

March Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 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 March 6th

- ◆ Presentation of *Keep Austin Beautiful Award* to Elaine Meenehan for her graffiti cleanup work.
- ◆ Larry Gilg presents Peak Oil and how we can live with it.
- ◆ Committee Updates: By-Laws, Tree Trimming, Homes Tour
- ◆ HPNA 2006 Budget
- ◆ Copper Canyon, Mexico in Pictures - by Pam Whittington

See you there!

Tree Preservation Update: Progress

For now, Hyde Park's treasured mature trees are protected from the predations of misguided policy and hired chain saws.

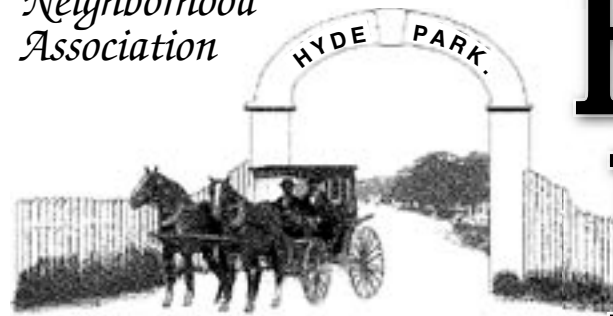
At its meeting February 9, responding to the urging of Hyde Park and our neighbors in Hancock and Eastwoods, the Austin City Council took an important step toward preserving the valuable shade canopy of mature trees in our city.

With the support of Mayor Will Wynn and Councilmembers Lee Leffingwell, Brewster McCracken and Betty Dunkerley in particular, the Council resolved:

1. To create a Citizens Task Force of stakeholders "to review, develop and recommend to Council policies and procedures related to the City of Austin's tree trimming and removal programs. The City Manager and the stakeholder task force shall present proposals...within 60 days."

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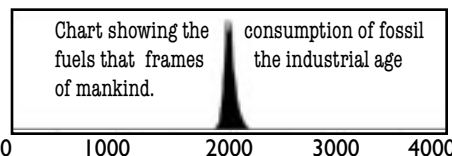
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Peak Oil: Toward a Stance of Sustainability

It is the Peak, after all! (Note: This issue will be the featured topic at the March HPNA meeting.)

Now that mainstream media are beginning to pick up on the peak oil dilemma, the discussion topics have changed from "When will it occur?" and "How will I be affected?" and "What should I be doing now?" to "What is the political pedigree of the person making the claims?" and "What preconceived notions of civil society does that person bring to the debate?" and "How can we make this look like a (liberal, conservative, religious, fascist, other) plot?" - simply choose your favorite whipping boy.



So we learn that Kunstler hates suburbia and idealizes small-town rural living. Heinberg hates 20th century American culture and idealizes the hunter-gatherer's intimate connection to nature, Simmons is eager to cash in on soaring energy prices, and latter-day hippies see a return to living closer to nature - and of course these are the sole reasons that they are preaching the gospel of peak oil.

Well, as the man says, just because I'm paranoid doesn't mean they're not really out to get me. The following argument, following Pascal's wager, helps me to focus on the pertinent issues in the midst of a campaign of skepticism:

- 1) The data supporting a hypothesis that oil extraction will peak before 2010 are credible.
- 2) The consequences of declining oil availability on an unprepared populace that depends on cheap oil can be disastrous.
- 3) There is no real penalty for taking actions today that mitigate the effects of peak oil, even if the "imminent peak" hypothesis is subsequently proven wrong.

If you accept the above, the question becomes, "What's holding

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The beautifully restored Boeckmann-Keeble house, to be featured in the 2006 Hyde Park Homes Tour. (See article on page 12) Photo by Lorre Weidlich

Is the Answer 'Blowin' in the Wind?'

Texas ranks first in the nation in energy consumption. This is not because we run our air conditioners more, or drive bigger cars over longer distances. It's mainly because two-thirds of the nation's petrochemical industry is located along the Texas coast and it takes a lot of energy to run it.

Although Texas still has the largest reserves of petroleum (second largest if you include federal offshore sites) and natural gas in the U.S., we are forced to import some \$1 billion worth of coal annually to meet our electric power needs.

But Texas is also a renewable energy dynamo waiting to happen. We have been called the Saudi Arabia of solar energy. Devoting 1 percent of its area to solar cells, some experts say, could meet

all of our electric power needs. Of course, one percent of Texas is a lot of land, more than twice Rhode Island's area. But some of the cells could be sheathing on the sides of skyscrapers and the roofs of residences. Last summer I read an online account of a man who had solar cells on his roof. As the sun climbed higher, his electric meter slowed down, finally stopping and reversing direction. At that point he was feeding electricity into the public power grid and reducing his electric bill. Solar energy peaks during the day when Texans need it most.

We don't think about the wind much in Austin, but in West Texas it is a nuisance being transformed into a resource. Texas is second only to North Dakota as a source of potential wind energy. Studies have shown that wind turbines alone, sited on suitable land in our state, could produce five times the total current electricity demand of Texas. Another study suggested that enough wind energy could be generated in just Texas and North Dakota to meet the total U.S. demand.

The technology is always improving. Turbines are becoming quieter and much more efficient. It's hard not to think that the U.S. would have been more secure had we invested hundreds of billions of dollars in renewable energy instead of making war on Iraq.

While the environmental impact of renewable energy is

frequently noted, the political impact is less so. Anyone familiar with the history of Big Oil knows how totally corrupting it can be, severely warping national and international politics. There will always be opportunities for graft and corruption, but solar and wind energy are unlikely to become Big Sun and Big Wind, simply because they are so abundant, so inexhaustible, and so free.

Anyone interested exploring energy issues would do well to start with the Energy Information Administration web site, <www.eia.doe.gov>. And don't forget to come to our March meeting for Larry Gilg's presentation on Peak Oil and how we can live with it.

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Tree Preservation Update...

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2. Directed the City Manager to analyze the costs and benefits of an important proposal from the Urban Forestry Board for an Urban Forest Inventory Plan.

3. Directed the City Manager to develop a proposal for a national competition to "develop the most innovative, cost-effective way to bury utility lines, promote the planting of street trees and protect existing mature urban trees."

While this resolution is being implemented and the task force does its work, Austin Energy has agreed to continue the moratorium on tree trimming and removal in Hancock, Hyde Park and Eastwoods neighborhoods.

Your neighborhood task force, as distinguished from the task force to be named by the city, sees this resolution as the first of several steps toward a more enlightened approach to the preservation of our trees.

At the same council meeting, Austin Energy General Manager Juan Garza reported on two steps AE has already agreed to in addressing some of the issues that led to creation of our neighborhood tree defense project. Garza said AE will now approach neighborhood groups about its trimming and removal plans before approaching individual households as was its previous practice.

This notification gives other neighborhoods the opportunity to develop community-wide responses to these plans, as we have done. AE has also developed a recitation of homeowner rights that will be put on doors of areas target-

ed for tree trimming and removal. This rights recitation is modeled after – but not as complete as – the one included in last month's *Pecan Press*. It is something of an improvement over the old approach, which told homeowners little about their rights under Austin's Tree Preservation Ordinance. We expect resolution of the discrepancies between these two documents – the Hyde Park Tree bill of rights and AE's truncated version – to be part of the work of the city task force.

Negotiations on the composition and membership of the city task force are underway. The three neighborhood representatives on our task force – Carolyn Palaima of Hancock NA, Del Womack of Eastwoods NA, and John Paul Moore for Hyde Park, have all agreed to serve on the city group and expect to be included.

Once this group is formed, we can go to work in earnest on a long term solution to this important issue, with our goal to make lasting changes in city policy to protect our trees. We have been assured that the current moratorium will continue until further changes can be recommended and put in place.

– John Paul Moore
Chair, HPNA Tree Preservation Task Force



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us back? Why don't we do the things that we all know will move our community to a stance of sustainability?" Conscious reform can't really begin until terms like decline, descent and shrinkage become positive words that connote progress. Growth-oriented society has been the norm in western civilization for so long that our language reflects a bias for things on the "up and up": a "booming" economy; getting a "raise"; "promoting" oneself; "climbing" the corporate ladder; "advancing" your agenda; "enriching" the experience; and, well, you get the picture. It's extremely difficult even to speak of progress in terms of "less" rather than "more." If the words abate, contract, decline, decrease, fade, ebb, lower, recede, subside all have negative implications, we'll be less likely to consider them as a positive choices that are available to lead us to a more humane, fulfilling life. A commitment to sustainability may indeed lead to a more humane lifestyle than continuing to try to solve problems by constant expansion. The problem is, we need to invent a language of progress that respects and cherishes a reduced level of consumption, leading to an appreciation of mankind's "final end." As Aldous Huxley wrote in his preface to the 1946 edition of "Brave New World": "... the greatest happiness principle would be secondary to the final end principle, - the first question to be asked and answered in every contingency of life being, 'How will this thought or action contribute to, or interfere with, the achievement, by me and the greatest number of other individuals, of mankind's final end?' " Think about it - how can we define progress in a world of diminishing resources? And enable a viable, fulfilling future for the generations who will follow us?

— Larry Gilg

(Gilg is a former HPNA President)

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Want to guess which one is more in keeping with the character and heritage of the neighborhood?

(Answer in next month's issue.)

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by Carol Welder

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As your new crime reporter, I hope to encourage residents to take a more proactive role in crime prevention. As neighbors, we need to look out for each other. There can't be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to prevention. We are the ones who really know what is going on in our community. If we don't, we should.

Last month, I attended a Commanders' Forum for the Central West Area hosted by law enforcement officers. I met our district representative, Officer Ricardo Vargas, with whom I talked about Neighborhood Watch programs and effective crime prevention techniques. I discovered that our area led the city in vehicle burglaries last fall. In order to reduce that number, Operation Shotgun was formed. Law enforcement officers spread out on patrol, focusing on small apartment complexes and malls, cutting vehicle theft in half. It continues to be one of the major crimes in our area but, with proactive vigilance and precautions, officers hope that the reduction trend will continue.

What can you do to prevent crime? It is important that you report crime because that is what drives the focus. Sound easy? Unfortunately, only about half of all crimes are ever reported. Too bad, because the police can't do anything if they don't know what happened. Eyewitness information is the key to solving many crimes and no fact is too trivial. Lock your doors. Turn lights on at night. Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight. If at all possible, park vehicles in your driveway or garage. Pick up litter and clean off graffiti. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.

In addition to vehicle burglary, there have been reports of vehicle vandalism, property theft, home break-ins, graffiti and, from the neighborhood emails that I've received lately, a number of barking dog issues. This last issue is one that we can do something about if the barking dog owners would be sensitive to how it affects their neighbors' peace of mind. We live in a dense neighborhood with many people who work at home or are retired and the barking presents a challenge to their daily lives. I personally like to have my windows open, but sometimes have found that to be impossible. I would hope that we all follow the Golden Rule and address issues before they get out of hand and more drastic measures appear to be the only recourse.

I have received a couple of specific warnings that I wanted to pass on. One neighbor reported that a white truck, driven by a white male with a female passenger, drove up his driveway near the back of his house. The

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Also on the agenda is the Annual Ridgetop Garage Sale Saturday March 25, 2006. Donations are welcome. There will also be tables for rent @ \$10 each, for anyone interested in selling their own items. **THERE WILL BE AN AD POSTED IN THE STATESMAN.**

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As a heads up, I hope to organize a Neighborhood Watch event this spring. Crime prevention is a TEAM effort, so I plan to get with several HPNA committees to establish a coordinated effort to bring our neighbors together. Please let me know if you are a Block Captain or would be willing to help. I also want to recognize Jim Hasbrouck for offering to work with me on crime prevention in our neighborhood.

- Carol Welder
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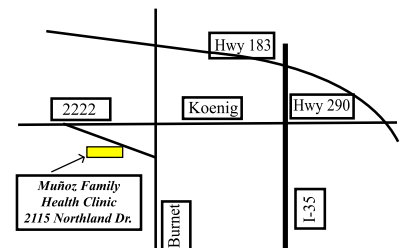


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Plans for this year's Homes Tour are advancing, although we suffered a bit of a setback when the owners of one of our six houses backed out because of family commitments. We have several new candidate houses and expect to finalize the list soon.

The route will be short enough that a tourist can comfortably walk the distance, but for those who prefer to ride, there will be transportation in the form of ecologically correct bicycle rickshaws. There will be music on the grounds of the Ney Museum (once again sponsored by Grande Communications) and children's activities.

These are the houses we have confirmed for the tour:

- The von Boeckmann-Keeble house, directly across Avenue H from the Ney Museum. This beautifully restored home was designed an Austin Historic Landmark during 2005. (See photo on page 1).
- The Kopperl house, at Avenue F and 43rd Street. Everyone in the neighborhood is familiar with this Eastlake Victorian home, but this year's tour will be the first opportunity for visitors to see the newly restored upstairs.
- The Hodnette-McKesson house, also at Avenue F and 43rd, across the street from the Kopperl house. This historic landmark home has been on the tour before, but its owners have made changes since its last appearance.
- The Hurt house, on Avenue F just north of 45th Street. This 1939 house, restored and improved by its current owners, is making its Homes Tour debut.
- Naranjal, at Avenue F and 44th Street, also know as "Hyde Park's longest construction project." Its owners assure us that the house should be close to habitable by Father's Day weekend.

We are still in need of volunteers! This is a golden opportunity to involve yourself with an interesting project, to learn about Hyde Park, to work with some extremely knowledgeable people, and to enjoy a couple of great parties. If you're willing to help, please get in touch.

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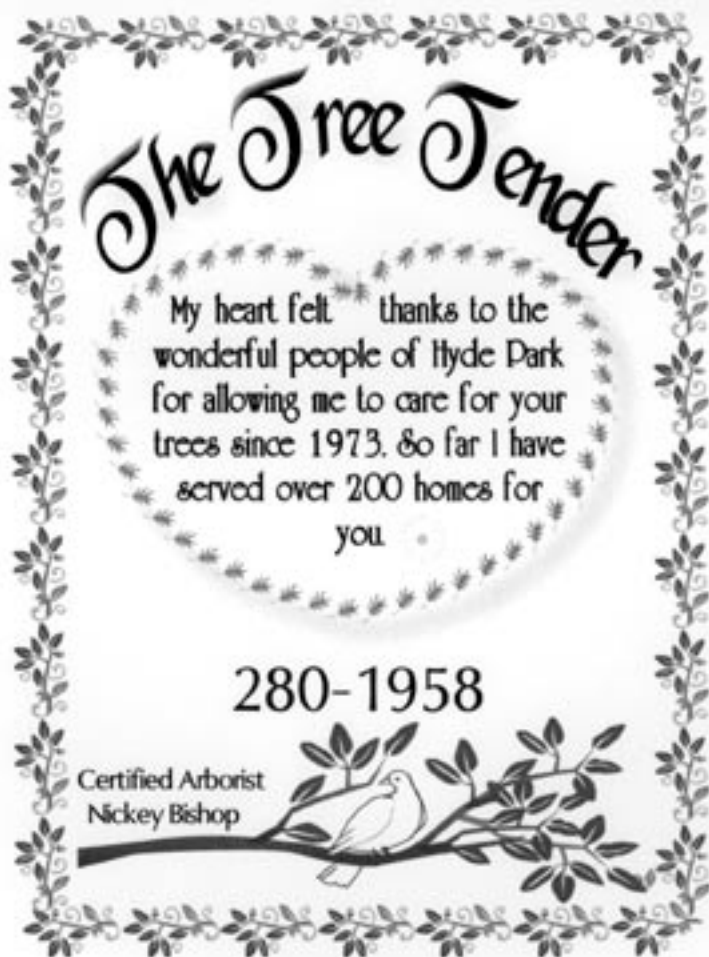
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February Meeting

Minutes

Trees continued to occupy much of the discussion at the February 6th general HPNA meeting, but the mood of about 45 members and ten visiting firemen in attendance was much more positive and hopeful than in January.

President John Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

The first order of business was short presentations from Travis County Commission Karen Sonleitner, who is running for re-election in Precinct 2, and Buddy Meyer, who is running for judge of the 299th District court.

Next the group heard from Claire Margerson of the **Green Corn Project**, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing low-income or single-parent families, caregivers, seniors, and the disabled with instruction and assistance in learning to grow their own produce cheaply, sustainably and organically. Ms. Margerson said that about 40,000 children in Travis County suffer from food insecurity-literally, not knowing where their next meal is coming from. The Green Corn project helps qualifying persons to build sustainable gardens of their own, providing materials, setup labor, and instruction. The project uses a bio-intensive gardening process similar to square-foot gardening, and supports its clients through four growing seasons (about two years). The group is looking for volunteers to work in March, preparing for the spring growing season, and will hold their next all-day workshop on March 18th.

John Paul Moore then gave a report from **Tree Preservation Task Force**, and announced that a resolution "directing the City Manager to initiate changes to the City's tree trimming and tree removal policies and practices, including working with a citizen task force of stakeholders, and to conduct a City-wide Tree Inventory" was scheduled for the February 9th meeting of City Council. (The resolution passed that day on a 6-0 vote.) The task force also asked for City Council to extend the tree-cutting moratorium, access to legal counsel for the task force, and relevant City documentation. Councilmember Brewster McCracken was very active in getting the resolution onto the Council agenda, and also wants to work for extending the moratorium, compensating property owners for mature trees removed by Austin Energy (can we say "Fifth Amendment to the Constitution" and "no taking without compensation," boys and girls? Sure, I knew ya could!), moving tree-trimming authority from Austin Energy to the Urban Design department

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and placing it under the supervision of a landscape architect, and initiating a national competition to come up with creative ways to provide buried utility lines in the urban core. The competition would have a prize of \$300,000 to come from City money already budgeted for burying overhead utilities. She also questioned the propriety of having individual homeowners hire and pay for their own arborists to confront Asplundh crews and protect the interests of their trees. (See related article beginning on page 1).

Gary LeBlanc, a guest and former member of the city's **Urban Forestry Board**, pointed out that the tree-cutting fight has been fought many times before in other Austin neighborhoods, and he supports the fight. He said that the idea of placing a landscape architect in charge of City tree-trimming might not be the best one, as landscape architects don't necessarily have intimate hands-on experience of tree care. He also believed that the competition prize money would be better spent in actually burying utilities. Hancock Neighborhood Association president Carolyn Palaima countered that the issue of tree cutting in older neighborhoods is a nationwide one, as well as raising several ancillary issues, and that the competition might well be the best way to solve those issues. John Paul Moore mentioned that the city of Waco is in the middle of a struggle with TXU similar to Austin's, and that TXU's franchise renewal was being threatened as a direct result of too-aggressive tree-cutting policies.

After the tree task force report, Catherine Moore reported on the **Bylaws Revision Committee's** progress. She said they have been meeting every Tuesday, and hope to have a draft of new bylaws ready very soon. The committee looked at other neighborhood associations' bylaws and rethought much of the

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process underneath our own. She said one of the proposed changes is that members qualified to vote at a meeting will have their credentials verified when they arrive and then be handed cards, which they will show if a vote is required during the meeting.

Nick van Bavel reported for the **Finance Committee**. The committee has eight members, and they have been working to produce a new budget—the first formal budget for the association in several years. Currently, the 2006 budget has a moderate deficit, but the committee continued to work on the remaining issues. Nick expects details to be ready to present at the March general meeting.

The **Development Review Committee** has continued work on the parking variance request for The Parlor's new location on 43rd Street. Owner Deborah Gill reported that the City is changing parking requirement rules effective June 1st, so urban core business owners may count on-street parking as part of their required parking space. At that time the Parlor will be in full compliance with zoning. Karen McGraw reported that the Development Review Committee had voted to support a conditional variance for the Parlor, to be in effect until the new standards come into effect. The text of the motion is "That the Development Review Committee requests

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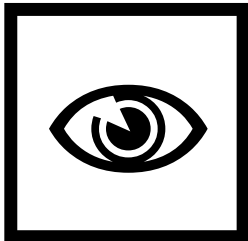
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that the property owner and/or business owner provide all required parking via either legal street parking or shared parking, and that any variance to be granted will not replace the owner's responsibility to provide the currently required number of parking spaces before opening the restaurant and during the operation of the restaurant and will not be used to expand or change uses in the future requiring additional parking. Understanding that it will take some months for the owner to provide for all of the required parking spaces through City process, the DRC recommends that HPNA support a variance to be in effect for the period of time until legal parking is provided and then rescinded when a legal option to provide the parking becomes available." Wanda Penn moved and Kitty Clark seconded that the association support the conditional variance request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

John Kerr mentioned in closing that HPNA needs to find a new representative to the Austin Neighborhood Council. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

— Sam Waring
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