attack on November 17, 2015 that occurred on Speedway. Katie shared the following:

- It was an unprovoked attack by Pearl Moen on a Saturday morning.
- Ms. Moen was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 15 years.
- Now, after only nine months in prison, Ms. Moen is up for parole.
- Katie requests that we write protest letters to the Parole Board, encouraging them to deny Ms. Moen's application.
- Ms. Moen is eligible for parole because Attempted Murder is not classified as a 3G crime, which is a specific list of crimes for which the time before parole eligibility is considerably longer.
- As a result, good behavior reduces her time until eligibility for parole from 1/4 of the original sentence to 1/8.

Katie then took a few questions:

Q: Where is Ms. Moen located?

A: At Hilltop, which is near Killeen. The hearing is expected to be in Austin.

Q: Has Ms. Moen's mother, who's been involved in this case, been heard from?

A: Not at this point.

Q: Didn't her mother wait to turn her in?

A: She did. Then her daughter threatened her with a knife.

Q: Are you getting Victims' Assistance support?

A: Yes.

Kevin Heyburn added that we had three students from the UT School of Social Work in attendance. They were looking for long-time residents or others familiar with the neighborhood and its history who would be willing to be interviewed for a school project.

Kevin also mentioned that volunteers were still needed for the Hyde Park Homes Tour, which will take

place on November 12. All volunteers get a free ticket (\$25 this year) and an invitation to the after-party.

Elections

Adam Wilson brought us up to date on the Nominating Committee, with specific kudos and thanks to Kevin Heyburn (4 years as co-President), Lorre Weidlich (*Pecan Press* editor, a former co-President, now incoming co-Treasurer), and Lisa Harris (a former President who is rejoining the Steering Committee). In addition, the current slate was put to a vote of the general membership, where it passed 27 - 0 with no abstentions.

Kevin added kudos to Adam and the Nominating Committee, and further kudos to Bonnie Neel who, despite living just outside the neighborhood, has volunteered to act as co-Secretary in the upcoming term.

Alamo Drafthouse Presentation

Richard Weiss was next, presenting on Alamo Drafthouse's plans for the Baker School property.

When AISD put out the request for proposals regarding the property, Alamo "fell in love." There is no full design at this point in time. They want to hear from the neighborhood before getting as far as formal plans. They do, however, have a vision. They foresee a creative community campus, including artists' studios, non-profits, galleries, and the like.

Some specifics include the following:

- The property is ~190,000 square feet.
- The Baker School building itself is ~60,000 square feet.
- The zoning they are seeking is CS-MU(V)-CO-NP (H)
- They are seeking a variance on parking, as the layout of the building, with its wide halls, provides less directly usable space than its floor area would indicate.

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Monthly Calendar November

- 6 — HPNA Meeting
- 9 — DRC Meeting
- 10 — Recycling Pickup
- 11 — Fall Harvest Family Day at the Ney
- 13 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 23 — Happy Turkey Day!
- 24 — Recycling Pickup
- 30 — Community Engagement Salon at the Ney

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purple. And it has goats and chickens roaming the yard. And it was the inspiration for this year's theme.



William T. & Valerie Mansbendel Williams House (3820 Avenue F). In 1934, famed master woodcarver Peter Mansbendel gave this home as a wedding gift to his daughter and her new husband. The city and state landmark is filled with period details and Mansbendel's artistic flourishes, including the likenesses of the bride and groom carved into the stone facade of the house.

Nash House (4210 Avenue D). Modern metal sculptures flood the front, back, and side gardens of this 1927 bubblegum-and-lime-green bungalow. A decade after it was built, the owners added an Austin Stone garage apartment, the accessory dwelling unit of the Great Depression.

Hildreth-Flanagan-Heierman House (3909 Avenue G). This outstanding 1902 Colonial Revival features turned wooden balustrades, columns with Doric capitals, and overlay Queen Anne underpinnings. It is also a city landmark that is featured on the tour for the first time in 36 years.

Phillips-Walker House (4212 Avenue F). This 1917 bungalow is leaving traditional behind. Although

it belonged to the same family for 68 years, the new owners are shaking things up, starting with its hot pink and baby blue exterior.

Dykes-Bertrand House (4206 Avenue H). This 1928 Tudor Revival, once home to Lady Bird Johnson's hairdresser, now features Louisiana artwork and an extensive rain garden (complete with faeries).

Kopperl House (4212 Avenue F). This 1896, late-Victorian city and state landmark is an excellent and unusually intact example of the decorative East-lake Style. The home also has six fireplaces, soaring 12-foot ceilings, a wrap-around verandah, William Morris-influenced details, and a vast bedroom suite in the attic.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online and on the day of the tour at Trinity Church of Austin at 4001 Speedway. The tour is open from 11 am to 5 pm, and parking is available in the church's lot after noon. The tour's website is www.hydeparkhometour.org.

The homes tour is the largest fundraiser for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, and hundreds of volunteers come together to plan and showcase the historic neighborhood.

The Hyde Park Homes Tour is generously presented by Suzanne Pringle of Kuper Sotheby's International Realty, and is also supported by sponsor donations and ticket sales.

— Carolyn Grimes

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Work in Progress, by Alison Young



The Hollow Interior, by Alison Young

Farewell, Old Friend. On September 25, the beloved heritage post oak that presided over the north side of the Shippe Park Log Cabin was removed after being diagnosed the previous spring with pronounced cavities, interior rot, and soft tissue disease. The City of Austin Forestry Department arranged for a site visit from an expert visiting from Germany to present a lecture at UT; he used special equipment to confirm the diagnosis. Additionally, it was revealed that up to 3' of dirt, probably from the original pool construction, had been placed around the base of the tree – more than triple the amount known to kill a tree over time. Removal was delayed for several months to allow for a family of Great Horned Owls to vacate their breeding nest. Once the tree was cut down, it was easy to see the severity of the interior damage, proving that the safety concerns about the tree dropping more huge branches or toppling over were justified. Matt Baugh, a local miller, removed the only pieces of good wood that remained to mill for use in upcoming park projects. Other pieces, including part of the trunk, were placed by the creek for seating. As sad as we all are to see it go, we feel blessed to have had it standing guard for so many years and are thankful it “went out on top,” as the saying goes.



CAP Metro Proposing Changes to Hyde Park Bus Routes.

In November, the board of Cap Metro will be voting on prospective service changes to take effect in June, 2018. See www.capmetro.org/june2018 for details. Among the proposed changes for Hyde Park will be the rerouting of #5 bus entirely out of Hyde Park and the replacement of #338 bus. #5 will no longer be available on Speedway and go through UT, but will move to Lamar-Burnet north of the river. The crosstown component of #338 would remain, but it would no longer continue all the way down Lamar. This is all part of a strategy intended to encourage a grid approach, with frequent north-south and east-west service. Unfortunately, it also means that service within the central city gets traded for better service

between outlying areas and downtown. It also turns many one-bus trips into two-bus trips. Austinites have the opportunity to comment through November 15, when the final decision will be made. Either send your comments to feedback@capmetro.org or call them in to 512-474-1200.



Dues Time. It's a new year for the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. All dues for the 2016-2017 year expired on September 30, and it's time to pay dues for the October 2017-September 2018 year. You can join at the November 6 (or any) general meeting or use the mail-in form in the *Pecan Press* to submit your \$5 dues per person for the year (\$1 for self-selected seniors); or you can pay with PayPal at Austin-HydePark.org (\$6 per person for the year). Everyone is always welcome at all of our neighborhood meetings and events, but dues payment is required to be able to vote on officers and issues. Members who renew within 6 months of their previous dues-paid year are eligible to vote immediately. New members and lapsed renewing members are eligible to vote 30 days after paying dues. We look forward to seeing you at the November meeting and the December Holiday Party.

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Fire Station Festival... ...cont'd from page 3



All photos by Lizzie Chen





And the biggest thanks go to a team of doers: Sarah Cook (event chair and problem solver), Jen Berbas (best logistics chair ever), Matt Ott (best flyer design), Judy Gurgiolo (thoughtful parade logistics), Deaton Bednar (marketing), Ashley Aarons (delicious refreshments), Anne Marie Griger (book drive), Mary LaTouf (music advisor), Linda van Bavel (advisor), and Leigh Ann McGehee (children's activities subcommittee). Thanks also to Michael Mitchell for running the fishing booth with such aplomb.



Finally, thanks to AFD Lieutenant Lee Kendrick and his C shift firefighters for their help at the event, and all firehouse members and Engine 9C for keeping neighbors in Hyde Park, and beyond, safe. We are grateful for you!

– Linda van Bavel and Sarah Cook



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Compost Art Contest a Unique Event. This year's Compost Art Contest, held at Jim Ellinger's north Hyde Park house on October 21, drew twice as many attendees as last year. Unique trophies that certainly fit into the "Keep Austin Weird" category – the result of hours of work with a glue gun by organizer Cindy Renell – proved to be a real draw. The Compost Pedalers, whose unique bicycles are a common sight in Hyde Park, brought one along to show off to the crowd. Noelle Bogaj, of Organics "By Gosh," gave an informative talk about the basics of composting and the City's much-anticipated roll out of curb side composting citywide. What other Austin contest has a pitch fork as first prize?



Oops! Department. In the previous issue of the *Pecan Press*, in the article about the history of Shipe Park, we reported that the city of Austin had purchased the land for Shipe Park from Colonel Shipe in 1928. Imagine our shock to discover, while doing other neighborhood-related research, that Colonel Shipe died in 1924! Obviously, the land was purchased not from him but from his heir. We regret the error.



Updated HPNA Website. If you have visited the HPNA website (austinhydepark.org) during the past year and a half, you will have noticed some changes. Our new webmaster, Graham Kunze, has over 20 years of experience in web design and it shows. Be sure to check out the new look and Graham's amazing photos of Hyde Park, including nature shots of our beloved parrots! His work builds on many months of content revision work by the Communications Committee, under the

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leadership of Sharon Brown. The site now features a Historic Hyde Park section with Hyde Park Treasures and Historic Landmarks; more detailed information about Hyde Park's various zoning ordinances; and a Resources Section with Area Public Schools, Hyde Park Voter Information, City of Austin contact information, the Friends of Shipe Park, and the Hyde Park Contact Team. For all this effort, thanks go to Sharon Brown, Betsy Clubine, Dana Wassarman, Ellie Hanlon, Debbie Wallenstein, Karen Saadeh, and Lorre Weidlich. We thank Hans Rhodes and Michael Crider; each served as webmaster during different parts of this ongoing effort.



Second Annual Halloween Movie Night a Big Success.

Neighbors came out to enjoy the nice weather and picnic in the field at Shipe Park on October 21 for the second annual Halloween Movie Night. The event featured the movie *Paranorman*, about a special kid who uses his unique pow-



The Winners

ers to save his town during a spooky crisis. Over a hundred neighbors relaxed on their blankets, tossed balls, enjoyed the swings, and dined on gourmet burgers by Wagyu on Wheels and delicious baked goods provided by our own Quack's Bakery. Many of the kids were dressed in elaborate costumes, and awards for the costume contest winners went to the Day of the Dead Twins, Zombie Girl, the Chicken Eating Monster, and Princess Leia and her Trooper brother. Each winner got a gift bag of treats, a specially decorated cookie, and a gold trophy! Another lucky family won a raffle for four tickets to Fiesta Texas, courtesy of Grande. Many thanks to the fine sponsors who made the event so special and who are so supportive of our community: Friends of Shipe Park, Grande Communications, and the Austin Parks Foundation. A great time was had by all and we look forward to the next movie night in the spring!



Baker Center Update. The Baker Center subcommittee has been meeting with representatives of the Alamo Drafthouse to begin developing a proposal for the future zoning of the Baker Center property. During this process, they will be discussing possible uses, massing of buildings and architectural features, parking, and traffic calming. The subcommittee hopes to have a final plan developed by mid-November and they plan both to present that plan to the general membership in December and to include a description in next month's *Pecan Press*. If you have any questions, please contact President Reid Long at Reid.Long@gmail.com.





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- They are anxious to designate the building a historic structure, which will protect it in perpetuity.
- They expect to use only about half of the space in the building themselves; the rest would be devoted to the aforementioned uses.
- They'd like to provide a library drop-off and a reading room.
- Their bid, at \$10.6 million, met the minimum but was by no means the highest. They were, however, the only proposal that would keep the Baker School building.
- They plan to build residential housing on the field (along the side of the property nearest Guadalupe).

Reid Long then mentioned that there was a subcommittee that was formed to work jointly with Alamo on a more specific proposal.

Richard then entertained some questions:

Q: (from a neighbor across the street on Avenue B) What are the plans for calming traffic on Avenue B? Parking can already be difficult; can more parking be moved onto the property itself? Can that block of Avenue B be made for friendly to residents?

A: Alamo is not a straight 8-to-5 kind of office. In addition, many bike to work, which is specifically encouraged. The parking is primarily needed in order to get permits.

Q: When Baker was turned into an office building, AISD was going to pave much of the space (to the neighborhood's chagrin). The need for flood abatement dissuaded them from doing that.

A: Alamo will try to work with the City to calm traffic and not cause a burden on residential parking.

Q: What would be the driveway access for the proposed apartments?

A: Likely they will use the existing driveways; the alley is another possibility.

Q: Is it true that this plan would have less impact than the other proposals?

A: Yes.

Q: It appears you are trying to do too much in a relatively small space. Can you do with less?

A: It's really not that much.

Q: Will the interior integrity of the building be preserved?

A: It's currently quite a patchwork, as changes have been made over the years. Bringing it back to original condition would be made more difficult by the asbestos that's present. In addition, there's not a sprinkler system. Things would have to be brought up to modern code in order to get a Certificate-of-Occupancy.

Q: What about the outbuildings?

A: As they were built in the early 1950s, they are contributing structures.

Q: What about the building's windows?

A: There will be a delicate balance between historic preservation and utility (energy efficiency and so forth).

Reid Long requested that anyone who has questions or concerns contact him as representative of the Subcommittee.

Richard Weiss added that Alamo is looking at this as its permanent home.

County Commissioner Brigid Shea

Next on the agenda was County Commissioner Brigid Shea.

Brigid Shea came to Austin in 1988. She had previously been an award-winning journalist with NPR. She's a former member of the Austin City Council. She was a founder of the Save Our Springs Alliance, which forestalled planned development by Freeport-McMoran in the early 1990s.

There's a Travis County Bond Election this November. As it's typically a low-turnout election, it is important that we vote.

- Travis County is, as a rule, rather frugal; the bond proposal is modest: \$91 million for parks and park improvement, \$94 million for roads, bike lanes and trails, and safety.
- The parks money will support endangered species and protected areas, including acquiring property along riparian and creek areas.
- Of the road funds, some are for capacity, for finishing out, for example, Grand Avenue Parkway. It runs nearly from Mopac to I35, but was never completed. The only East-West route in the area is Wells Branch Parkway.
- Most of the rest is for low-water-crossing projects; Spicewood Springs Road is one example. In general, we have built for 100-year floods; 500-year floods have become increasingly (and disturbingly) common.
- The tax impact on an average (\$305,000) home within the county will be \$25/year.
- Despite all this, there will likely be activity on the anti-bond side of things, because some believe that government should not provide services.

Commissioner Shea also spoke of the appraisal process: The system is heavily tilted toward commercial real estate, effectively shifting the cost onto residential owners. Much of this tilt is due to the fact that Texas is a non-disclosure state; the size of a commercial real estate transaction need not be disclosed, making accurate appraisals difficult. There are a couple of rare pieces of good news:

A new classification has been created for older homes that have not received extensive renovation.

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TCAD has been data mining, looking for houses that are primarily being used as short term rentals or those that have been extensively upgraded.

Commissioner Shea also announced that she is running for re-election.

Commissioner Shea answered some questions:

Q: If you lose a spouse or get divorced, any exemptions you had go away until you re-apply. Such application must be made by March 1st.

A: Sounds like a job for (State Senator and former Mayor) Kirk Watson!

Q: How are apartments handled on appraisals?

A: In general the owners protest - and often prevail.

Q: Is there an attempt to de-list the Golden Cheeked Warbler from the Endangered Species list?

A: They're doing better, but the recent request to delist them was rejected by the Fish and Wildlife department.

Q: The Bee Creek Sports Complex looks expensive. Why?

A: First of all, they're in the only precinct that does not have such a complex. Some of the expense stems from the fact that the land is rather hilly. In addition, the City of Lakeway donated the land.

Q: Are these projects full cost?

A: Roads are a 50/50 cost share with DOT. Not sure if there's a parkland dedication on county land.

Q: What about drainage issues?

A: The county is fairly strict on the floodplain, but has limited powers outside of that. We need a Flood Control District, because the issues are large (and likely to get larger).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm by Kevin Heyburn.

– Submitted by Arthur Gold
(signing off as co-Secretary. Thanks!)

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Word Find: Fake Sciences

By Der Brat

(The numbers in parentheses refer to the number of letters in the answer.)

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 T R I C K S T E R N J O O X S
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Clues:

- In the Himalayas he is called a yeti. (7)
- What do the stars tell us? (9)
- with 4. It's how we know things beyond our normal senses. (12)
- with 3. (10)
- with 6. and 7. A person just bursts into flames. (11)
- with 5. and 7. (5)
- with 5 and 6. (10)
- LGM* come take us away! (5,10)
- LGM's vehicle? (6,6)
- with 11. A spooky place east of Florida? (7)
- with 10. (8)
- Spirits from Africa via Haiti? (6)
- Scottish home of famous monster? (4,4)
- Balance one's Qi using needles? (11)
- Cure anything by manipulating the spine? (12)
- Permanent resident of haunted houses? (5)
- Fake sciences. (14)

* LGM = little green men

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Starting at 6:30 on the evening of Thursday, November 30, the museum will be hosting another Community Engagement Salon. The Elisabet Ney Museum means a lot to a lot of folks, from all over town, the state, and even the world. What does it mean to you? Do you have any suggestions? Activities will bring thoughts together and come up with cool program ideas. Talk about it over refreshments.

As always, all events are free and open to the public.

Word Find Answers

- 1)BIGFOOT; 2)ASTROLOGY;
- 3)EXTRASENSORY; 4)PERCEPTION;
- 5)SPONTANEOUS; 6)HUMAN;
- 7)COMBUSTION; 8)ALIEN ABDUCTION;
- 9)FLYING SAUCER; 10)BERMUDA;
- 11)TRIANGLE; 12)VOODOO; 13)LOCH NESS;
- 14)ACUPUNCTURE; 15)CHIROPRACTIC;
- 16)GHOST; 17)PSEUDOSCIENCES

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Off the Cuff

The remarks were off-the-cuff, unplanned and unrehearsed,
Off the cuff, I wondered, where did that phrase come from
Was the speech written on the cuff of his/her shirt? Then,
Wouldn't it be, "on the cuff", I wondered

McGraw-Hill Dictionary of American idioms says,
"Spontaneous, without preparation or rehearsal..."
Cambridge Idioms Dictionary says, "an off-the-cuff
Remark is one that is not planned (always before noun)"

But...they are not telling me what I want to know, like
What cuff? Whose cuff? What would "On the cuff" mean?
A further search uncovered a link to great amusement:

<http://languagelog ldc.upenn.edu/nll/?p=4130>

*http colon double slash (my teeth begin to gnash)
language log . eye dee cee dot upenn dot ee-dee-you slash en el el slash
question mark pee equals four-one-three-zero*

Wherein is Charlie Chaplin practicing to sing in a cafe
But, he cannot remember the words and so
He writes them down upon his paper cuff
(a note: detachable and disposable, paper cuffs
were all the rage and quite suitable for note-taking)

Well, you know, with Mr. Chaplin, one really could not know
So when, of course, his detachable cuffs detached
He had to sing his song without them and he did so
Then and there, and even though it was rather rough
He pulled that song right out even though it was without
I mean it was "off-the-cuff"

So there, my friends, you have it, the origin of the phrase
Although I doubt rather seriously, that this will bring me praise,
Luckily, I am not paid for this so I will not get a raise
Though pondering such idioms as this
Will amuse me for many days.

— Herzele
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