November Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 6, 2006

Where: Hyde Park United Methodist Church 4001 Speedway

Who: YOU and your neighbors

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for November 6th

- Matt Whelan from Catellus will discuss the new Mueller development.
- Elliott McFadden from Austin CarShare will give a short presentation and answer questions

See you there!

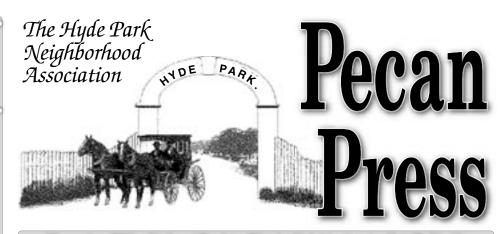
Minutes of the HPNA October 2006 General Meeting

President John Kerr called the General Meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006.

Susan Moffat, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Officers and Steering **Committee** members for the new vear. The new officers are Elaine Meenehan, President; Jennifer Berbas, Vice President; Denise Girard and Catherine Moore, Co-Treasurers; and Wendy Taddia and Pam Whittington, Co-Secretaries. Steering Committee members elected for a two-year term are Stan Kazinsky, Karen McGraw, and John Paul Moore. Those elected to a one-year term are William Cook, Wanda Penn and Doris Coward. There being no nominations from the floor, the officers and Steering Committee members were approved by the HPNA members present.

Wes Buckner, Code Enforcement Investigator for the West District, Solid Waste Services, and Code Enforcement Division discussed **code**

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The Fire Station Festival: Why We Celebrate

Suppose there were no fire station in Hyde Park, only another historic building for us to admire during a homes tour. Docents would solemnly describe how what was once a functioning branch of the Austin fire department had closed, and how the building, being a historic structure, had been appropriated for other uses. The tourists would listen politely, explore the building, and move on.

Is this a science fiction tale about an alternate universe? you ask. No, only a "what if" – what if Dorothy Richter hadn't taken her son's bicycle to the fire station to be registered, back in 1969? How different would not only the fire station but Hyde Park itself be? Fortunately, we don't have to find out, because Dorothy did ride her son's bike to the fire station, and perhaps that ride marks the beginning of the modern history of Hyde Park.

Dorothy related her story into my tape recorder on October 8. I have taken the liberty of editing out the hedges and digressions, some of the false starts, and other characteristics of normal speech in order to transform the narrative into a written account. Anyone who would like a word-by-word transcription of the tape can contact me at <|weidlich@mail2sevenseas.com>.

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Best Actors in a Leading Volunteer Role: "The Envelopes, please..."

Love our quaint historic houses, our front porches, our tree-lined streets, our pedestrian-friendly nature, and our eclectic choice of house colors. I love walking to neighborhood joints for coffee, groceries and dinner. You know that we live in the best neighborhood, right? I've always thought so, but now it is official: As noted elsewhere in this issue, Hyde Park was voted as the Best Neighborhood in Austin by the *Austin Chronicle's* Readers' Poll for 2006. However, what makes Hyde Park the best neighborhood in Austin is its people.

It feels as if Hyde Park has had more than its fair share of issues over the years. For every one of those issues, someone has been willing to raise his or her hand to offer leadership, guidance, time and commitment to solving the problem. It never ceases to amaze me how so many individuals over the years have banded together to protect, preserve and enhance our little community.

It is often (OK, usually) a thankless job requiring hours and in some cases years of commitment and dedication. The list of volunteers is long and varied. I cannot possibly compile a complete list and name them all, but I would like to thank a distinguished few who were recognized at this year's Fire Station Festival.

The **White Knight Award** was given to **Carmin Way**, who raised her hand last year to take over as treasurer and single-handedly recouped thousands of dollars in unbilled advertising for the *Pecan Press*. She also spent untold hours getting our financial records into better shape.

Two Communications Excellence Awards were presented, to the husband and wife team of Robin Silberling and William Cook. Robin has done an outstanding job designing and maintaining our website, designing the tickets and posters for the Homes Tour, and in her spare hours helping with numerous children's activities throughout the year. William established and moderates our neighborhood listserv, allowing neighbors to communicate instantly on issues, concerns and questions in a new way.

The **Presidential Service Award** was presented to **John Kerr** for presiding over the neighborhood association for the past two years. It's not an easy job to do, but John did it with honesty, sharing his thoughts and remaining calm throughout ample adversity. (I know, John. Two years of your life and all you got was a plaque!)

The final award of the day was the Walter and Dorothy Richter Good Citizen Award. The competition was so fierce this year that it was awarded to two people, another husband and wife dynamic duo – John Paul and Catherine Moore. John Paul was a critical player in our efforts to save innocent trees and



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Thank you all for the time, energy, commitment and expertise you gave to our community. It is because of you and the others before you that we live in the best neighborhood in Austin – "quiet, leafy, pedestrian-friendly, and (mostly) Mc-Mansion-free." Thank you all!

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Editors Note: Thank <u>YOU</u> and welcome aboard Madame President!

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The Haunted Alley 1996: Tenth Anniversary

Haunted Alley. The alley between Avenues F and G, bounded by 43rd and 44th, was the locale. Martina Bluem and Norman Johns, both then Ph.D candidates at UT, who lived in a garage apartment at 4308 Avenue G, produced and directed the extravaganza. Exemplary renters who were active in neighborhood affairs, their idea was to prove that the alleys in Hyde Park provided more than just off-street garbage collection.

All evening long at the 43rd Street entrance, a long line of costumed spooks waited their turn. The event was rated PG-9 — no unescorted children under ten. In the interest of crowd control, groups of four to six proceeded along the scary way. In order of encounter, the cast of "creatures" included: Sarah Sires as the fairy princess who welcomed attendees and guided them down the initially well-lit alley. Then darkness descended and Norman Johns as Wolfman bounded forward menacingly. On the opposite side of the lane, Carver Busch portrayed "Jason" of Friday the 13th movie fame, wearing a ski mask and carrying a chainsaw (not running.) Martina Bluem, a "living dead" murder victim, rose from her grave in a candle-illuminated graveyard. Scaring the little folk midpoint in the traverse, Lee Walker was an oriental Frankenstein. Nearby, Jennifer Vickers emerged from a garbage canister — the Dumpster Can-ibal. Mary Carolyn George was the Spider Woman and Lorre Weidlich was a witch brewing much evil in a steaming cauldron. Other participants included Rhonda Orta, Frances Sires, Scott Hiett, Marcus Wittig and Ski Kowalski. Britta Thompson

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and Shelly Paus offered candy treats to all the brave souls who survived the experience.

The Haunted Alley was a success beyond the wildest dreams of the organizers, who estimated that over one hundred people traveled its one-block length. Earl Hunt described the goings-on in the December 1996 *Pecan Press*. In conclusion he wrote, "the Haunted Alley was a big success with all age groups and demonstrated yet another reason why Hyde Park alleys are an asset to preserve and enjoy."

The event was about Halloween fun, but it also raised awareness of our alleys. See the minutes of the October 2006 HPNA meeting for more about our new Alley Coordinator, Carol Burton, and her proposal for maintaining our leafy country lanes- a.k.a. the alleys - responsibility for which is borne by all of us beneficiaries.

- Mary Carolyn George

Oooo, Baby!

This just in, courtesy of Natal Correspondent Catherine Moore:

"In the 3800 block of Ave H we are celebrating a new brand- new

arrival: Lily Elisabeth Kearns Ryall, daughter of Sandy Kearns and Ken Ryall, born October 17. Mother and baby are both doing fine."

Thank You, Catherine; Congrats, Sandy and Ken; and Welcome to Earth, Lily!

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HPNA Membership Info

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Membership in HPNA is open to all residents aged 18 years or older who reside within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of the designated boundaries.

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Mr. Buckner said that once a complaint is received, it is assigned to an investigator and an on-site investigation is conducted within 48 hours. The investigator may issue a warning or notice of violation. There will be a subsequent investigation, and if the violation continues, criminal charges may be filed and fines may be assessed. He also noted that the City is in the process of improving code enforcement and increasing the number of inspectors. Also, inspectors are now working on weekends. The goal of code enforcement is to make Austin the most livable community in the country. If you wish to contact Mr. Buckner directly, his telephone number is 974-2970 and his email address is <wesley.buckner@ci.austin.tx.us>.

Next, Carol Burton discussed beautifying the four **traffic calming circles** in our neighborhood. She reported that the vegetation needs to be trimmed, weeded, and watered as necessary. She suggested that HPNA solicit volunteers or designate HPNA funds for an initial cleaning with subsequent cleanings every two months. Carol will get bids and report back to the Steering Committee. She also noted that if volunteers were used, we would need four to six people to volunteer to take care of each circle.

Carol also discussed the issue of cleaning the **alleys**. The neighborhood faces this issue every year as the vegetation grows, making it difficult for the City's trash-collection trucks to navigate the alleys. She suggested an "alley fest" be held twice a year. The initial fest would be in October and then every six months. The idea is that each property resident would take care of his or her own alley during this week. She noted that some neighbors might need assistance. Carol is seeking volunteers for alley monitor for each block. You can contact Carol at <skywash@austin.rr.com>.

John Paul Moore, HPNA's representative on the Citizens' **Tree Trimming Task Force** gave an update on the tree trimming situation with Austin Energy. He reported that no news was good news at this point. The City Manager has not yet reconvened the tree task force.

There being no more business, John Kerr closed the meeting for the last time as President. HPNA would like to thank all of the officers who served last year: John Kerr, President; Elaine Meenehan and Denise Girard, Co-Vice Presidents; Carmin Way, Treasurer: and Sam Waring, Secretary.

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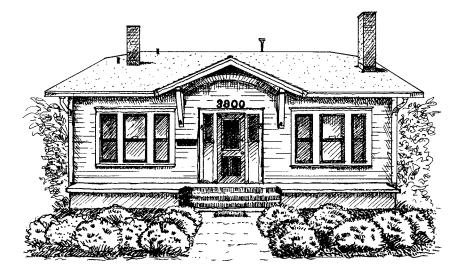
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Well, it was just an accident that I rode my son's bike up to the fire station to have it registered. They were asking people to do that, and so I rode it up, rode up there, and the fireman said, Good thing you came today. We're shutting down in a week or two, not real sure, but they've already closed the one on East Avenue.

I don't think I'm going to like that.

And he said, well, another lady had found out about it – a Mrs. Peterson – and she had looked into it and there was a master plan that had been adopted by the council a few years before that. I think very few people on the present council had adopted it, but it had been adopted and it was then going into effect. The one on East Avenue and the one in Hyde Park and the one in West Lynn were going to be shut down, and she had looked into it and had gotten this plan.

So, I went to see her, she lived on D, 4117 Avenue D. So I went to see her and she said, well, she had talked to the council or somebody and they were going to have a public hearing on it. But she said, it had already been decided and there's no use, and I'm not going to have anything to do with it. And so she said, you can have this master plan.

Anyway, I just thought there might be something that we could do, and this public hearing was going to be before the council in two weeks. Well, that didn't give me very much time, so I called the newspaper. And I knew the editor, Sam Woods, and I said, Sam, they're going to close the fire station out here in Hyde Park and nobody knows about it, and you need to write an article. Well, that was kind of early in the week. Anyway, I waited 4, 5 days and nothing appeared, so I called up again and I said, why haven't you had something the paper about it, and he said, Well - he was a good friend - he didn't say this - but he was a good friend of the city manager, I think his name was Andrews, and a good golf buddy - and so he said, he'd talk to Andrews. And Andrews said, they don't have anything to worry about. They're covered by 3 other stations that are out there. And I said, I thought it was news. At least you could put something about the historic building.

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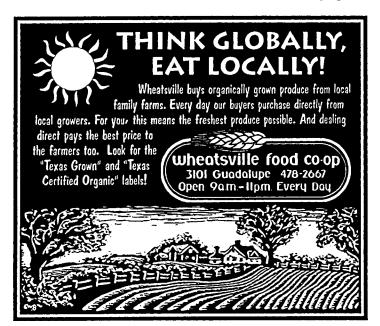
Well, anyhow, it was – they hung up on me. And I got – that really did make me mad. And so I got to dreaming some ways to get some publicity. And it was kind of Vietnam time and people were demonstrating, and a lot of people thought it was really yucky to be demonstrating. But I don't think I slept, all these ideas came to me at night, and so I thought of having a demonstration up there and the demonstration was going to be, instead of "firemen, fireman, save my child," it was going to be little kids saying, "councilman, councilman, save my station." Kind of corny.

But I didn't know many people here yet – people with little kids - but I called a few and told them to make a sign and we were going to be at four o'clock tomorrow, because we didn't have much time. I called the press, I called the TV stations, and said, we're going to have a demonstration at the fire station. So we did and that picture was in the paper.

Anyhow, the fire station, well, you know, it has kind of a sidewalk that goes in a circle around out front. So these little kids came on tricycles and pushcarts and they were all pretty small kids that were pedaling around. I got a good picture of them and the TV was there and the paper was there. So it had good coverage because of that. It attracted a lot of attention.

Anyhow, I got this idea, to do this (the flyer publicizing the event) one night and got up in the middle of the night and drew it and wrote it off and Walter (Walter Richter, Dorothy's husband. Walter died several years ago. For over ten years, he contributed "Corner on Politics" articles to Pecan Press.) typed it for me and took it off. We had – I don't know, seems like - I'm going to say 3000 printed. That sounds like a bunch. Maybe a thousand. Must have been like a thousand. I'm sure it wasn't 3000. Anyhow, they were printed and there was an old fireman, no, a policeman that lived near there and he was friends of the firemen and he helped distribute these. We had these everywhere, on a Sunday we put it in the part where churches were around, and we distributed this in a big area around here and it worked – I guess something

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worked.

There was a kind of a neighborhood meeting or community meeting I set over at the Baptist Church at 7:30 on October 12 and it was well attended. It was a bunch of people that, when they read this, came. I think that was Tuesday.

So I guess on Thursday then we had - it was a council meeting. That's when the council had their meetings at the building on 9th Street. The chambers weren't very big, not many people went to council meetings in those days. The council did not have offices in the building. It was wherever they worked or lived and there were no aides, they didn't have council aides. It was kind of like, they did things and nobody knew about it.

So at that meeting, at the church meeting that night, I said - here I'm running this thing like I knew what I was doing - but I said, there would be three of us that were going to take this master plan and tear it all to pieces, which was real easy to do, it wasn't such a good master plan. I didn't know anybody much then but Miguel Gonzalez Gerth and I needed to talk to him. He had come to me, oh, sometime earlier, about some zoning in his neighborhood and Agnes's husband (Agnes and Forrest Edwards. They lived on Avenue G. Both of them are now deceased, Agnes within the past 3 years. For information about Agnes, read John Kerr's article about her in a recent issue of the Pecan Press.) talked to me about why they had just moved here and in that house where they lived, because it was close to the fire station and he being a quadriplegic, he wanted to be close to the fire station in case. Where they had lived, the dogs had knocked the heater over. He just wanted to be close to the fire station there. So, I did not know them before that. Anyhow, the three of use were going to take parts of the master plan.

So we met at Agnes's and each of us took a portion of this master plan, but Agnes wasn't going to, it was Forrest that was going to do the talking. But Agnes was, you

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know, she was there listening to it all. Anyhow, that's what we did except in the - I had been visiting all the council members, around to their offices, and had explained what the problem was, what I thought was not a good idea, and at this meeting at the church - I had copied – you know, you mimeographed things then - and I had a bunch of little slips, mimeographing the names of the councils and their phone numbers or their offices and told people to contact them, passed it out - give it to your neighbor and call, which apparently they did.

So, when we went to the council meeting, not many people were there but I went in and asked people, are you here for the fire station thing? No, well, would you mind letting us in? We filled the chambers and the hallway outside. It was a mob of us that went down for that. In the meantime I had borrowed a fireman's hat. The firemen had been very cooperative. They were not in favor of it at all but they couldn't take any kind of part in it and I wanted to have a fireman's hat and they couldn't give me one of theirs but they found one for me. So, when Mayor Butler called this case up, and who is the spokesman for this case, well, I got up, had my fireman's hat in the paper bag and put the fireman's hat on and went up to the podium and everybody laughed and there was a big deal. There's a picture in the paper of me with this fireman's hat on.

But when I got there, he said the council, at their work session the night before, had decided not to close the station and we didn't want to make a presentation we didn't have to. It had already been decided so we decided, well, why take up the time, so we didn't do it. Afterwards, I was sorry we didn't do it because the paper had a really nice editorial about how the council had buckled under the pressure, without any facts of why we really didn't think it was a good idea. And I had to write Sam Woods on that one. See, Walter was a journalist and I knew and he knew these journalists.

Well, that saved it that time and that was, like maybe, I think about two years before the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association got going. But the way this became an annual thing is, when the neighborhood association was

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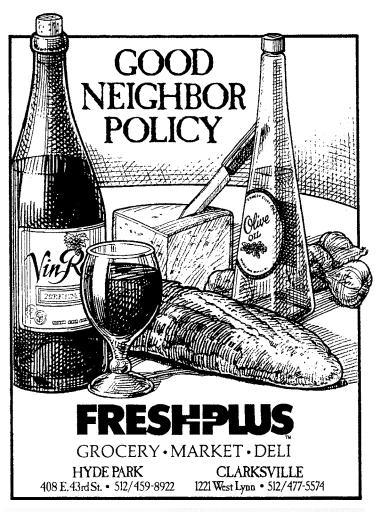
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Chronicle to Hyde Park: You're Number One!

Well neighbors, try not to get a fat head about it, but in the *Austin Chronicle's* 2006 "Best of Austin" readers' poll, good ol' Hyde Park once again copped top honors in the "Best Neighborhood" category. And we quote: "Founded in 1891, Hyde Park was intended as an aristocratic suburb, away from the hustle of the rising city. Now a mix of artistic freewheelers, tech-sector families, and students escaping dorm life call its mix of tree-lined avenues, independent businesses, and historic housing home. Quiet, leafy, pedestrian-friendly, and (mostly) McMansion-free." Our thanks to the *Chronicle*, and our congratulations to us!

FSF: Why We Celebrate

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formed, and it was formed over saving the house where Avis Davis lived – not at the time – the Oliphant house. Some people bought it and they were going to tear it down and a young girl who rented over on Speedway, Janis Linder, came to me and she said, we need to organize a group to save this house. I was election judge and I had the names of people in this area and she wanted to see if she could have that and I said yes, and I said, this is a good idea, but I was in the middle of organizing Texans for the rights of nonsmokers. I just don't have time to help you but I'll give you this list. I said, I don't think it's going to help.

I said, I understand there's a preacher that's moved in, and see if you can't get him to be interested in being president or helping you with it. That was Merle Franke. I didn't know him, I just had heard he had moved in and I thought, well, we needed some respectable type person then rather than - a bunch of hippies were around in that time and they were buying up or moving in Hyde park, which was - really, I have to give them a lot of credit, cause some of the houses were not habitable but they moved in and maybe fixed them up, cleaned them up a little bit.

So that's how that started and that summer when she got it going, we met frequently down at the park. There were 12 or so of us and Merle might remember some of them. Anyway, we drew up our goals and purposes and, you know, we were getting organized and we were trying to think of a way to get membership. You know, what do we do to get people to do this and I said, when the fire station thing came up, I said that was - everybody was for that. We had no opposition. And I said, maybe we can have a fire station festival, have it about - see, this was October when this meeting was - and just let the council know that we're still got our eyes on the fire station and people want to keep it and so that's how the fire station festival go started. It was where you could be a member, we got all these people to come. We gave prizes for attendance. We got businesses to donate things. We had a drawing and that was how we got membership started.

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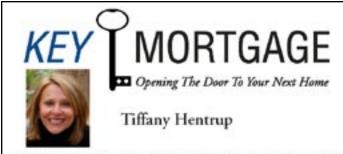
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Hyde Park Project Earns Heritage Society Award

Congratulations to Thad and Laura Avery, whose meticulous restoration of the Chapin-Yarchak House at 506 W. 42nd was honored with a Merit Award for Restoration at the recent 2006 Preservation Awards of the Heritage Society of Austin. The award citation read as follows:

Built around 1910, this Folk-Victorian style cottage was originally on the corner of 42nd and Guadalupe Streets and was apparently a two-family duplex. The



first documented owner was a painter named C. L. Chapin in 1922. By the 1930s, more automobiles were on the road and about 1932 the house was moved to the lot behind it on 42nd Street and rotated 90 degrees. In its place on the busy corner a new "filling station" was erected. Later a Gulf Service Station, the business remained at this site for almost 40 years. A succession of service station employees lived in the house over the next decades, either as owners or renters. In the 1970s the house was acquired as a rental by Charles and Helen Yarchak and it





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eventually became home to many local musicians, including Lyle Lovett and Champ Hood. It was then vacant for years and slated for possible demolition into a parking lot.

In 2003 Thad and Laura Avery purchased the house and began a major restoration. Keeping to the original footprint of the structure, they have preserved the original longleaf pine flooring, transoms and wainscot while rebuilding the entire structure. The house was so badly deteriorated that the trees growing up through the foundation into the house had to remain in place until the foundation could be replaced. Using old photographs, porch railings and other features have been replicated, and the house gaily painted. It is now in use as office space for a local Hyde Park-owned company.

The project architect was Derek Barcinski, with Atlantis Architects located at 4117 Guadalupe Street.

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HPNA Beautification Committee

If you like the idea of a greener Guadalupe, new plants on 38th, fewer overflowing dumpsters in the right-of-way, cleaner alleys and a maybe new landscaping in Shipe Park, you will want to get involved with the HPNA Beautification Committee.

Here is a summary of what we're up to:

Power Poles: The sudden appearance of 70′ power poles encircling the neighborhood moved us to action. We approached Austin Energy and asked for funds to be used for planting that would provide some visual mitigation to distract the eye from the rusty iron pylons. Our request was approved and we went to work progressing through series of conceptual plans to improve the half-mile of Austin State Hospital's Guadalupe frontage: planting antique roses; replacing the battered chain-link fence, and our final plan – to use the funds as seed money to build a landscaped bike/pedestrian path along Guadalupe. The State Hospital encouraged our work.

Unfortunately, even with the interest of the city, the Austin Energy funding could not be set aside long enough for us to generate the support required to complete the Guadalupe bike and pedestrian path. We're back in the planning phase and focusing on landscaping along Guadalupe, 38th and Shipe Park. If you're a landscaper, or want to help, we'd love to include you in the planning.

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sidewalks and streets. Neighbors complain and Code Enforcement investigates, but there is little they can do. The Beautification Committee is investigating a number of new options that may improve the situation. If dumpsters are your thing please call us and get involved.

Alleys: Every couple of years Austin Solid Waste Services threatens to take away our alley garbage pickup, and for good reason: the alleys are overgrown. Trucks can't get through, towering vines, bamboo thickets, and hackberry sprouts assault workers. To remedy this situation the neighborhood has for many years sponsored occasional alley cleanup, courtesy of the Hyde Park Alley Cats. This winter we plan to trim again, so be prepared to grab a machete and a thermos and join in. We need all the alley captains we can get, so sign up now.

We're a relatively small, but ambitious, democratically run committee that values all of our members and their ideas. If you have a project you believe would improve the neighborhood please let us know, but be prepared to get involved; we will heartily support all great ideas, under your leadership.

Thanks to Margot Thomas, Elaine Gissel, Jill Nokes, John Kerr, Lindsay Nagashima, Jack Taylor and others for serving the Committee to make Hyde Park a bit more beautiful. To sign-up to help please call 371-7754, or email me at <lmf@earthlink.net>

 Larry Freilich Chair, HPNA Beautification Committee (Note: Larry is the Founder and former Chair of the Hyde Park Garden Club and Tea Society)

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Hyde Park Poets

Autumn's Bones

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Albert HuffsticklerOctober 9, 2000

Austin CarShare at the November HPNA Meeting

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