## October Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 1, 2007

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 October 1<sup>st</sup>

- ◆ Fire Station Festival Update
- **◆ Change in Membership Dues** (*vote*)
- **❖** Vote on Officers (vote)
- City Staff give a presentation on AMANDA permit software system.

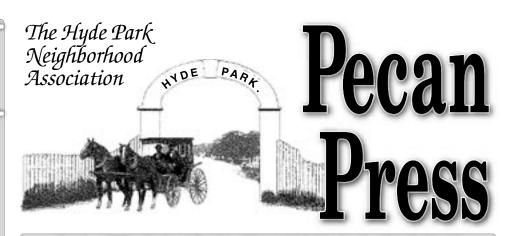
See you there!

## Minutes of the September 2007 HPNA General Meeting

Teighbors gathered at 7 p.m. at the Hyde Park United Methodist Church for the September 10, 2007 General Meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. President Elaine Meenehan called the meeting to order.

Catherine Moore, a member of the HPNA Development Review Committee, presented the plans for the Willie Kocurek law office project proposed by Vanguard Design and Build. Given the important history of this property, located at 511 West 41st Street, historic zoning has been initiated at the Landmark Commission. The Development Review Committee met numerous times with owners Mike Rhodes and Michael Little to work out the details of the planned restoration of the office building and the residence located on the property. Mike and Michael answered questions, and Karen McGraw discussed the need for a zoning change for the property. Karen asked HPNA to support the request for historic zoning and

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## "Keep Hyde Park Weird" at the Fire Station Festival

Have you had your fill of tire stabbings, house demolitions and breakins, tree and yard mutilations, and thefts of bikes and strollers? Are you tired of seeing less-than-positive stories about your neighborhood on the evening news? Are you starting to think that Leander and Pflugerville are looking better and better?

Get control of vourself!!!! What you really need is an excuse to party with your neighbors and remember just why we choose to live in Hyde Park. The 33rd Annual Hyde Park Fire Station Festival is right around the corner, and it couldn't come at a better time.



The Object of Our Affections: Fire Station #9. Photo by Catherine Judd

This year's festival will be bigger and better than ever, thanks to more underwriters and sponsors; but what will make this year better is YOUR participation. Start planning now to join your friends and neighbors on **Sunday**, **October 21 from 4-6 p.m.** 

As usual, the Festival kicks off with an eclectic parade from Shipe Park to Station #9, to appeal to the child in us all. Get creative in that special "Keep Hyde Park Weird" spirit. Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons, pets, vehicles, movable objects, and yourselves.

Premier your Halloween costume. Bring musical instruments or noisemakers to play along with the marching band or your own drummer. Get your friends, neighbors, and miscellaneous groups to participate. Remember, this is Hyde Park. We know how to have fun.

If you don't want to be in the parade, then you must make certain to find a prime viewing spot. This is one parade you don't want to miss. The parade will travel east from the park through the neighborhood — at least as far as the law will allow — head west

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## From the President's Desk:

## The Meaning(s) of Community

At the September Steering Committee meeting, as usual, many items were discussed. In between discussing a raise in membership dues and HPNA finances and code compliance issues, we talked about how to get more people involved in the neighborhood — both in leadership roles and getting people to feel part of a community. It is the community aspect that I will attempt to address in this column.

A community means shared problems, shared ideas and shared space. A community means being aware of those around you and how the decisions you make impact them. A community is made up of all of its parts — from new residents to old. New residents bring new ideas. Old residents bring history and continuity. A community means similar issues. A community means its people.

I have heard several people in the past say, "The associa-

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tion should do something about that" with regard to various issues. While these statements are true and the HPNA should always strive to do more (and we do!), it is also true that community, as well as charity, begins at home. The HPNA runs on a system of volunteers. It is always easy to criticize what others are doing, or not doing, without giving much thought to what we, as individuals, are contributing.

This could be as simple as: are the limbs of the tree in your yard encroaching on your neighbor's roof or are pedestrians having to duck in order to walk under them? Do you have a sidewalk in front of your house so that neighbors are not forced to walk in the street with cars? Or it could be as complicated and testy as wanting to build something that is not compatible with those around you.

In this day and age, it is easy to live in a bubble and only see the world according to each of us. What will this do to my property value, my upkeep, my way of life? The challenge is to think of the issues in the larger context. What will this mean to my community, my neighbors, my friends? Or even, what would this mean to me if my neighbor was doing it next door?

So, I would like to invite the residents and property owners of Hyde Park to think about this: The next time you think the HPNA should be doing something about some issue, consider what



you think you give back to your community. Do you bring issues, ideas and options to bear, serve on committees or even attend regular meetings? To be a member of the community, we have to start with being part of the community. To quote from *Lost*, my favorite television series: "We'll either live together or die alone."

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## REMODELING? BUILDING? HPNA's Development Review Committee Can Help!

Because of Hyde Park's historic significance to Austin, building and remodeling in our neighborhood are regulated by a unique set of laws and processes. Hyde Park, south of 45th Street, contains a National Register District, where all remodeling and building permits must be reviewed by the City of Austin's Historic Landmark Commission. Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts govern projects in all areas of Hyde Park.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association's Development Review Committee (DRC) is a standing committee of volunteer neighbors with expertise in these laws and procedures, who meet with and advise anyone seeking to remodel or build. The DRC also makes recommendations regarding any governmental action on demolition, remodeling, and building issues. Current committee members include an architect, builders, a former real estate agent, a lawyer and, collectively, more than 100 years of experience in Hyde Park remodeling and building.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association strongly encourages anyone considering a remodeling or building project to meet with the DRC as early as possible in the planning process.

Stan Kozinsky chairs the committee, which meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway. Please contact the DRC through committee member Catherine Moore at 453-0592 or <chmoore@austin.rr.c om>. Meetings are open to any interested neighbor.

## Vino Vino Issue Nears Resolution

"Hey!" declares the sign pasted to the front door of Vino Vino, the wine bar and restaurant at 4119 Guadalupe. "If you parked next to New World Deli, you better turn around and move your car. They'll tow you in a New York second. Park next to Hyde Park Gym."

It's not your usual storefront sign, and there's one reason why: As Vino Vino manager Jerry Reid stated in a letter to the *Austin Chronicle* in August, "For two years now" the owners of Vino Vino have been attempting to become a fully licensed and certified wine bar and restaurant, despite powerful opposition spearheaded by neighboring business owner Karen McGraw. For Vino Vino co-owner Jeff Courington, manager Reid, and building owner Thad Avery, the past two years have been "a wee bit frustrating," as Reid wrote to the *Chronicle*.

It's fair to say that the past two years have been frustrating for McGraw as well: She co-owns the Hyde Park Marketplace building just south of Vino Vino, and is a long-time Hyde Park advocate and neighborhood leader who is concerned that the number of people Vino Vino will attract is far greater than

the parking-strapped area of Guadalupe can accommodate. Time will tell if her fears will come to fruition: On August 30th, after a previous round of approvals by the city and the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association,

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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment	2007-08 Membership	HPNA Membership Info
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the request to change the zoning to neighborhood office (NO-H-NCCD). Doris Coward made the motion as requested by Karen, and Jennifer Berbas seconded. After discussion, the motion carried 24 to one.

Next, Niyata Spelman provided the report from the **Nominating Committee**. The nominations for the next year are:

- President Elaine Meenehan
- Vice President Jennifer Berbas
- Co-Treasurers I. Jay Aarons and Lorre Weidlich
- Co-Secretaries Pam Whittington and Celeste Cromack (volunteered after the meeting)
- Steering Committee Positions Rob Clinchard, Wanda Penn, and Dorothy Richter (who volunteered after the meeting ended)

Steering Committee members continuing to serve their two-years terms are: Stan Kozinsky, Karen Mc-Graw, and William Cook. Niyanta noted the need for a Homes Tour Chairman.

Mary Collins Blackmon gave an update on the progress of the plan for the **renovations at the Elisabet Ney Museum**. A public briefing will be held Tuesday, September 25 at City Hall.

Next, Christin Alvarado and Christi Cabarello with **Austin Partners in Education** discussed the various programs they offer and the different options for being a volunteer. Jennifer Berbas, Vice President of HPNA, has been a volunteer for seven years. APIE has programs in math, college readiness, reading, literature, and computers. School-based mentoring is also available. For more information, log on to <a href="https://www.austinpartners.org">www.austinpartners.org</a> or refer to the article by Jennifer in the September issue of the *Pecan Press*.

Sergeant Dustin Lee with the Austin Police Department introduced himself. He is the new supervisor of our District Representative Ricardo Vargas. Neighbors asked many questions regarding the recent burglaries and tire slashings in the area. Jenna Stephens, a new neighbor, mentioned that she is planning a neighborhood event to be held in October. (see announcement on page 7) This event will allow neighbors to get to know each other better and help with crime watch in our area. Carol Welder, Crime and Safety Chairman, reported that Neighborhood Watch signs arrived and are being installed around the neighborhood.

Elaine then discussed the need for cleaning up our **alleys**. It is important to keep the alleys clear of limbs and brush so that the City of Austin will continue to pick up garbage in the alleys. Members discussed various proposals for getting the alleys cleaned. Proposals ranged from hiring a company to handle the cleaning to having a clean-up organized by neighbors.

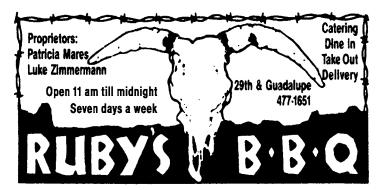
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No action was taken. (See related update in this issue...)

Carolyn Grimes is organizing the Fire Station Festival to be held on Sunday, October 21, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be food, entertainment, door prizes, and the annual parade. Carolyn asked for volunteers to help make the event a success.

Lastly, Elaine reported the Steering Committee recommended that HPNA dues be increased from \$1 per year to \$5 per year. Senior citizens would continue to pay \$1. This matter will be discussed further at the October HPNA meeting. She also noted that all

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#### Fire Station Fest...

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on 43d, and end up at Fire Station #9. When you see the tents east of the fire station, you'll know you're at the right place. There you will find food, music, family friendly entertainment, tours of the fire station, information booths, and prizes for costumes and decorations in children, adult, and pet categories.

Be sure to bring a small amount of cash with you, since there will be HPNA membership renewals and fundraising activities from various neighborhood groups.

Rain or shine, a great time will be had by all. Join in to Keep Hyde Park Weird!

#### The Basics:

What: HPNA's 33rd Annual Fire Station Festival When: Sunday, October 21, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Shipe Park (44th and Ave F) to Austin Fire Station #9 (43rd and Speedway)

Why: The Fire Station represents the spirit of Hyde Park and the founding of HPNA, when neighbors banded together to save it.

Why now: We need a party to remember why we love Hyde Park.

**Contact:** Me, for more information

 Carolyn Grimes, Chair, 2007 Hyde Park Fire Station Festival, <cgrimes2@austin.rr.com> 426-3559

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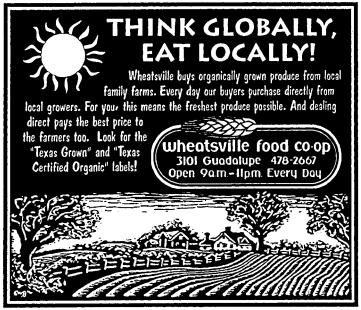


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## Crime Report



by Carol Welder

The Neighborhood Watch Program is gaining mo-▲ mentum and now has over 30 Block Captains. As of this writing, there is a meeting planned on September 24th with APD and the Block Captains to review the responsibilities and brainstorm ways in which we can become more educated in crime prevention and awareness. New Neighborhood Watch signs have now been installed at over 10 locations around Hyde

At the HPNA September meeting, Sgt. Lee spoke regarding citywide criminal activity and told us that crime is on the increase all over Austin. APD is asking for our help by reporting any suspicious activity. The recent tire slashings gained media attention after the police department issued a press release asking for help in identifying suspects. Hopefully, this will result in arrests. As a reminder, if you are not on the neighborhood yahoo email list, you should sign up.

The alleyways were another topic of discussion. Many have become overgrown, which may risk the loss of garbage pickup if there is not enough clearance for trucks to pass. It is a code violation to have tree limbs blocking the right of way, so we are asking neighbors to trim back their trees and shrubs. One neighbor reported having seen old sofas and chairs in some of the alleyways, which may invite the homeless or vagrants to sit or sleep. I was asked to check into having them removed. Cleaning up the neighborhood helps prevent crime, and we can all contribute by picking up trash, making our homes secure, and calling 311 to report graffiti or any code violations that you may see.

Lastly, I just got word that Officer Rick Vargas will no longer be Hyde Park's District Representative. He will be bringing his replacement along to the September 24th meeting, but I would like to thank Officer Vargas for all of his efforts in working with our neighborhood. He has been very responsive to our concerns and will be missed. I will give you our new representative's name and contact information as soon as I get

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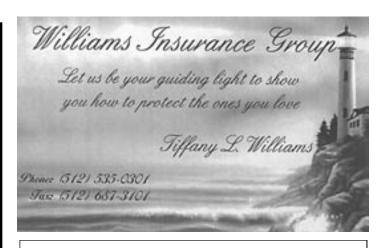
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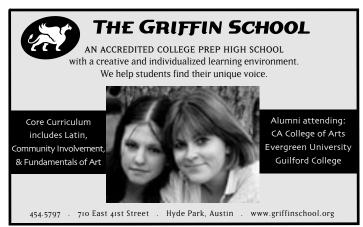
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The issue of maintaining vegetation in our alleys has long been a bone of contention between Hyde Park and City Hall. Several times in the past, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association's volunteer "Alley Cats" have mobilized the neighborhood to clean and trim the alleys, in an effort to ensure continuation of alley-based waste collection services.

Last month, in a historic reversal of policy, the City of Austin agreed to begin maintaining our alleyways with city crews to keep them clear for garbage trucks to continue alley collection.

This year's heavy rains resulted in unprecedented growth of trees and bushes along the alleys, creating serious safety hazards for waste collection crews. City Solid Waste Services Director William Rhodes met with HPNA President Elaine Meenehan and Tree Preservation Chair John Paul Moore on Friday, September 14, to reveal the new policy.

Beginning immediately, city Public Works Department crews will clear vegetation adjoining alleys on an ongoing basis. In situations where limbs of trees on private property continue to pose hazards, property owners will be notified by the city's Code Enforcement department of their responsibility to remove these limbs.

In future years, Rhodes intends to request funding in the city budget for permanent crews within the Solid Waste Services Department to perform this work.

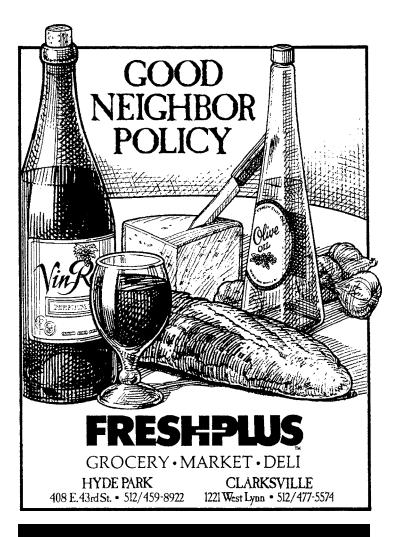
HPNA President Meenehan praised the city's new policy and thanked Rhodes for taking this initiative.

"As with most of the accomplishments of our association, it is clear that this change came about because of heroic past efforts by neighbors in preserving our historic neighborhood, including our unique shaded, walkable alleyways," she said.

Tree Preservation Chair Moore pointed out that while this new policy will change city practices nearer ground level, the moratorium on Austin Energy line clearance tree trimming remains in effect, pending permanent revisions of city tree trimming policy and the completion of a tree trimming policy amendment to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan, now before the planning team.

However, Moore pointed out, because of this year's heavy tree growth and especially heavy pecan crop weighing many branches, property owners

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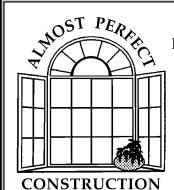




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## Developer of State Land Seeks HPNA Input

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Property just north and west of Hyde Park is being sold to a private developer.

The HPNA Development Review Committee met briefly with Manish Verma and Sarah Anderson, representatives of Commercial Investment Services, Inc. (CIS), a development company based in San Antonio on August 16 at their request to begin discussing the new development. CIS is looking to build a residential development adjacent to the Hyde Park Neighborhood on the site that is currently the Texas Park and Wildlife Gaming Center (located next to the UT Intramural Fields, on the south side of 51st Street, one block west of Rowena Avenue). The proposed development is in the beginning stages and it is anticipated that 90 to 120 units will be built on the 6+ acre site. Mr. Verma is interested in soliciting community input regarding the project at a public meeting to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m., at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 600 E. 50th St., one block east of Duval. It is expected that the project will be brought before the HPNA general membership for consideration as early as the November 5 meeting.

Karen McGraw

## City Alley Maintenance...

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Moore pointed out that many trees can both protect and sometimes threaten both their owners' homes and those of their neighbors.

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## Vino Vino Resolving...

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Vino Vino obtained the last of the official endorsements it needed when the City Council voted 7-0 to allow Vino Vino's customers to park at the Midas Muffler lot at the corner of 40th Street and Guadalupe, some 600 feet south of Vino Vino.

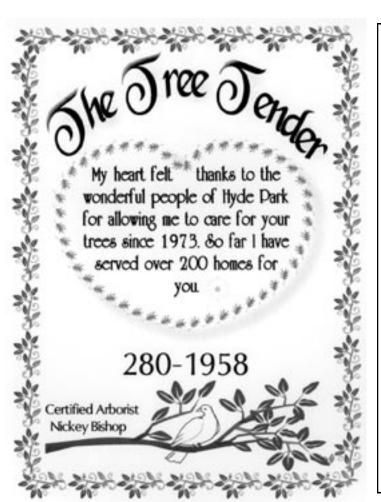
Vino Vino's attempt to become a full-fledged restaurant has centered on its ability to supply adequate parking for its customers. A number of Hyde Park residents who have been keeping tabs on the Vino Vino issue believe that the squabble has more to do with the rancor that competing businesses can sometimes inspire in one another than it does the number of parking spaces a business is required to provide, but as far as city regulations are concerned, a business that has 3,174 square feet, as Vino Vino does, must provide 24 spaces for its customers.

At the monthly neighborhood meeting in February, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association members voted 55 to 15 in favor of endorsing Vino Vino's attempt to find off-site parking for its customers. (McGraw has said that she was not allowed to speak at that meeting.) Vino Vino owners had met with the management of Midas Muffler and agreed to pay Midas for allowing Vino Vino customers to park there after 6pm. The city's Planning Commission has to approve a business's off-site parking plans, however, and when Vino Vino's attempt at a parking solution came before the Commission in July, McGraw was there to express her concerns. Vino Vino rented a bus to cart its supporters to City Hall for the hearing.

McGraw has stressed all along that she is not out to kill a neighboring business. "I would love to have a lovely little wine bar" in the neighborhood, she said, as she addressed the Commission but appeared to be speaking to Thad Avery in particular: "But why did you ... especially someone who owns several properties — why have you put it in this building that has no [parking] space at all?" Avery is a residential and commercial investor who owns the building that houses Vino Vino, Hyde Park Gym, two houses on the west side of the 4100 block of Avenue A, and the red-brick office building in the 4300 block of Guadalupe, among other properties in Austin. "I fear that what we're going to end up having to choose between is a neighborhood full of cars or destroying houses on Avenue A" to create more parking spaces for new businesses along Guadalupe, McGraw said at the meeting.

The Planning Commission voted 6-0 in favor of allowing Vino Vino's customers to park at the Midas lot. Citizens of Austin are allowed to appeal a commission's decision, which McGraw did; and on August 30th, the City Council members listened to

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## Vino Vino Resolving...

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her reasons for not allowing Vino Vino's customers to park at the Midas lot, and to Vino Vino's supporters articulating why they should. McGraw's husband Alan Marburger spoke in support of McGraw's appeal of the Planning Commission's decision, and four more Hyde Park residents showed up at Council chambers in support of McGraw but ceded their speaking time to her so that she would have more speaking time before the Council to defend her appeal. Approximately 20 to 25 Vino Vino supporters showed up.

After stressing that new businesses are good for a neighborhood, and that she did not want to kill a neighboring business, McGraw reiterated her argument that "the parking is inadequate for a wine bar," explaining that Vino Vino customers had filled up the parking spaces at the Hyde Park Marketplace during the wine bar's wine tastings. A number of Vino Vino supporters spoke about their pleasure at having a neighborhood wine bar. The City Council voted 7-0 to allow Vino Vino's customers to park in the Midas lot.

After the Council's decision, McGraw observed, "I guess we could go to court, but I don't think we're going to." Dealing with Vino Vino customers who park in her tenants' parking spaces has been a hassle. "We

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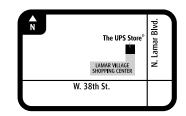
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Dear Hyde Park Residents.

I have agreed to head up a committee now being formed to make Hyde Park a Local Historic District. (LHD) As many of you know, this is a significant process that requires input from residents of Hyde Park coordinated with City and neighborhood design requirements. Our goal is to create a document that incorporates modern building techniques, including green building as a significant concern, with authentic period guidelines and interpretations. We hope to develop a document that can serve as a concise yet comprehensive outline for what we in Hyde Park agree should serve as baseline minimum requirement for building and remodeling. As you know, we need a significant majority of residents in Hyde Park to proactively communicate with the city their desire to support us as an autonomous entity. To do this will require that some of the more "hardline" ideas that HPLHD has promoted in the past, be tempered and softened. The compromises that this committee will need to make will likely spur heated debates and discussions. My personal goal in this process, other than to help us gain the status we seek via intelligent consensus building, is to have us view our guidelines as dynamic and flexible as the building industry matures and as we learn from what inevitable mistakes we'll make in our early drafts. Intelligent consensus building means that I would like a diverse group of individuals to become an integral part of the process and help bring the LHD status to fruition.

Among the types of volunteer expertise and perspectives we're seeking are the following:

- 1. Architects, architectural students, city planning professionals and
- 2. Structural Engineers
- 3. Interior Designers
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- 5. Tradespeople/contractors
- 6. Landscapers
- 7. City-savvy interested parties
- 8. Historians
- 9. Long-time Hyde Park residents
- 10. Hyde Park landlords
- 11. Hyde Park tenants
- 12. Attorneys, tax attorneys, accountants, business people of any kind
- 13. Any other interested parties with a strong commitment to making Hyde Park the quintessential historic neighborhood in Austin that paves the way for other historic neighborhoods to ensure their own preservation.

Please email me and let me know if you're interested in joining the group. I foresee a few early longer meetings, perhaps even twice a week for a couple of weeks. Then once the tasks have been outlined, we can divide and conquer in a reasonable time period without excessive burden to any of us.

Sincerely,

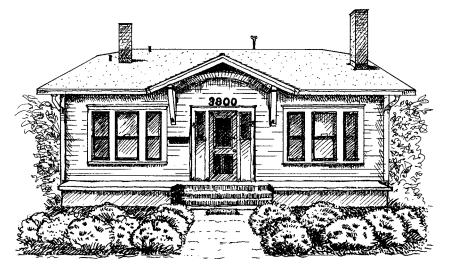
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— Albert Huffstickler

## Vino Vino Resolving...

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already have people who park there whom we don't tow, but if it gets worse, good chance we'll have to do some kind of towing and we just don't want to do that," she said. "But we have tenants and they need parking, and so they call us and say 'Help!', so it puts us in a difficult situation. I hope they can really do what they say and try to get legal and try to control their traffic. I think that would be really good if they could do it."

Vino Vino building owner Avery says that the Council's decision "says to us that the city of Austin supports creative solutions to parking issues."

As Vino Vino owner Jeff Courington put it, "We just want a chance to be the good neighbors we have always tried to be."

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