

October Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, October 5, 2020
Where: via Zoom

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for October 5

- Introductions
- D9 Council Member Kathie Tovo
- Vote: HPNA Officer Elections, Nominations Committee
- Announcements

Zoom Information

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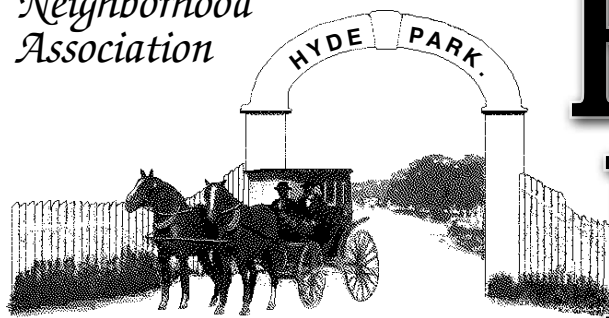
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Future of Hancock Golf Course Weighed

Hancock Golf Course, located at Red River and 41st Street, is once again the focus of proposed changes by the city's Parks and Recreation Department (PARC). As reported in the *Austin American-Statesman* in 2019, the City of Austin paid National Golf Foundation Consulting almost \$50,000 to produce a report on its municipal golf courses.

The May, 2019 report singled out for criticism the city's \$500,000 per year payment to the University of Texas to operate Lion's Municipal Golf Course in west Austin. This has required a "reallocation of taxpayer money" of up to several hundred thousand dollars per year to make up for the red ink of the Lions Municipal lease. To draw down this deficit, the report identified Hancock Golf Course as a potential revenue source. It pointed out that Hancock is operating at a loss and, like Lions Municipal, is an aging facility in need of costly updates. The report underscored that, were it not for the payments to UT, the city could have used the money from its other four profitable courses to fund needed maintenance work and improvements at Hancock. Given existing constraints, the report recommended that Hancock Golf Course be eliminated and the land either be converted to a passive park or leased to a private company for use as a pitch-and-putt course (non-golfers: a very short course using only 2 or 3 clubs).

Hancock Golf Course is of considerable historical significance. It is widely considered to be one of the – if not the – oldest continuously operating golf courses west of the Mississippi. The course was founded in 1899 by former Austin mayor Lewis Hancock as the Austin Golf Club and over the next decade moved east from Duval Street to its present location, according to a history compiled for the Hancock Neighborhood Association (HNA) by John W. Ramzy. Building a succession of clubhouses (one of which is now a private residence at East 39th Street) due to fires and membership growth, the group evolved into the Austin Country Club. By 1913, the original 9-hole golf course had expanded to 18 holes, and the Hancock course regularly hosted golf tournaments that attracted well-known golfers. It was also played by top women golfers – in long skirts, the proper attire of the day – and was the home course of Julia Pease, daughter of the governor. The celebrated Austin golfer Harvey Penick, author of the iconic *Little Red Book*, got his first paid job in golf at the Hancock course following his graduation from high school. Lyndon Johnson, John Connally, and J.J. (Jake) Pickle were members.

Shipe Park Update

On Sunday, September 6, the chlorine tank for Shipe Pool overflowed and the resulting spill damaged the basketball court and entered the creek.

The spill was caused by water backflowing into the chlorine tank, causing it to overflow the tank and spill out onto the courts. While the tanks themselves are practically leakproof, they must have a back flow preventer to keep them from overflowing. Unfortunately, the pool contractor did not install a back flow preventer for some reason. The accident was reported to PARC and the maintenance person on call was dispatched to the scene. He stopped the spill and did not report seeing any signs of the spill into the creek (there might not have been visible signs yet). Neither Jodi Jay, head of Aquatics, nor the Watershed Department were informed at that time.

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Friends,

A few years back, in anticipation of a visit by then newly appointed City Manager Spencer Cronk, we surveyed neighbors to find out what they liked most about living in Hyde Park and what they would like to change or improve.

Walkability ticked both boxes. Respondents love Hyde Park for its tree-lined streets, human-scale architecture, and pedestrian- and bike-friendly vibe, but many offered that they would like to see even better mobility: street visibility, sidewalk infrastructure, crosswalks, and better overall pedestrian safety.

Many projects could impact mobility within Hyde Park in the next year. On the ballot in November, there's Project Connect (improved

public transit funded, in part, by a city property tax increase) along with the Active Mobility program (improved sidewalks, bikeways, and trails, which would be funded by bond issues). A local bikeway project, city-funded but not yet formalized, plans to ease the journey for bikers traveling between Guadalupe and Airport through the use of traffic-calming measures and signage on 46th and 47th Streets. The Healthy Streets project, which has limited Avenue G to local traffic between 38th Street and 55th Street, might be extended beyond September 30. And these are just the projects that are in the works!

There remain the perennial questions about pedestrian safety and sidewalks, which are particularly scarce north of 45th Street; maintenance of bike lanes along

Duval and Speedway; and poor visibility at key intersections. While many of us have been lulled in the past six months by fewer cars on neighborhood streets, this is changing as the economy reopens. Moreover, already underway upgrades to HHSC's campus on Guadalupe between 46th Street and 51st Street will increase car trips to the area and local traffic. If you are concerned about these issues and want to shape the direction of HPNA's response and get involved in meaningful projects, please contact us at hydeparkna@gmail.com.

One of the great pleasures of moving around and through Hyde Park is patronizing the small businesses here. The pandemic has hit our small but vibrant local restaurant, coffeehouse, and business scene hard. If your schedule and budget allows, please take some time to visit your favorite shop. If you work at one of these establishments, we encourage you to share news of hours, offerings, and menu selections online on the IO group or NextDoor. Tell neighbors where they're needed and what they can expect.

We hope you can join us on Zoom on Monday, October 5 at 7 pm for the October HPNA meeting. Guest speaker, Council Member Tovo, will share details about the two ballot items discussed above and HPNA members will vote on the nominated slate of Steering Committee candidates. As always, you don't have to be a member to attend.

Best wishes,

— *Betsy Clubine and Sarah Cook
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Election 2020: What You Need to Know, Part 2

Note: Part 1 was published in the September issue of the *Pecan Press*. It included information about applications for voter registration and vote by mail; ID requirements and available accommodations for in-person voting; and volunteer opportunities for poll workers and to help get out the vote. It is archived at www.austinhidelpark.org.

Deadlines

- Last day to register to vote: Monday, October 5.
- Last day to apply for Ballot by Mail: Friday, October 23.

Early Voting

- October 13-30. Hours: Monday – Saturday 7 – 7, Sunday 12 – 6.
- If you are concerned about crowds, early voting is your best option.
- Be advised that the state recommends but does not require masks at polling locations.
- Nearest early voting locations to Hyde Park:
 - UT Flawn Academic Center, UT Gregory Gym (paid parking on Speedway north of Dean Keeton or on San Jacinto south of Dean Keeton).
 - Holiday Inn, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road.
 - Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Drive.
 - Austin Recreation Center at House Park, 1301 Shoal Creek Boulevard.
 - Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center, 7500 Blessing Avenue.
 - Austin Central Library has been designated as a Mega-Center. It will be open until 9 pm on October 28, 29, and 30.
- For a complete list of early voting locations, scroll down to **Polling Locations** at <https://countyclerk.traviscountytx.gov/elections/current-election.html>. This website will also post sample ballots, a Voters' Guide prepared by the League of Women Voters, and current wait times at polling places.

- To verify that your vote was counted:
 - You can use the same website listed above and go to **Election Day and Early Voting Roster**. Select the day you voted, whether you voted by mail or in person, and find your name. This is available from October 13.
 - You can also phone the Travis County Clerk's office to make sure your vote has been counted or for other questions: 512-854-4996.

Mail Ballots

- Submit mail ballots early. If you have not received your mail ballot by October 13, call 512-854-4996.
- To be counted, mail ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the next business day (November 4). Voters concerned about current mail service may hand-deliver their ballots (see below).
- Be mindful of your signature. The signature on the back of the ballot envelope must match the signature on the mail ballot application, but this is highly subjective. You must be notified if your ballot is rejected due to the signature. If you are concerned, check with the county clerk's office (see Early Voting above).
- Texas law limits options for hand-delivering mail ballots. The voter must deliver his or her own mail ballot. If you take this option, bring acceptable identification, because it will be checked before your ballot is accepted.
- There will be three drop locations for mailed ballots. Two will be downtown drive-thru locations

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Membership Information	Submission Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.austinhidelpark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@mail2sevens.com. <i>Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.</i> • Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com. <i>All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.</i>

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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Hancock Golf Course...

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In 1946, the Austin Country Club, seeking to relocate, sold the course to the city. Needing funds to pay for capital improvement projects to parks and playgrounds in other parts of Austin, in 1959 the city sold off nine holes of the Hancock course. A group of taxpayers sued and won. The judge determined the Austin City Council had no right to sell designated park land without citizens' permission. There followed a referendum on the sale, which voters passed. Part of that contested land is now the Hancock Shopping Center.

In 1980, PARD proposed closing the existing golf course due to an operating deficit. The actions of the HNA, supported by nearby neighborhoods, staved off closure. The clubhouse, partially built with materials from the demolished Old Main building at UT, functions today as a neighborhood recreation center. The short Hancock course is used for summer golf workshops to introduce Austin's children to the sport. The one-mile trail that encircles the course perimeter is used daily by walkers, runners, and dog-walkers, protected from the busy traffic along its borders. HNA helped fund the installation of this trail and contributes to its continued maintenance and repair.

In 2011, PARD again raised the issue of operational deficits at Hancock Golf Course. At the time, a severe drought resulted in deteriorating greens and fairways, producing a decline in user fees. HNA passed a resolution in 2012 endorsing the preservation of Hancock as a historic site and recommending replacement of the old irrigation system as well as ways to reduce the operating deficit. A new irrigation system was installed in 2013, and in 2014 the Hancock Golf Course was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Despite these efforts, the Hancock course continues to run a deficit, reportedly \$104 thousand in 2018.

After reviewing the 2019 consultants' report, PARD has chosen the second recommendation for Hancock Golf Course. Instead of preserving the space as parkland, PARD has recommended leasing the golf course to a third party for a golf-learning center that would include a driving range and a pitch-and-putt course. This option would generate revenue to help pay for the Lions Municipal lease, but its impact on users of this rare Central Austin green space is unclear. In February, 2020, PARD held the first of a planned series of community engagement sessions on the future of Hancock Golf Course. The meeting was sponsored by the HNA Parks Committee, and nearby neighborhoods were invited to participate. At this well-attended session, numerous neighbors advocated for the alternative proposal contained in the consultants' report, to convert the land to a passive park. PARD conducted surveys to gather more input

Monthly Calendar October

- 5 — HPNA Meeting
- 9 — Recycling Pickup
- 10 — Ney Museum Drawing Salon, online, with Karen Offutt
- 12 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 13 — Early Voting Begins
- 15 — Ney Museum Suffrage Now speaker series, online, with Erin Trieb
- 19 — Contact Team Meeting
- 23 — Recycling Pickup
- 23 — Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail
- 25 — Virtual Polkapocalypse
- 31 — Happy Halloween!

and concluded that there is no consensus on the future of the Hancock Golf Course and that additional public engagement sessions were necessary before a proposal could be submitted to the city council. Additional meetings were postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, but there are tentative plans for a November virtual public engagement session.

In the interim, HNA has taken no position on the future of the Hancock Golf Course and is currently engaged in discussions with stakeholders. Meanwhile, Adam Sparks of the nearby Cherrywood neighborhood has independently distributed a survey through neighborhood listservs soliciting opinions on the future of the Hancock Golf Course. He reports well over 600 responses to date and anticipates results by early October. He is also involved in the establishment of a Hancock Conservancy (adamesparks@gmail.com).

— Susan Marshall,
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HPNA Minutes: September 14, 2020

The virtual monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was called to order by co-President Betsy Clubine at 7:00 pm on September 14, 2020.

Before addressing the agenda items, announcements included an update on the Avenue A storm drainage replacement project, which was announced in 2018. Construction is slated to begin in 2024. The ongoing building project at the Triangle by the Texas Department of Health and Human Services has been funded for phase 2. Phase one will be completed this winter.

The first agenda item was recommendations from the Nominations Committee for HPNA leadership for the coming year, presented by Adam Wilson, Nominations Committee chair. Cycling off the Steering Committee are Joan Burnham, Margo Carrico, Susan Marshall, Paula Rhodes, and Phil Seibert. Continuing officers include Paul Smith (co-Vice President), Bonnie Neel (acting co-Secretary), Lorre Weidlich and Suzanne Walker (co-Treasurers), Sumit Guha, Ben Reid, and immediate past co-Presidents Betsy Clubine and Sarah Cook. Kathy Jackson, current Steering Committee member, is nominated for co-Vice President. For the open Steering Committee positions, the nominations committee was guided by three priorities: members who are open, welcoming, and willing to engage on complex issues with multiple viewpoints; members reflecting neighborhood diversity in age and race or ethnicity; and members who are particularly interested in current neighborhood issues, such as the land development code, mobility, and so forth. New members nominated for the Steering Committee are Stephen Gonzalez, who moved to Hyde Park recently from Windsor Park; Syema Muzaffar, M.D, a 13-year resident whose children attended neighborhood schools; Marsha Riti, who has lived in central Austin for many years and now in Hyde Park; and Elena Rojo, a twenty-year resident of the neighborhood. Nominees will introduce themselves at the October general meeting, followed by a vote. Open positions include one co-Secretary and both co-Presidents. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Adam Wilson (adam@griffinschool.org).

The second item was an update on Shipe Park renovations by Jill Nokes of Friends of Shipe Park. The new pools reopened briefly in June and were soon closed due to the COVID-19 virus. The log cabin has been completed. Friends of Shipe Park are working on renovating the children's swings and playscape area, which are being relocated to the former wading pool space. Renovations included new fencing and walls and new mulch for the play area. This space is still closed due to COVID restrictions, but they hope to have this work completed by the time the park reopens. There was an unfortunate incident in early September that involved the pool's pump house equipment. A water backup flooded the basketball

court and ran into the creek. Tests found chlorine in the creek and the city applied chemicals to absorb it. Asked about plans to replace the basketball court, which is in poor shape, Jill Nokes explained that the court is located in the flood plain and code restrictions prohibit new construction. The best that can be done is resurfacing the existing basketball court. Those present agreed that the new pool area is beautiful and all look forward to a complete 2021 season.

The two outgoing co-Presidents, represented by Sarah Cook, reiterated their interest in three issues that they encourage HPNA to address in the future: First, the land development code (LDC) will come up again. HPNA will need to monitor discussions and actions of the City Council. As for the current status of neighborhood petitions, in March the petitions by individual homeowners were upheld in District Court, resulting in nullification of the first two council votes on the LDC, but in April the council voted to appeal this decision. There has been no word about the two NCCD petitions presented to the city. On a positive note, HPNA benefited from a large pool of volunteers for the petition effort and looks forward to their continued input. Second, the city is moving forward on mobility issues. This includes naming Avenue G a Healthy Street and the proposed Project Connect. The Triangle HHS building project will generate increased traffic through the neighborhood, especially on 46th Street. This project has activated a group of interested neighbors willing to engage the city on neighborhood safety issues, especially those pertaining to pedestrians and cyclists. Third, the current co-Presidents hope HPNA will continue to expand its outreach to nonprofits – those in our neighborhood, those where neighbors work or volunteer, and those supported by neighbors. HPNA already has good relations with Helping Hand Home, the Clubhouse, and the Hope Food Pantry; the current co-Presidents urge HPNA to identify and support more organizations serving all of Austin.

There was some discussion about development issues, such as the city's actions in buying land along proposed transit corridors, perhaps to circumvent eminent domain lawsuits that cost time and money. One member underscored the importance of upcoming City Council elections; although Councilmember Kathie Tovo is not up for reelection, educating ourselves on the policies of the other council members is important to Central Austin. There was a question about HPNA governance, and after a brief explanation of officer terms and term limits, the questioner was referred to the bylaws posted on the HPNA website.

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According to Francoise E. Luca, Communications Specialist with the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC), “The first phase of the North Austin Complex will reach substantial completion by the end of the year. The furniture and other interior details work will begin in January 2021, and we expect Health & Human Service Commission staff to begin occupying their new building by June 2021.” The 86th legislature approved funding for Phase II of the construction and the TFC is working on preliminary engineering studies for the project. The procurement process for a construction manager and other professional services will begin early next year. You can follow the procurement process by checking **Procurement Forecast** at <http://www.tfc.state.tx.us/divisions/commissionadmin/prog/internal-procurement-1/index.html#forecast>. This is a large project with traffic impact for residents of Hyde Park and North Loop. The image shows the general location and scope of Phases II and III. Look for updates at <https://tfc-nac.com/work>.



Guadalupe Storm Drain Improvement Project Update.

Rebeka L. McKay, of the Watershed Protection Department, updated Hyde Park with the following information: “When we presented the Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements project at the public meeting in November 2018, we were close to finishing the preliminary engineering phase. We are still progressing with the recommended project as presented in the public meeting. We have our design consultant on board and now have a revised schedule, which estimates construction start in early 2024. Typically, construction starts at the outfall of a storm drain improvement project (at West 33rd Street and Hemphill Park) and works upstream. As the design progresses, we will have another public meeting to present the design and discuss construction phasing.” For more information, see the project website at www.austintexas.gov/department/guadalupe-street-flood-risk-reduction.



Pandemic Effects on Hyde Park Halloween. Sadly but not unexpectedly, Hyde Park will not be celebrating Halloween with its usual enthusiasm. In response to the need for avoiding crowds and personal contact, the residents of the 4100 block of Avenue F, known for their elaborate Halloween displays, have decided not to participate. Likewise, on Avenue G, some residents have decided to tone down their usual level of decoration and others are working on methods for delivering candy to trick-or-treaters without personal contact. We can all look forward to a return to enthusiastic participation when the COVID-19 pandemic has passed.

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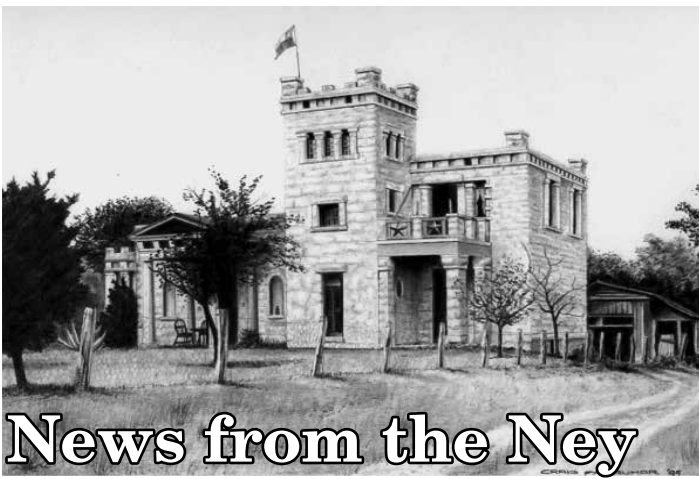


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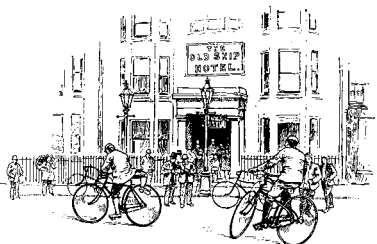
News from the Ney

Unless something surprising happens, the Ney will continue to remain closed through the month of October. And we know what you're thinking: What?! Heaven forfend! No Polkapocalypse!?

Well, guess what? The show must and will go on! Online, that is: Get ready for the Seventh First Annual Polkapocalypse to be held ... virtually! Yes, the Virtual Seventh First Annual Polkapocalypse will take place online on Sunday, October 25. Starting at 2 pm and ending at 5 pm, the annual favorite will explode with a wide range of polkapocalyptic fun including live appearances, vintage footage, dance lessons, and, of course, the Five Horsemen of the Polkapocalypse, Brave Combo, who will be broadcasting live from Denton, Texas, during the last hour of the show. The event will be recorded, too, so you can enjoy it again and again, maybe even reprising it yourself on stay-at-home Halloween night! Once again, Polkapocalypse will be online on Sunday, October 25 from 2 to 5 pm.

On Sunday, October 10, from 10 am to noon, the Ney will present another installment in the exciting Drawing Salon collaboration with Austin's Atelier Dojo, the realist artist collective. In this exciting program, Karen Offut, a portrait painter who uses oils, will paint a full-color sketch painting using one of Elisabet Ney's sculptures as a model and broadcast it live via Zoom. The event is free and open to everyone to watch and work alongside this most accomplished artist using your computer monitor, TV, or handheld screen.

And on Thursday, October 15, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, the museum will present the third in the Suffrage Now speaker series. This event will be called



"Suffrage Now! From the Streets!" and will address street photography and storytelling with a camera as events happen. *National Geographic* photographer Erin Trieb will be the moderator for this installment. August and September's installments – the Juror's talk and the Portraiture discussion – are available at the exhibition site in recorded form. Each one was a fascinating event, and this one promises to be the same! As with the other events, attendance online is free and accessible using Eventbrite.

How do I attend these wonderful programs, you ask? Simply join the Ney's email listserve and you'll receive instructions as soon as they are ready. Sign up at <https://us3.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f057b0d8d8bd-898f051ad311e&id=2235981259>. If you aren't already following the Ney on social media, the museum also posts on Instagram @elisabetneyatx and Facebook regularly and provides access information there as well.

The Ney and its staff are so grateful to you for your continued participation in their programming and look forward to seeing you online!

Happy Fall everyone!



Hyde Park Poets —

Is this a dream?

I am walking up my street and
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Wistfully, suddenly, it is me,
I am looking at the sky and I am
Wondering why? Why can I not move?
I feel my wings, I see people walking by
They glance my way, but I don't know
If they see me? I am resting, I am thinking,
I am in awe of the beauty of the world,
I am sitting, for the moment but,
I will fly, again, soon. I will fly but now,
I sit, now I wait, now, I contemplate,
Will anyone know if I leave? And, in a trice,
I don't think twice, I am walking by,
Leaving myself, a sweet little angel,
Leaving her to decide if she will fly,
If I were still her, I might decide to stay.

— Herzele
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Mixed-Up Recycling

Mixed materials present a special challenge to the recycling industry. In the Austin market, these items are not recyclable and must go into the trash can. The reason they cannot be recycled is that these items consist of layers of material that cannot be separated in order to recycle the various parts. Tetra packs are the most common material. They are layers of plastic, cardboard, and foil. The following items are examples of Tetra packs and other mixed materials that cannot be recycled in Austin:

- Amazon packaging consisting of padding material between two layers of brown paper
- Bread crumb containers (for example, Progresso bread crumbs)
- Snack foods, cookies, and chip bags
- Single use food pouches (baby food, tuna fish, and so forth).
- Juice boxes (single serving)
- Mailing envelopes consisting of stiff paper lined with bubble wrap or other insulation
- Cardboard box containers (Tetra packs) - Orange juice, milk, bouillon

Austin Creative Reuse

Due to the pandemic, Austin Creative Reuse is closed. However, they are accepting appointments to take donations. Visit <https://www.austincreativereuse.org/> for current information. They also provide Zoom shopping and curbside pickup.

Important Update about Curbside Compost Collection

All Austin residents who do not yet have curbside compost collection were originally scheduled to have it begin in September, 2020. Sadly, because of the pandemic, the equipment necessary to make this happen (green curbside bins and so forth) is not being produced. It is the hope of Austin Resource Recovery that the rollout will happen by the end of 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER - WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

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@hprwbana.org.

Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center

Due to the pandemic, the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center is closed. However, you can make an appointment to drop off materials. Call 512-974-4343 to schedule a visit.

New Curbside Pickup Program in Austin

Austin Resource Recovery has just teamed up with Goodwill of Central Texas to offer clothing and housewares curbside collection to all residential customers at no cost! They will pick up unwanted clothing, shoes, accessories, toys, linens, and housewares *in any condition* for reuse or recycling. The pickup is by appointment only. See the following website for details: <http://austintexas.gov/department/clothing-housewares-curbside-collection>.

Questions from Our Readers

If the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center is closed, where can I recycle old computers and digital cameras? The Staples Store on Barbara Jordan Boulevard will accept electronics for recycling. They provide this service free of charge. This includes laptops, hard drives, and digital cameras. Please remove or erase hard drives on any donated computer.

How do I recycle the silver insulated bags in which cold food is delivered? Sadly, these bags are not recyclable but they are certainly reusable. They make great bags for using at the grocery store. At this time, I have not been able to locate an organization that can reuse them.

Hyde Park Neighbors –

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Nominating Committee Report

The HPNA Nomination Committee priorities in our recruitment process this year were as follows:

- Recruit neighborhood leaders who are open, welcoming, and willing to engage in conversations that have multiple valid viewpoints.
- Increase the diversity of the HPNA Steering Committee in terms of race, ethnicity, and age.
- Recruit people who are interested in leading efforts related to the current issues in the neighborhood: mobility issues, the land development code, relationships with Hyde Park nonprofits, and the upcoming election.

With the above goals in mind, we are excited to submit the following slate of candidates to serve full two-year terms (unless otherwise noted) on the Steering Committee starting in October:

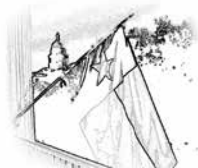
- Co-Vice-President: Kathy Jackson
- Co-Treasurer: Suzanne Walker
- At-Large Member: Elena Rojo (partially completed, 1-year term)
- At-Large Member: Marsha Riti
- At-Large Member: Stephen Gonzales
- At-Large Member: Dr. Syema Muzaffar
- Immediate Past-President: Betsy Clubine
- Immediate Past-President: Sarah Cook

We are grateful to these wonderful people who are willing to do the work of our neighborhood association and to build the sense of community here in Hyde Park! We continue to work to recruit leaders to fill a few officer positions. Any neighbor interested in serving should contact Nominating Committee Chair Adam Wilson at adam@griffinschool.org.

As we onboard these new members, we also want to thank the outgoing members who have provided thoughtful and supportive leadership during their terms on the Steering Committee:

- Bonnie Neel
- Joan Burnham
- Margo Carrico
- Paula Rhodes
- Phil Seibert
- Susan Marshall

– Respectfully submitted,
Adam Wilson, Kathy Lawrence, and Kevin Heyburn
HPNA Nominating Committee



Around & About the Avenues

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More about Hyde Park Alleys. The alleys in Hyde Park have a history that goes back to the founding of the neighborhood. They can be seen on the original Hyde Park plats. The narrow 12' alleys are the location of electric service and sewer service, which came to Austin in 1913. Water service, on the other hand, has always been in the streets. About 20 years ago, the city decided to buy new, bigger trash trucks and left notices on the doors of Hyde Park residents that trash pickup would be curbside rather than in the alleys. The city claimed that Hyde Park was not maintaining its alleys. After the neighborhood organized a number of alley cleanups, the city finally admitted that the alleys actually belonged to the city! Furthermore, they took responsibility for maintaining them and agreed to purchase some smaller trucks to continue to pick up trash in the alleys. (Apparently, they had already planned to do that to accommodate various other pickup situations.) While the city maintains the surface and vegetation that grows in the alleys, property owners still need to control any vegetation that can encroach on an alley. Soon afterwards, in January 2002, the Hyde Park NCCD (south of 45th) was adopted by the City Council, including the provision that a fence located along an alley must have an inset (minimum of 18 square feet) to accommodate a trash receptacle. This

allows carts to remain in position. Many fences in Hyde Park were built prior to this, so it is a legal requirement only for fences built in 2002 and later. (Information provided by Kar-en McGraw)



Collection by Hyde Park Poet Now Available. *Pecan Press* Poetry Editor Charlotte Herzele is celebrating the release of *Part of Living*. Her collection of poetry will shortly be available on Amazon and should soon be on the bookshelves at Bookpeople, Bookwoman, and Malvern Books. It can currently be purchased at lulu.com. Congratulations, Charlotte!



Hyde Park Likely Losing an Icon. Mother's Café, a fixture in the neighborhood since its founding in 1980, is finding itself, like so many Austin institutions, a victim of the pandemic. October 31 is likely to mark its closing. Forty years of serving vegetarian and vegan cuisine has established it as not just a Hyde Park but an Austin icon, but the uncertainty created by coping with the changing pandemic requirements has taken its toll. To read an interview with its owners, John Silberberg, Cameron Alexander, and Anne Daniels, see <https://www.austinchronicle.com/food/2020-09-18/the-future-of-mothers-cafe-is-pending/>.



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

On Tuesday, September 8, Aquatics maintenance returned to Shipe and installed a back flow preventer. I drove by to check out why the basketball court had safety tape on it and saw residue on the court and the damaged plant material by the creek, which clearly indicated a chemical spill. I informed Jodi Jay and she called Watershed, which, upon testing, found trace amounts of chlorine in the creek water and applied disulfate to absorb and neutralize the chlorine. The mechanical problem was fixed and the creek was being monitored. The basketball court was a mess and Jodi arranged to have the chlorinated chalk residue cleaned off the surface to prevent human or animal contact. The smell of chlorine was very strong by the courts and it burned my throat in the short time I was there.

Jodi continued to receive updates from her managers about the spill in the following days and worked with Watershed as they continued to monitor the creek. She informed Charles Mabry, Park Development Coordinator, Parks and Recreation Department, about the damage to the basketball court and he worked with Jodi to make sure future leaks from the pump house will not damage the new basketball court surface after it gets installed. Jodi also implemented some changes in the reporting procedure: both she and Watershed will now be contacted immediately should any Aquatics facility have a similar leak that threatens a nearby creek. Evidently this is a rare occurrence, but one of which she felt she should have been made aware sooner, even on a holiday weekend.

– Alison Young

September Meeting Minutes... ...cont'd from page 7

Another current issue is the future of the Hancock Golf Course; HPNA might invite speakers from the Hancock Neighborhood Association to a future meeting to update us on this issue. There was a discussion of HPNA dues, which are up for renewal every September. Because there will be no upcoming opportunities to pay in person, renewing members and new members should use the Paypal option located on the HPNA homepage (austinhdepark.org, scroll down to **Get Involved**). There is a small fee for renewing using Paypal.

The HPNA general meeting schedule for the remainder of 2020 is as follows: a virtual meeting on October 5, no November meeting (as it falls on Election Eve), and a December 7 virtual meeting. Councilmember Tovo is expected to speak at the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

– Submitted by Susan Marshall
HPNA Co-Secretary

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HPNA Annual Notification to TDCJ. In October 2020, HPNA will submit a letter to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Victim Services and Criminal Justice Divisions regarding TDCJ case # 02111551. This letter requests that Pearl Moen, convicted of stabbing Ms. Pritchard in Hyde Park on November 14, 2015, serve the duration of her sentence. A copy of the letter and the motion to send it to TDCJ annually are available in the December 2018 *Pecan Press* at <http://www.austinhdepark.org/pecan-press/pecan-press-archives/>. If you have questions, please contact hydeparkna@gmail.com.



Election 2020: Need to Know... ...cont'd from page 4

(not yet announced). The other is a walk-in location at the Travis County Clerk Business Office, 5501 Airport Boulevard. This office will be open during regular business hours (8 – 5, Monday-Friday). Once early voting begins, the hours will be extended to 7 – 7 Monday-Saturday (including Election Day) and 12-6 Sunday.

Election Day

- Tuesday, November 3, 7 – 7. All voters in line at 7 pm will be permitted to vote.
- Bring acceptable photo ID: Texas Drivers License, U.S. Passport, U.S. Military Identification card, Texas Handgun License issued by DPS. For a complete list, go to Travis County website listed above (**Voter ID**).
- Polling locations to be determined. The *Pecan Press* will post nearby locations in the November edition, or you can check the Travis County Clerk website listed above.

– Susan Marshall

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4404 AVENUE D
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4010 AVENUE H
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515 EAST 49 TH ST.
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 Listed at \$1,395,000



3306 HARRIS PARK AVE.
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 Listed at 2,100/mo.



704 LANDON LANE
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