



September Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 10, 2012

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for Sep 10th

Carol Haywood

Planning Manager, Comprehensive Division, Planning & Development Review Department

Margaret Valenti

Senior Neighborhood Planner, Contact Team and Education Coordinator, Planning & Development Review Department

“NCCD? LHD? Conditional overlay? What are these? How do they control what happens in the neighborhood?”

“Neighborhood plan? I didn’t know we had one! And what’s a contact team, anyway?”

To judge by some of the recent debate at neighborhood meetings and on the listserv, there is considerable confusion and misunderstanding about just what organizations and zoning entities operate in Hyde Park, what the relationship is between them, and what legal power they have.

Carol and Margaret will chart a path through the confusion. They will clarify issues like the following:

The neighborhood plan - How did it come about? What legal weight does it carry? What is its relationship to the city plan?

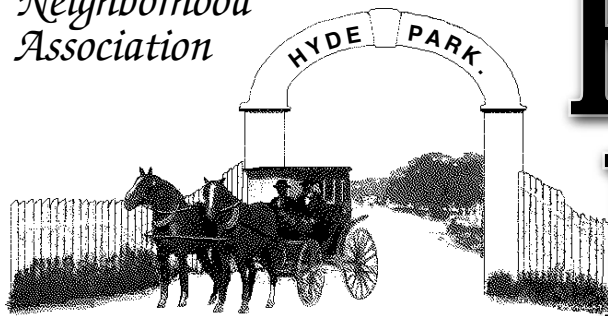
The contact team - What is it? What legal authority does it have?

Zoning ordinances - What’s their relationship to the neighborhood plan? Which ones operate in Hyde Park?

The neighborhood association - What is its relationship to all these things? Does it have any legal authority?

All Hyde Park residents are welcome.

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Trees Still Threatened

Although a relatively wet winter and recent rains have eased some effects of 2011, the hottest, driest year on record in Texas, our beloved trees remain vulnerable to new threats even as many recover foliage.

The City of Austin eased watering restrictions effective July 16. We can now water twice a week on designated days, unless you are holding the hose which you can do at any time, only before 5 a.m. or after 7 p.m. These provisions are spelled out on the city’s web site at <http://tinyurl.com/8yrw2pr>.

We continue to lose our towering elms and ashes to the lingering effects of years of little rain. Another of our legacy post oaks on the grounds of Baker School is dead and will need to be removed.

Disease

Weakened by the drought conditions of the last several years, the trees face a new threat from opportunistic diseases.

The sticky “honeydew” secreted by aphids feeding on foliage has returned this year. While the aphid infestation is not generally life-threatening to a healthy tree, weak ones – most of ours – are more vulnerable. Aphid season generally peaks in July and we can hope for less of the nasty tiny drops that cloud windows and harm finishes as the summer wears on – time to scrub that sticky stuff off what you can.

If you’ve tried to book an arborist recently, you know most of the respectable ones are very busy.

Sadly, too many of these are engaged removing trees killed by the worst of these diseases, the dreaded Hypoxylon Canker, a fungal infection that cannot usually take hold in a tree with normal moisture content. It is attacking oaks, pecans, sycamores, and elms this year with a vengeance. Nickey Bishop of the Tree Tender went so far as to tell me the disease is “ravishing” the entire urban forest of Austin.

There is little to be done to treat this disease once it is detected, even if you spot it early. According to the Texas Forest Service (TFS), the only preventive action is “maintaining tree vigor” by keeping them watered and making special efforts to protect roots during any construction. According to the TFS, “Damage to tree roots around construction areas commonly predisposes a tree to infection by hypoxylon canker.”

You can read more on the TFS website about this disease at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/treethreat>.

Pecan Trees

Hyde Park yards and streets are graced with numerous varieties of pecan, the Texas State Tree. Many of these varieties were

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From the President's Desk:

Pam Dozier has retired from distributing to the northwest quarter of our neighborhood. Thanks to Pam for her many years of service! We also greatly appreciate our two new area coordinators for Pecan Press distribution: Syema Muzaffar, who is taking over for Pam, and Ashley Schweickart, who is taking over coordinating distribution for the southwest quarter of Hyde Park. A big thanks to Syema and Ashley!

A big thanks also to Jim and Eileen Genevro for their years of service on the membership committee and to new membership co-chairs Sharon Brown and Karen Saadeh! Karen and Sharon could use volunteers to join their committee to help improve HPNA's outreach to members and potential members; please consider volunteering on that committee.

Lorre Weidlich, David Conner, and the many Homes Tour com-

mittee volunteers have been hard at work preparing for this year's tour, which will be held on Sunday November 11th. The Homes Tour committee is looking for some additional volunteers for this year's tour. Please consider assisting the committee in researching homes on the tour or consider serving as a docent at one of the homes. You don't have to be an expert on architecture to be a valuable docent.

The Fire Station Festival is another fun annual event that depends on our wonderful volunteers. Please contact Deaton Bednar if you want to join this year's team of Fire Station Festival volunteers. The festival is from 4-6 p.m. on October 21st.

On August 2nd, Council finally adopted the ordinance concerning short term rentals. The motion was made by Councilmember Riley and seconded by Councilmember Cole and adopted on a 5-2 vote, Councilmembers Morrison and Tovo voting no. The text of the ordinance may be found on the City website here:

<<http://www.cityofaustin.org/edims/document.cfm?id=174697>>

There were some changes from the text that Council had adopted on first reading, including a 3% cap per census tract rather than a 3% cap per zip code for non-owner-occupied short term rentals and a commitment by Council to re-examine how this ordinance is

working within a year of the ordinance's adoption. Councilmember Tovo made a motion to amend the portion of the ordinance relating to type 2 (non-owner-occupied) short term rentals that was very similar to the resolution narrowly adopted by HPNA, "A short term rental use under this section is prohibited unless prescribed as a permitted special use under section 25-2-1406 (Ordinance Requirements) in an ordinance zoning or rezon-

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2012 Hyde Park Homes Tour Update

ing property as a neighborhood plan (NP) combining district." That amendment was not accepted. If you were not able to watch the meeting and are interested in knowing what motions that were made to amend this ordinance they are summarized on pp. 27-29 of the Council Minutes for August 2nd, available on the City website here: <<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=174705>>

Please send good wishes to Councilmember Bill Spelman and past HPNA co-president Niyanta Spelman as the Councilmember recovers from his recent surgery. Wishing him a full and fast recovery!

— Lisa Harris
 HPNA President
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It's only 2 1/2 months away and plans are progressing. The tour will begin at Trinity United Methodist Church. From there, a bus will alternate between two loops to carry passengers to the seven houses on the tour while docents on the bus point out sights along the route.

Tour houses include David Conner's newly designated Historic Landmark house (see related article on page 5) and the beautifully restored Davis/Conner house on Avenue F.

We still need a few house captains and someone to organize the official kick-off and volunteer parties. It's also not too early to volunteer to be a docent at one of the houses. All volunteers receive free admission to the tour. Contact John Williams, Volunteer Chairman, <jawilli@grandecom.net> and let him know what shift you would like to work.



The restored Davis/Conner home to be among those featured on the 2012 Hyde Park Homes Tour

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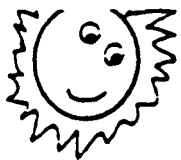


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Area Trees Threatened...
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developed and sold by the late Frank T. Ramsey, pioneer nurseryman, civic leader and once among Hyde Park's biggest employers. While many of our pecans are suffering heavy aphid damage, especially on lower limbs and leaves, some others seem relatively unscathed, and already budding with new pecans.

As Hyde Park neighbors know all too well, Pecans are "self pruning," and drought-weakened branches, especially those that have been allowed to grow too close to a horizontal plane, too nearly parallel to the ground, have been dropping as they sprout heavy new foliage with this year's rains.

As we enter another hurricane season, with more frequent violent weather spreading inland to Central Texas, the best treatment for pecans is to prune them thoroughly, to lighten the foliage load on these weakened branches and consider seriously removal of lower, more spreading ones.

As the especially violent winds of May 2008 were felling mighty trees all around my home, I watched with concern the storm's effect on the big mature pecan that shelters my house. Pruned of its most horizontal branches, the upright near-century-old tree weathered the storm with the loss of just a few stick sized branches and a lot of leaves.

I may not be able to afford the care that has long been lavished on the 160-year-old, 140-foot Mount Vernon Pecan Tree that came from pecan nuts mailed to George Washington by Thomas Jefferson but I take hope from its longevity for my own pecan.

These lovely trees, which because of climate change are entirely likely to be taller and older than any of their species in the future, can continue to provide shade and comfort for many years to come, with watchful care and attention.

Keep them as well-pruned and as robust as you can, and don't ever let them be "lion tailed" to look like a live oak. They're not.

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David's loving restoration of the house will be on display during this year's Hyde Park Homes Tour on the 11th of November.

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HPNA Elections: October 1st

At our October 1st general meeting we will elect Officers and steering committee members. All members whose dues are current as of September 1st will be eligible to vote. This year almost all seats in our leadership will be up for election. After my term ends I will be on steering committee as immediate past president. The other current members who will continue to serve for the 2012-2013 year are Dorothy Richter, who holds a permanent ex officio voting seat on steering committee, and Kevin Heyburn, who will have served the first year of his two-year term. We will vote to fill all other offices and steering committee seats at our October meeting. All officer positions have one-year terms. All at-large seats on steering committee have two-year terms. There are term limits for all positions except treasurer. Serving half or less than half of an at-large steering committee term does not count as a term with regard to term limits. Reaching the term limit in one position does not preclude nomination for a different position, and term limits are not lifetime limits; per our bylaws a person may be nominated for an officer position for which he or she reached the term limit after a full term for the office held has passed, i.e., after one year for an officer position or after two years for an at-large steering committee position. Full details of the responsibilities of the various positions in our leadership are in sections X and XI of our bylaws, which are available on our website here:

<<http://www.austinydepark.org/wp-content/uploads/HPNAbylaws10-3-2011.pdf>>

The nominations committee, consisting of Sharon Brown, Adam Wilson, Carolyn Grimes and myself, proposes the following slate:

Officers:

Co-Presidents John Williams and Ashley Schweickart

Vice President Mark Fishman

Co-Secretaries Claire de Young (we need a second co-secretary nominee)

Co-Treasurers I Jay Aarons and Lynne Hohlfeld

At-large steering committee:

Full terms (four seats):

Lorre Weidlich

Eric Stumberg

Kathy Lawrence

Annette Lucksinger

Filling a vacancy (one seat):

Paul Kamprath

Additional nominations may be made on the floor at the October meeting.

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If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to feel ashamed

If a child lives with disorder, he learns to feel confused

If a child lives with disappointment, he learns to feel helpless

If a child lives with silence, he learns to feel lonely"

On the corner of Avenue B and 38th Street at 3804 Avenue B in Hyde Park sits Helping Hand Home for Children (HHH), a place where miracles happen daily, a place we pass all the time. Child abuse facts are staggering: every 11 seconds a U.S. child is reported abused or neglected - 65% of prison inmates, up to 80% of drug and alcohol abusers, 90% of convicted murderers were child abuse victims. Child abuse wounds include chronic health problems, cognitive and language disorders, and relationship dysfunction including intergenerational violence.

Within HHH, the statistics of child abuse are transformed into the individual children living there, desperate to have a loving family. When a child arrives, they are in Child Protective Services custody, having been removed from their biological families due to abuse. Imagine babies who are never held, rocked, or soothed. Feel the panic and hunger of a toddler with no food, the shame and guilt of children who are beaten and sexually abused. Imagine children who have never attended school, carrying the self-image of failure that comes with abuse.

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But how does HHH turn around a child's life, replace fear with trust, anger with love, failure with confidence? And what makes HHH a place where wounds heal? Chris Janawicz, LCAA, Director of Residential Services, explains the HHH difference.

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AUSTIN, Texas—The HealthStart Foundation and the Trinity United Methodist Church are hosting a community book, bake, and treasures sale on Sept. 29, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to raise money for the parish and children's health literacy. The sale will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at 4001 Speedway, Austin, TX 78751.

This community event benefitting two local organizations is an opportunity to clean out your closet and come and find new treasures. There will also be food and drink for sale at the event.

The church will be accepting donations the following dates and times:

- Sunday, Sept. 23, 2012, from 12:45 to 2 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.;
- Friday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and
- Saturday, Sept. 29, 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Smaller donations can be dropped off anytime the week of Sept. 23, 2012, at the church's Hyde Park location at 4001 Speedway, Austin, TX 78751.

For more information, please visit the Trinity United Methodist Church website's Events Calendar at www.tumc.org or contact Jack Schulze at (512) 371-1040 or <jack@ledgersheet.net>.



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From Buddhism to Basketball...this Fall at the Blanton.

Did you know the Blanton Museum of Art is one of the foremost university art museums in the country and has the largest and most comprehensive collection of art in Central Texas? As a Hyde Park resident, you live in the prime location to take advantage of all that the Blanton Museum of Art has to offer, and this fall promises to be the perfect time to make the museum part of your life.

Starting September 16, visit the museum to see the original document from 1891 that outlines the rules of the sport of basketball. The document will be on display with works from contemporary artist Paul Pfeiffer in *The Rules of Basketball: Works by Paul Pfeiffer and James Naismith's Original Rules of Basketball*.

Also opening is *Into the Sacred City: Tibetan Buddhist Deities From the Theos Bernard Collection*, featuring three rare thangkas, ritual scroll paintings of fierce and sublime Buddhist deities, and five painted mandalas ? elaborate, symbolic diagrams used as meditative aids.

The Blanton is eager to share with you all of the benefits that art can bring to your life, and as a neighbor, Hyde Park residents have several options for visiting the museum often. Joining the museum as a member allows you to receive unlimited free admission, discounts in the Museum Shop and Blanton Café, invitations to exhibition previews, and more!

Visit the Blanton and ask about this Special Membership Offer:

- Two free tickets to B scene (the Blanton's popular after hours art party)
- A free artsy gift

Not quite ready to become a member or not sure if art is your thing? The Blanton is free every Thursday so it is a great time for people who have never been before to visit the museum. The Blanton can also schedule group tours with a trained docent or self-guided group visits.

The Blanton is located at 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. across from the Bullock Museum. Parking is available in the Brazos Garage. There are also bike lanes and bus routes nearby. Information about Blanton exhibitions, events, membership, museum hours, and admission prices can be found online at www.blantonmuseum.org or by calling 512-471-7324.

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Helping Hand Homes... ...cont'd from page 7

Miracles unfold through HHH's staff's belief in children's remarkable resiliency. At HHH, children are met where they are emotionally and are not forced into conforming into an externally prescribed behavioral regimen. They are always understood especially when they're overwhelmed with emotions. They are partners in their own recovery. They are empowered to control their behavior and make the leap of faith into trusting others, trusting love, and accepting themselves as survivors.


Trauma produces a constellation of hypervigilance, intense anxiety, and a dissociation from one's body, emotions, and self. This is called Sensory Processing Disorder. So what tools are available for abused kids to relax into their bodies, breathe, feel themselves in the moment? HHH uses research from occupational therapy to heal longstanding physiologic patterns in their kids. Within the residential setting is a brightly colored carpeted room with a pillow pit, rope climbing area, ladder, balance toys, a padded body compressor, weighted blankets: all aides for children to experience their body in space and time and feel safe. We call it a Sensory Integration Room; the kids call it fun. It's rumored that staff occasionally sneak in to gain tranquility also.

Imagine children who can't read, can't write, are behind academically, who never attended school because of their family's chaos. Compound academic lags with unsettled emotions, no friends, no support; it's no wonder these kids bounce from 9 to 10 to 11 AISD schools on the road to becoming another tragedy. In partnership with UT, though, HHH has a Charter school right on campus. So a child with a wrenching therapy session the night before might be a little distracted during a morning's math lesson. Instead of acting out and being forced to leave school, the child can walk with a staff person to a safe place, talk it through, and return to the classroom quickly. This is how success blooms.

HHH staff know that kids are kids. Private donations allow activities such as swimming, paddleboard, martial arts, and yoga. Many activities are taught by volunteers and some in collaboration with the University of Texas Recreation Department. Dogs from Divine Canines visit for unconditional puppy love. An extra treat is visiting R.O.C.K -Ride On Center for Kids in Georgetown, where equine therapy benefits kids and adults.

For such quality treatment, the Texas Department of Family Services provides approximately half of every dollar spent on a child at HHH. The other funds and services come from grants, events, donations, and volunteers. Community volunteers provide a critical component of HHH's normalizing milieu.

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High 583 days	High \$1,200,000	High \$336
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Helping Hand Homes...

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Julie Freeman, Director of Development knows how we can help. Thanks to wonderful neighborhoods like Hyde Park and NUNA, and corporate sponsors who have watched and learned from us, the kids all get plenty of toys on holidays. How about supporting children who arrive at HHH with nothing but the clothes they're wearing, who are looking for a friend, someone to care?

\$25: Can provide school supplies for a child

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\$100: Can provide 2 weeks of Discovery Time, HHH's summer educational enrichment program for kids to be kids

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Consider volunteering. A community friend who comes on schedule every week for a visit or to read a book is life changing for these children. Tutors are needed for all of the kids in the Charter School, and our education rich neighborhoods have much to offer. Provide cooking classes, art, language or music classes. Every child is differently gifted, and we can share our blessings with them. Most importantly, know about these kids, the miracles they are, and the staff on Avenue B who devote their lives to providing hope and healing. Interested? Call Julie in the Development Office at 512-600-7897. Mail to: Helping Hand Home for Children, Attn: Development Department, 3804 Avenue B, 78751. Visit the website at www.helpinghandhome.org.

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Elisabet Ney Museum Tree Update

Milder drought conditions, decent winter rainfall, and fewer 100 degree temperatures this year have given recently planted and mature trees a break from the harsher conditions experienced during 2011.


An evaluation of our mature urban forest trees identified the following:



A thriving post oak on the Ney Museum grounds, August 2012.
Photo by Jack French

- The large Post Oaks and sapling replacements seem to be thriving.
- Two young Ashe Juniper trees on Waller Creek behind the museum did not recover from the extreme weather conditions last year and are slated for removal.
- One of the two historic Ashe Junipers, at the front near the gate on the carriage drive, has shown a slow decline since January and will continue to be monitored and receive professional care as needed.
- The mesquite tree on E. 44th was inspected by Forestry and found to be in a state of decline with a large split at the base of the trunk that shows an advanced amount of decay, fungi and insect damage. It is being considered for removal for safety. Work to support the health of the native species will include the removal of two of the invasive Japanese Ligustrums in mixed tree stands in the prairie area west of the museum, and the planting of a third Eastern Redbud replacement tree along Ave H.

Please direct inquiries to Margaret Russell, PARD Program Manager, at <margaret.russell@austintexas.gov> or 512-974-3867.



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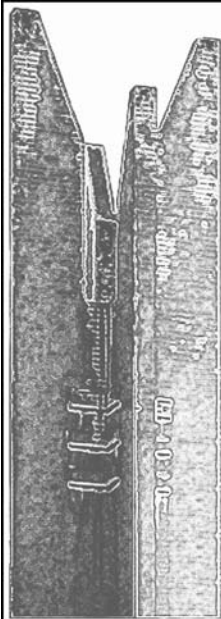
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Hyde Park Neighborhood Contact Team Meeting

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Contact Team is holding its next meeting on Wednesday, September 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway. The agenda is:

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Continue the discussion of the Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance
- (3) Consider whether to submit modifications to the Hyde Park NCCD and the North Hyde Park NCCD regarding STRs
- (4) Announcements
- (5) Adjourn

We hope to see you there!

– Ashley Schweickart
Hyde Park Neighborhood Contact
Team Secretary

National Night Out

Because the date of Austin's National Night Out (NNO) is not long before the date of the Fire Station Festival, HPNA is not organizing a neighborhood-wide NNO event this year but we encourage neighbors to host NNO gatherings for their blocks. The following is an Austin Police Department announcement.

29th Annual National Night Out Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide to participate in the event that is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations

Send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live

Neighborhoods are encouraged to come together and send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe.

From 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, EMS and fire fighters.

To register your neighborhood party, visit APD's website at <www.austintexas.gov/police>.

For the rest of the nation, National Night Out occurs in August. Since Texas is so hot, the event has been moved to October when it is cooler outside.



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