

November Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for November 6

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Griffin School
(5001 Evans Avenue) and on Zoom

Meeting Topic: Austin Classical Guitar Presentation and HPNA Response to Widening I-35

- Presentation by Matt Hinsley, Executive Director of Austin Classical Guitar
- Nomination and Election of New Officers and Steering Committee Members
- Discussion and possible vote on HPNA response to TxDOT Capital Express Central Project to rebuild and widen I-35
- Updates:
 - Membership Software and Web Site
 - 2023 Homes Tour
 - Holiday Party
- Announcements

We hope to see you at the meeting!

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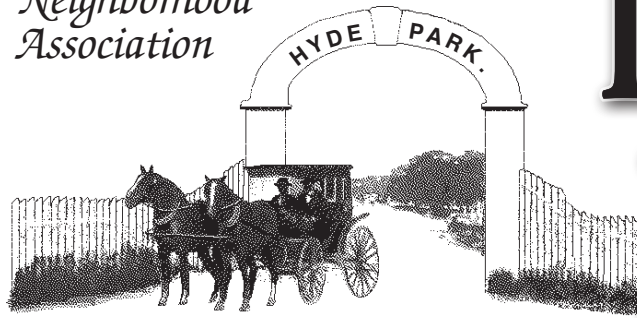
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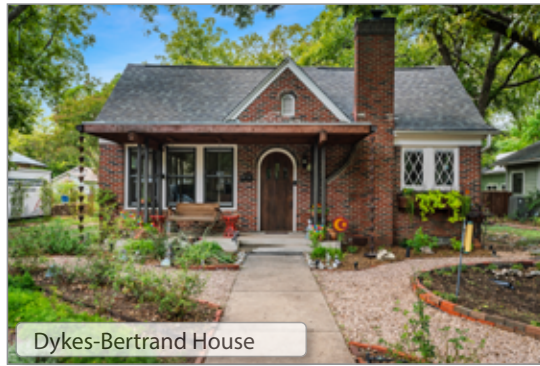


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2023 Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour: New Visions for Old Houses

The 44th Annual Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour will be
Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Dykes-Bertrand House

Tickets are available for advance purchase online through the HPNA website www.austinhypark.org for \$20. Advance sales end at 10:00 pm the day before the tour. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25 (cash, check, or credit card). Ticket sales end at 4:00 pm the day of the tour. All ticket holders must check in at the

Elizabeth Ney Museum, 304 E 44th Street, to receive a tour bracelet and booklet that includes a map of the tour route, descriptions of the featured homes, and points of interest along the route.

This year's tour includes four houses featured on past tours:

- The Dykes-Bertrand House, built in 1928. Pause before you enter this inviting Tudor Revival to take in the rain garden in the front yard. It, with its lovely bird girl sculpture, works in tandem with another rain garden in the back to prevent water from flowing under the house's shallow pier-and-beam foundation.
- The Herzele House is returning this year. The 1927 "Craftsman Revisal" was featured in the October 2020 issue of *Architectural Digest*. Interior decorator Juniper Tedhams lovingly paired a restrained backdrop with an eclectic assortment of art.
- The Curl-Crocket House, completed in 1894, is one of the oldest houses in the Hyde Park Historic District. It epitomizes the rise and fall of the Hyde Park neighborhood: it gradually fell into decline until it was unsympathetically divided into apartments in the 1950s; in 2004, the house was lovingly restored, making it a neighborhood showpiece.
- The Schenken-Oatman House still has its original siding, windows, and metal shingle roof, one of very few that survived metal collection drives during WWII. While some doors and a wall were moved inside the house, the interior still sports its original bead board ceilings, wainscoting, and door and window trim, keeping the original feel of the 1909 house.

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From the Desk of the President



Please join us for HPNA'S general meeting this month. We have invited Matt Hinsley, the Executive Director of Austin Classical Guitar (ACG) to talk to us about the classical guitar concerts ACG performs in Hyde Park and the wonderful work he and his team do in Austin and worldwide. We will also have an important discussion of developments related to the expansion of I-35 and might have a vote on how HPNA should respond to those developments.

As November is traditionally a month for giving thanks, I first want to thank you all for electing me to another term as HPNA'S President. I will do my best to represent and advocate for you. In this letter I would also like to take this opportunity to thank some of the neighbors who have made significant contributions of their time and talent to Hyde Park and to the HPNA.

First, a big thank you to the members of the HPNA Steering Committee, who meet each month to work on issues facing the neighborhood. I want to especially thank departing Steering Committee members Brendan Wittstruck and Chris Wooster. Although Brendan will no longer be on the Steering Committee, we are fortunate that he will continue to serve as HPNA's and other central Austin neighborhoods' principal liaison with TxDOT during the replanning and reconstruction of I-35. And lucky for us, Chris will also stay on with HPNA as HPNA's Technical Coordinator. It is due to Chris' talents that HPNA's General Meetings move smoothly and HPNA's website has new features.

Chris Wooster's work on HPNA's website was built on the many years of work Graham Kunze put into maintaining and developing the website. We are most grateful to Graham for his help creating and maintaining HPNA's virtual presence.



A special thanks to HPNA's dedicated Co-Vice Presidents Kathy Jackson and Paul Smith, hard-working Co-Treasurers Susanna Walker and Lorre Weidlich, and our meticulous Co-Secretaries Ann Duncan and Katie Vignery. Our Steering Committee Members, listed on this page of the *Pecan Press*, continue to inspire me by their dedication in serving the neighborhood. And thank you to Adam Wilson and Reid Long of the Nominations

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Hyde Park Updates

Construction Begins on Phase 2 of 46th-47th Bennett-Middle Fiskville Neighborhood Bikeway Project

The City of Austin will soon begin construction on Phase 2 of the 46th-47th Streets Bennett-Middle Fiskville Neighborhood Bikeway project connecting the Triangle, Hyde Park, North Loop, and Hancock neighborhoods.



Phase 2 Planned Improvements

- New pedestrian and bicycle crossing islands on Duval Street at the East 47th Street intersection.
- Installation of a short sidewalk segment on the north curb of East 46th Street between Avenue A and Avenue B.

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Tagging in Hyde Park

Besides me, has anyone noticed the increase of what is referred to as “tagging” or graffiti being sprayed on both public and private property?

“Tagging” refers to writing the artist’s signature (or the artist’s pseudonym or logo) on a surface. This signature is known as a “tag,” and the person is referred to colloquially as a “tagger.” Increased tagging has occurred on the poles along 38th Street, the bridges along Waller Creek, and many of the buildings along Guadalupe all the way downtown.

I contacted the office of Council Member District 9 and asked about the city’s action on tagging. His office staff responded that back in February of this year the Downtown Commission voted to create a working group to address graffiti. There have not been any formal recommendations that have come from the working group yet. They then referred me to contact the chair of the commission for further information.

Therefore, I contacted the chair and appreciated their response. They agreed that tagging is an increasing blight on the community. The Downtown Commission brought forward a resolution that was taken to City Council to begin to tackle the problem as it is growing exponentially. They indicated the city has a very contorted path to remediation since the effort is not streamlined. The resolution is aimed to tackle that. Right now, 311 calls are routed through the Health Department before being transferred to the appropriate department; then each department deals with the graffiti in its own manner.

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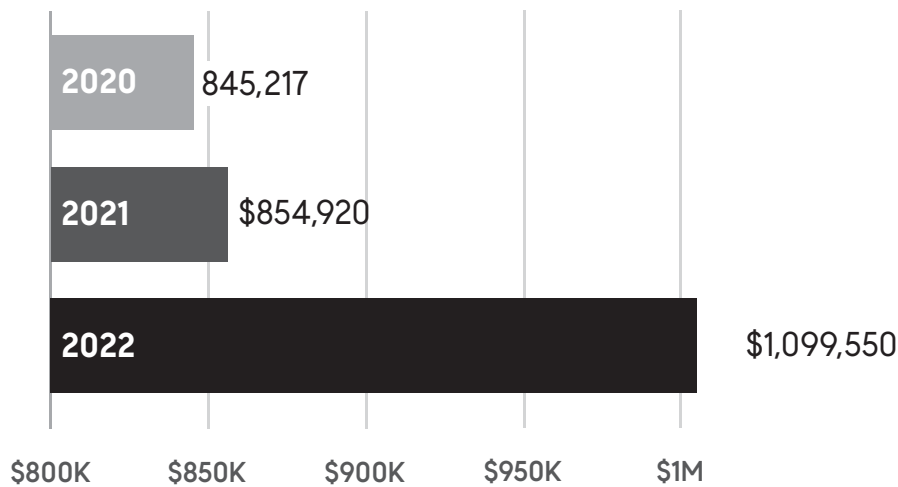
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City Council Asks TxDOT for Delay to Complete Climate and Emissions Plans

City Council voted Thursday to ask TxDOT to hit the brakes on its I-35 Capital Express Central Project until after the completion of the FHWA-funded CAMPO Regional Emission Reduction Plan and the EPA-funded Austin MSA Climate Plan. The resolution, which was approved on a vote of 7-3, calls the Capital Express Central project “unacceptable and out of step when the Central Texas region is pulling together to reduce... emissions and protect our future.”

TxDOT’s own analysis of its proposed project estimates that it will produce an additional 50,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year averaged over the next twenty years. As the city wrestles to meet its carbon neutrality goals and reels from a barrage of climate-related disasters like recent freezes, floods, wildfires, and record-breaking summer heat, Austin residents are understandably apoplectic over the idea of I-35 creating even more dangerous emissions.

HPNA was part of a vote by the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition (NCINC) last week to support the Austin City Council resolution, although the result of the resolution remains in doubt. While this represents perhaps the most pointed critique of the project by City Council to date, TxDOT has already completed its Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision, which it is allowed to self-approve due to a prior agreement with the Federal Department of Transportation.

In other words, TxDOT does not have to listen to City Council. The agency has shown newfound willingness to collaborate with the City of Austin and local stakeholders on the designs. This stakeholder input has notably created the boulevard frontage road configuration in the downtown area and, more recently, the new inclusion of a potential cap over I-35 between 38½ Street and Airport Boulevard.

Such a cap could provide a valuable amenity to Hyde Park and neighborhoods near I-35 if it happens. TxDOT has given the City until December 2024 to come up with the funding for the deck structures, which it argues it is not scoped to fund. The price tag for the deck structures alone—not including any amenities on top such as buildings, community spaces, planting, or site furnishings—is estimated at \$730 million, prompting the city to apply for a federal grant last month for \$105 million. It remains to be seen whether the city will be able to deliver the funding required for this generational effort to cap and cover I-35 in the time afforded by TxDOT’s relentless schedule.

Meanwhile, City Council’s vote also requests that CAMPO, the metropolitan planning organization, similarly delays its share of funding for I-35. CAMPO’s Transportation Policy Board, where I-35 is likely to continue to be a topic of conversation, meets on November 13.

HPNA will meet in November to discuss any potential position and actions that the neighborhood might take in response to TxDOT’s plans.

— *Brendan Wittstruck*

Monthly Calendar November

- 3 — Recycling Pickup
- 6 — General Meeting
- 7 — Election Day
- 8 — ACGtalks Happy Hour at Rosette
- 11 — Veterans Day
- 12 — Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour
- 13 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 17 — Recycling Pickup
- 23 — Happy Thanksgiving

December

- 9 — Art Market & Holiday Sidewalk Sale, 400 block of E. 43rd Street
- 9 — HPNA Holiday Parade & Party

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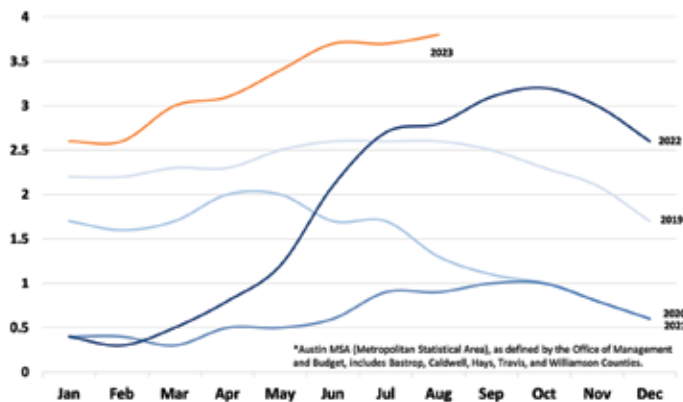
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Upcoming Events

ACGtalks Happy Hour: Presence

Austin Classical Guitar will hold its month free ACGtalks Happy Hour at the Rosette (3908 Avenue B, Suite 116) on Wednesday, November 8 at 6 pm.

Join the brilliant, Grammy-nominated composer and Austin Classical Guitar's Artist-in-Residence for 2023 and 2024, Reena Esmail. Esmail is the composer of *Presence*, the centerpiece of ACG's season, a major new work that will premier on February 17, 2024. Esmail will participate in a conversation about community-centered art and the year-long collaboration on *Presence* with Joe Williams, conductor of the guitar orchestra for *Presence*, and Travis Marcum.

Art Market & Holiday Sidewalk Sale

The 400 block of East 43rd Street will be a busy and entertaining place on December 9, 2023, from 10 am to 2 pm.



Quacks 43rd Street Bakery and Fortress Shoes will be conducting a Holiday Market and Sidewalk Sale, an open-invitation event for all neighbors. It will include the annual Fortress Sidewalk Sale, a cookie decorating station for kids organized by Quacks, and local vendors providing perfect stocking stuffers for the holidays! The Annual Fortress Sidewalk Sale includes deep discounts on archived styles and 15% off everything in the store.

In the parking lot next to Quacks will be the annual Art Market, relocated from the Fresh Plus parking lot, thanks to the donation of space by Ray Brimble and Jesse Lundsford of Hyde Park High Street Project.

This is going to be a great way to spend a Saturday in Hyde Park!

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Greek Mythology

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HPNA General Meeting

Minutes: October 2, 2023

MEETING TOPIC: Update on Neighborhood Discussions Regarding Hyde Park High Street Project

President Kevin Heyburn started the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Nomination and Election of Officers and Steering Committee Members

Adam Wilson, Chair of the Nomination Committee, announced the individuals being nominated as HPNA Officers and Steering Committee members:

- Kevin Heyburn, renominated as President
- Paul Smith, renominated as Co-Vice President
- Lorre Weidlich, renominated as Co-Treasurer
- Katie Turner, renominated as At-Large Steering Committee member
- Sharon Brown, who has worked with HPNA since the mid 1980s, nominated as Steering Committee member
- Holly Granato, recently moved from California to Hyde Park, nominated as Steering Committee member. Holly is a licensed therapist affiliated with the University of Texas; she is also in private practice.

Kevin clarified that officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer) serve one-year terms. He noted that, because of term limits, he can no longer serve after the end of 2024. Kevin encouraged anyone interested in serving as HPNA President starting in 2025 to contact him. Adam and Kevin noted that Chris Wooster and Brendan Wittstruck will be rolling off the Steering Committee at the end of this year. Chris has assumed a new HPNA position, Technical Coordinator. Brendan will continue to keep membership apprised of TxDOT I-35 project status. Kevin and Adam thanked Chris and Brendan for their outstanding contributions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Update: Neighborhood Discussions Regarding Hyde Park High Street Project on 43rd Street and Avenue H

Kevin introduced Nick Van Bavel by noting that Nick and a group of neighbors have been talking with developer Jesse Lunsford, consultant Karen McGraw, and others about the High Street Project proposed for 43rd Street and Avenue H. Kevin pointed out the project illustrations Karen brought to the meeting and referred members to the renderings on page 11 of the October *Pecan Press*.

Overview. Nick's first presentation slide showed a diagram of the developers' plan that appeared in the May 2023 *Pecan Press*. Nick noted that the existing parking lot has about 46 spaces, serving several Duval businesses. The original High Street plan proposed a 13,000 square foot two-story office building covering most of the site. The plan included parking under and adjacent to the new building, with entry from the alley. The original plan also called for a 2,500 square foot restaurant.

Parking and Traffic. Nick showed a photo of the current parking lot on a Friday night. He noted that the lot is full on weekend nights and close to full most other nights. Next he showed a photo of the 4200 block of Avenue H showing most parking spots taken. Nick noted that as the street is relatively narrow (30' curb to curb), two-way traffic with parked cars is virtually impossible. Next he showed a photo of a driveway partially blocked by a parked car. Nick then showed a birds-eye diagram of the current parking situation reflecting his assumption that, at peak demand, 75 vehicles would require a spot. The parking lot currently on the site accommodates 46 vehicles, with 30 spots available on Avenue H. Nick said that if, for example, the parking lot were turned into a green space, vehicles would park on 43rd and 42nd Streets and on Avenue H south to the 4100 block.

Restaurant. Nick estimated that a 2,500 square foot restaurant with no outdoor seating yields 1,500 square feet of dining space and assumed that vehicles would transport 1½ people, the US average, to the location. Assuming 25% of seats in the proposed restaurant would be taken by people walking, biking, and ride-sharing, Nick estimated 150 parking spots would be needed. Vehicles would park on Avenues G and F, likely from 44th to 41st Streets. If the restaurant offered approximately 250 seats for outdoor dining, Nick estimated that 275 vehicles would need parking spots. Won't people use the Fresh Plus lot? a member asked. Nick said that they would be towed, as Asti customers park there in the evening.

Nick reminded members that since the developers presented their original plan, the Austin City Council has voted to eliminate all parking requirements by the end of this year or early next year.

Scale and Size. Nick pointed out that, as Avenue H consists of single-family homes, the "massive structure as originally proposed" is not compatible with the street's residences.

Describing his role as information gatherer, opinion gatherer, and facilitator, Nick has tried to collect opinions about what people want and what they think of the developers' original proposal as well as possible alternatives.

To this end, earlier this year Nick's group sent a survey to about 100 people. They got "a really good response rate" and tabulated all responses. Results showed that 82% of respondents did not like the original plan; 15% liked it; and a very few were undecided.

The group then presented a number of alternatives. The first economically viable option with a significant positive rating involved constructing two buildings: a 6,000 square foot commercial building and a multifamily or duplex on the part of the site currently zoned multifamily. Fewer than 50% of survey responders said no, according to Nick; a lot more said they could be persuaded to support the project.

After further discussion and plan refinements, Nick's group took to the developers a proposal showing a 4,000 square foot multifamily building facing Avenue H and an 8,000 commercial building primarily facing 43rd Street. The group has proposed a 1,000 square foot small cafe with 50 seats, smaller than the developers' proposal so as

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to address traffic and parking needs, and businesses with low traffic flow. Nick's proposal stipulates that the entire site be in the residential district, with no parking inside setbacks.

Nick reiterated that under current zoning a restaurant is not permitted.

Meetings. Nick's group has had several meetings with Jesse's team, which includes Karen and the developers' in-house architect. Nick's group proposed increasing square footage to 13,000 as a compromise. Jesse has maintained that the development must be 15,000 square feet to be economically viable and the restaurant 2,500 square feet to make financial sense.

Nick says he and his group will continue to meet with developers. At the time of this meeting, Jesse and Nick's group were planning to meet the next day.

Next Steps. The project is scheduled to be presented to the October 24 Planning Commission meeting, with paperwork due two weeks beforehand. Nick pressed for a separate HPNA meeting, where his group can present their plan in greater detail and receive members' feedback. His aim is "to converge on a plan everyone is happy with."

Nick stressed the importance of HPNA taking a position on the issue. The business center at Duval and 43rd Street is an important entry point to the neighborhood, he said. He believes the HPNA needs to vote on a proposal and take its position to the Planning Commission and to City Council. To this end, the topic must be on the HPNA agenda for the November meeting.

Nick mentioned criticism that his group should not be telling developers what to do. He said he agrees as long as developers are abiding by zoning laws and that neighborhoods should have a say in changes that are made. He added that standing up for what is right is in the best interest of the neighborhood.

Questions and Comments

HPNA member Bennett Maddox presented a hypothetical scenario in which a developer got approval from City Council to construct a "pretty poorly built" building because it came with a promise of 10% affordable housing, Council's current focus. His point: "It could be worse." Nick answered that we'll fight that fight next time but we have to fight this one now and that the people must be allowed to decide what they want. Bennett followed up by asking when the poll was initially run and what data points exist. Nick said the survey was taken shortly after the May *Pecan Press* article. He referred members to his group's website welovehydepark.org, which has a complete analysis of the data. In response to a member question, Nick said the group had help in designing the survey.

Karen McGraw said she felt blindsided by a 30-slide "opposition" presentation. She said she would have liked to point out things on slides that Nick did not discuss. She feels the developers have done a good job of respecting regulations and of doing what is right for the neighborhood. As examples, she cited fronting the building on 43rd Street so retail businesses will not face Avenue H, providing seating and landscaping on the

right-of-way, and generally protecting the pedestrian streetscape. Karen added that the developers intend to accommodate a 25-foot setback from Avenue H.

Jesse Lunsford said that, after months of discussion with Nick and his neighbors, this is the first time parking has reemerged as an issue. Jesse went on to say that he is excited about the idea of breaking up the buildings, leaving more green space, providing more parking than required, and changing the restaurant orientation. In sum, he said that he conceded to several demands. Jesse noted that some technical issues can't be addressed because of unknown variables. The developers' goal, he said, is something like the Post Office development, as far as practical: something that is human scale and green. He mentioned zoning changes in the service of emulating the Post Office development. Jesse expressed hope that issues could be resolved this week, but that the parties can in fact talk all the way up to the Council meeting. Having spent hundreds of hours talking with Nick and his group, Jesse said, he does not want to stop now.

Jesse reiterated that Nick and his group have "absolutely improved" the original plan, and he is "absolutely willing" to go in that direction.

One member asked whether Jesse's group has a proposal. He noted that HPNA cannot approve anything without knowing what the plan is. Jesse said he would be happy to present the plan offline.

In response to another question, Jesse said a decision about restaurant hours has not been made.

Nick agreed with Jesse that progress has been made and that Jesse has shown flexibility to new ideas.

Karen asked that before the HPNA votes, the High Street developers have an opportunity to make a presentation, with ample time for discussion. David Conner agreed to discuss her proposal at the Development Review Committee meeting on Thursday, October 5.

Presentation by Cruise Driverless Car Company

Mark Solano of Cruise Autonomous Vehicles started his presentation by stating the company's mission: to improve life in our cities. Cruise Autonomous is "driven to safely connect people with the places, things, and experiences they care about."

The cars are ride-share vehicles without a driver, equipped with motion sensors. As with Uber and Lyft, users download an app to use the service.

The company's mission and vision include the following:

- Improving road safety
- Building self-driving vehicles
- Eliminating worries about parking
- Providing accessibility for populations such as the elderly and people lacking transportation
- Providing shared transportation services
- Building vehicles with zero emissions

The Origin Vehicle, announced earlier this year, will hold six passengers and is wheelchair-accessible. Mark hopes it will be available first in Austin. Currently the company has operational cars in Austin, Phoenix, and San Francisco, where the company launched.

In the next couple of weeks, the company will be turning on 24-hour service in Austin.

How do the vehicles work?

- They use operational design domain (ODD) to map geographic areas, characteristics, and constraints within initial service areas. The vehicles collect data such as peak times and high-traffic areas. They avoid school zones at peak times as well as high-traffic areas such as 6th Street.
- With “Safety Is Our North Star” as the company’s motto, vehicles have more than forty sensors. LiDAR sensors shoot off light points, which bounce off objects and come back to be recorded as data. The data measure distance between objects, down to the centimeter. Radar sensors use radio waves to quickly measure the speed and trajectory of moving objects. Cameras show a 360° view.
- The Origin Vehicle is manufactured in Detroit. It will be an SAE (Society of American Engineers) Level 6 autonomy vehicle: No steering wheel, push brake, or windshield wipers. Mark noted that the company must persuade Congress of their safety, as current vehicle laws require conventional components. This vehicle is now being tested on Austin streets around 2 am. It has sliding doors on both sides and was extensively tested and refined for wheelchair accessibility.

The company’s Cruise for Good program partners with communities. It is devoting 1% of its entire fleet to services such as food and meal delivery as well as free services for hospitality and hospital workers.

David Conner asked whether the vehicles stop for cats, squirrels, and so forth. Mark described the Red Ball Test, which is standard vehicle safety training for avoiding humans, animals, and objects.

In response to Nick Van Bavel’s question about higher speeds, Mark said the company hopes to increase vehicle speed to 40 mph by the end of the year, up from the current upper limit of 30 mph.

A member commented that he has seen vehicle testing in our area. Mark said that next week the company will start opening up services to this sector.

How will cost compare to competitors? There will be a \$5 flat rate for Cruise Rider Club members; ultimately rates will be based on per-mile transport. Riders can also know the cost before they get in. There is no tipping.

How often is mapping updated? Every day. Mark noted that the cars’ operating systems learn a great deal from special events, such as UT home football games.

Deaton Bednar, noting that the cars have been in Hyde Park for months, asked when they will be ready for use. Mark said they are operating ride services on an 8 pm to 5 am shift and within the next couple of weeks will be opening the map for a larger area as well as daytime shifts.

A member asked why the vehicles weren’t safety-tested before being introduced in Austin – why Austin was being used as “a guinea pig.” He cited instances where the cars violated traffic laws and were not operating safely. Mark responded that the cars are not being tested; rather, they are providing a service to people in the area.

He added that they are 60% safer “on the mile.” Mark said that every instance of “weird behavior” is logged and investigated, as the company’s reputation relies on vehicles operating safely. He encouraged members to email him with general or specific concerns or questions: mark.solano@getcruise.com.

Is the company affiliated with Tesla? No. It is 60% owned by GM.

Mark encouraged members to check out the Cruise vehicle parked outside.

Presentation by Public Citizen on Austin’s Clean Energy Plan

Sonali Bhikha, currently a University of Texas student, spoke about Public Citizen’s push to close the Fayette coal-fired plant and commit to carbon-free energy sources.

Background. Sonali noted that Austin Energy failed to shut down its part of the plant by the end of 2022, as mandated by its Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan. As a result of this missed deadline, and because of increased federal funding for clean energy generation and storage, the Austin City Council has passed a resolution directing Austin Energy to update its plan.

Sonali shared data showing that the Fayette coal plant is Austin’s biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions (29%) and other air pollutants. The Fayette plant ranks among the biggest sources of pollution statewide. She added that buried coal ash from Fayette is leaking into groundwater at the site.

Sonali explained that two of the three units at Fayette are co-owned by Austin Energy and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), which is controlled by a board appointed by Governor Greg Abbott. Austin Energy cites affordability as the barrier; Sonali noted that AE has not defined “affordability.”

Current Status. In a departure from past practice, Austin Energy has said it doesn’t need a working group to advise on the plan update. The Electric Utility Commission disagreed and has created a Resource Planning Working Group. The working group meeting will be open to the public. The website AustinEUCResourcePlanningWG.org has more information.

Citizen Involvement. Sonali described several ways individuals can support efforts to close the Fayette Coal Plant and promote clean-energy alternatives:

- Participate in meetings of the Electric Utility Commission (EUC), the EUC Resource Planning Working Group, and the Austin City Council Austin Energy Electric Utility Oversight Committee. Interested individuals can also register to speak during the General Communications period of Austin City Council meetings.
- Email the Austin City Council.
- Share information with the community.
- Persuade organizations to sign a forthcoming letter supporting retirement of the Fayette plant.

Sonali said people with question or concerns may also email her at sbhikha@citizen.org or Kaiba White, leader of Public Citizen’s climate change and energy policy and advocacy efforts in Austin, at kwhite@citizen.org.

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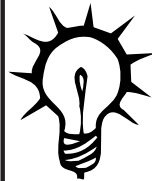
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- Installation of neighborhood bikeway treatments on 46th Street, East 47th Street (east of Evans Avenue only), Red River Street, Bennett Avenue, East 43rd Street, Clarkson Avenue, Caswell Avenue, and Middle Fiskville Road.

Installation

Construction of the Phase 2 neighborhood bikeway, starting with the crossings of Duval Street at East 47th Street, is expected to begin in the coming weeks. All streets will remain open during construction. Timeline is dependent on weather or any other unforeseen delays.

Future phases of work will proceed following completion of the Austin Water utility project, expected in late spring 2024.



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They specified that public property is one thing, but private property is another. It is up to the property owner to abate the graffiti at the owner's cost. It can cost property owners hundreds to thousands of dollars to abate. Some property owners address it, and others don't. Vacant buildings seem to be the most affected. But it is a growing problem that is not being addressed at all. San Antonio has a relatively robust program that the Downtown Commission has recommended the city explore.

The Commission encourages neighborhoods to press the City Council to get moving on the resolution from the Downtown Commission!

The HPNA has a Graffiti Patrol that will start removing and painting over the tagging; however, there needs to be a city-wide solution to this issue. Property owners should not have to worry that, when a new fence or wall goes up, it's only a matter of time before it will be tagged.

– *David Conner*
Chair, Development Review Committee

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In response to Nick Van Bavel's query about whether someone else could pick up the plant contract if Austin Energy pulled out, Sonali said she would research the question. Another member asked how Austin would replace the energy currently generated by the Fayette plant. Sonali pointed out that the city can start to rely more on clean-energy sources, such as solar.

Updates

Membership Software and Web Site

Chris Wooster said membership is "cooking along." Memberships of people who joined in the last year will expire at the end of this year. Members who have signed up within the system will get plenty of notice (including for auto renewals); they can renew online. Email Chris with questions: chriswooster@gmail.com.

I-35 Update

In a brief summary, Brendan Wittstruck, Chair of the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition (NCINC), reported that resolutions recently passed by the Travis County Commissioners Court and the Mobility Committee of the Austin City Council have forcefully come out against the TxDOT project. NCINC will be asking that some of their demands be recognized and that some Capitol Area Metro Planning Organization funding committed to the project be withheld until more stringent environmental testing can be done.

Brendan expects City Council will hear the resolution as a whole on October 19. Meanwhile, he, along with Kathy Jackson and Duncan Meisel, who are Hyde Park representatives to NCINC, will be talking about a strategy involving City Council resolutions that HPNA will be willing to formally or informally support.

Brendan will email a more detailed update to HPNA members. (Chris provided instructions on how members can subscribe to any or all of three email lists on the HPNA site.)

Fire Station Festival

The Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct 22, from 3 to 5. It will kick off with a kids' parade, then a party at the fire station. The time was changed this year to accommodate families with young children. Mayor Kirk Watson will be the special guest; he will announce the winners of the Family Halloween Costume Contest.

2023 Homes Tour

Kip Dollar reported that the houses have been selected and house captains recruited.

So far 65 volunteers have signed up. Noting that last year's tour had 130 volunteers, Kip said this year we need 90, plus volunteers at Ticket Central, located at the Elisabet Ney Museum this year. Tickets are now available online at austinhypark.org. The cost is \$20 in advance, \$25 on tour day. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Kip at kipdollar@gmail.com or kipdollar@aol.com.

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Homes Tour Preview...

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This year we welcome two houses for their first appearance on the homes tour:

- The Welsh-Rice House, built in 1910, was located on the old trolley car line developed by Monroe Shipe.

View an extensive collection of art featuring an especially significant painting by



East Texas artist, Sam Keith. The kitchen and both bathrooms have undergone a total renovation. It is a great example of new visions for old houses.

- The Cooke House, built in 1924, follows the classic Craftsman style that was popular in the Hyde Park neighborhood. The entry parlor features the original fireplace and benches as well as original long-leaf pine flooring

seen throughout most of the first floor. The cherry wood staircase that opens into the parlor is



an addition that became an important part of the new vision for this home.

House Photos Courtesy of Berbas Group

Also featured on this year's tour are musical performances. The Songbird Rising School will be performing at three locations, the Elisabet Ney Museum, the Herzele House, and the Curl-Crockett House, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Please plan to attend this historic and cultural event. The Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour benefits the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and makes possible events like the Easter Parade, the Fire Station Festival, and family-friendly events in Shipe Park. Proceeds also pay for upkeep of the traffic circles.

— Kip Dollar





News from the Ney

It is with so much gratitude that we move into November at the Elisabet Ney Museum! We hosted over 900 guests at the museum this fall through tours and daily visitors as well as a special series of events, *Re-Imagining the Ney*.

This month-long series of free events dedicated to giving the public an opportunity to help shape

the future of the museum was wildly successful. In addition to sharing the museum's mission, we had the privilege of spending time with you and your families and hearing your thoughts on programming, improvements to the site, and much more. Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of this Austin community.

The overall campaign, *Re-Imagining the Ney Project*, will encompass three extensive initiatives touching the former studio and home of Elisabet Ney and historic grounds. Paired with a rigorous community outreach initiative, the museum (in partnership with the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum and the City of Austin) will develop an interpretive plan to share Ney's story from a new vantage point, updating the historic landscape with a new landscape rehabilitation, and do substantial upgrades to the studio and grounds through a City of Austin capital improvement project. This work will help ensure more people of all origins can experience Ney's life, art, and surroundings, allowing the spirit of Elisabet to live on for another century and beyond. Thanks to bond funding, grants, and private donations, we're taking

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Kevin, noting that Kip is effectively the Tour Day Chair (and author of the creative ads in the *Pecan Press* and elsewhere), thanked Chairman Emeritus Kip for once again playing a key role in ensuring the Home Tour's success.

Holiday Party

Stephen Gonzalez shared a brief history of his work organizing HPNA special events such as the Easter Parade, the Holiday Parade and Party, and the Ice Cream Social. In 2020, when Stephen was asked to come up with a socially distanced event, he organized the first Easter Parade. As HPNA special events evolved, Stephen secured donations from SPJST. During this year's Easter Parade, \$1,400 was raised for the HOPE Food Pantry. At this year's Christmas Parade, HPNA will host an auction fundraiser for Helping Hand Home, a nonprofit serving abused and/or neglected children who are unable to reintegrate with their peers. Donations will also be solicited from local businesses. The fundraiser goal is \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Auction results will be announced at the Holiday Party, which will take place Saturday, December 9. The parade will take place from 5 to 5:30, with photo ops of kids with Santa Claus. The party will run from 6 to 8 pm, with free food and alcoholic as well as non-alcoholic beverages.

Stephen said that his volunteer work has made him realize that a neighborhood's character is not derived from its buildings but from its residents. Being unable to say "no" when people ask for his participation, Stephen agreed many months ago to spend several sessions looking at the High Street Project designs Karen and Jesse had created. He was presented with the facts and "saw the nuance of what the zoning and not so much rezoning entails." He also saw the successful results of negotiations with the Post Office project developer, and heard its neighbors say how great the development is for them and for Speedway. Stephen believes the new High Street plan will be "fantastic" for the neighborhood. He pointed out that though traffic and parking may pose some problems, the presentation before his was about driverless cars: "People aren't going to be needing parking spots in 20 to 30 years." In terms of a legacy for future generations, he would be in support of projects that bring "more amazing businesses" to the area. Stephen believes we do not need a vote on the project. Referring to Bennett Maddox's comments earlier in the meeting, he agreed that a shady developer, "not a good-faith actor like Jesse," could go to City Council and get permission to build "a monstrosity." Stephen encouraged members to talk with Jesse "and you will find out that he also has our neighborhood's best interests at heart."

Announcements

Chris Wooster will post Nick Van Bavel's Hyde Park High Street, Public Citizen, and Cruise Autonomous Vehicle presentations to the HPNA website as well as a recording of the meeting.

Kevin adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

– Submitted by Katie Vignery
HPNA Co-Secretary

a once-in-a-century opportunity to survey the life and work of the extraordinary Elisabet Ney. Please keep up with the progress of the Ney on



the City of Austin Website as well as the Friends of the Elisabet Ney site.

We are thrilled to serve as the hub for this year's 2023 edition of the Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour on

November 12 from 11 am to 5 pm. We hope you will join us as Hyde Park friends and neighbors open their homes and histories to create community in Hyde Park. Please stop by the Ney for more information and to purchase tickets in advance or on the day of the tour on site.



Mark your calendars early this year for the Neighborhood Holiday Party hosted by the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and taking place at the Ney on December 9. The annual event is near and dear to our hearts. This year, we have invited neighborhood businesses and beloved community partners to create a market to share crafts, books, and food. In addition, get your wishes ready for the return of the Wish Tree. We look forward to the holiday season at the Ney Museum and hope to see you soon at these community events.

You can find out more about the Elisabet Ney Museum, the Friends of the Elisabet Ney Museum, and all the *Re-Imagining* campaign updates:

On our website: <https://www.theney.org/> or <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/elisabet-ney-museum>

On Instagram: @friendsofelisabetneymuseum

On Facebook: @Elisabet Ney Museum and @Friends of Elisabet Ney Museum

Trinity Church Has a New Pastor

Dear New Friends,

I am Rev. Chelsea McCutchin, and it is a great honor to introduce myself to all of you as the new Pastor at Trinity Church of Austin. I have been able to serve Trinity since August 7, and I am so excited to be here.

In 2006, my then-boyfriend-now-husband, Matt, got his dream offer to return to his alma mater as a lecturer in the Texas Creative track. I had taken some time away from school to work and make art, and so I made a deal with him that I'd move to Austin with him if I were accepted into UT, convinced that my chances weren't great as an out-of-state transfer student. Surprise! I earned a bachelor's degree in English and American Studies and a few years later earned an even cooler designation of Mama to our son Jackson, who was born at Saint David's and brought home just a few blocks to our townhouse at the corner of 32nd Street and Duval.

I was raised in a fundamentalist Christian tradition and spent much of my younger years deconstructing the faith of my childhood—disentangling God from Church from Church-people and figuring out how I felt about any of it. My grandparents were Assemblies of God tent revivalists in Alabama who traveled around the southeast, and my spiritual inheritance from them included large amounts of charisma and true faith—and some definite trauma. I felt an interest in ministry—if not a call—when I was 15, and I talked to a trusted pastor about that feeling. He told me to fight it—if I could do anything else, to do that instead. I'd know when it was time to pursue that, if it ever was.


Professionally, I was a ghostwriter and editor, high school English teacher, marketing manager, and private tutor before a strange and fun turn of events conspired in 2015 to convince my family that it was finally time to pursue seminary. We moved back to Austin (we'd returned to my native Florida for a few years) just in time for Matt to continue his work at UT, for Jackson to enroll in kindergarten at Russell Lee Elementary, and for me to matriculate into the Master of Divinity program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Upon graduation, I was lucky enough to be called as the Minister of Education and Community Engagement at University Christian Church. I served through senior minister transitions, major health concerns from my husband, and a pandemic. The five years that I was able to spend with those wonderful people were invaluable—they shaped and formed me. They loved me beyond measure. And when Trinity Church of Austin announced their search, it just felt more right to move 20-ish blocks north and build upon the reputation of a church that has long been associated with radical acceptance, big love, social justice, activism, and just plain doing the most good in the world. Of course I am humbled to stand on the shoulders of the truly prophetic Rev. Dr. Sid Hall, and I am also very excited to help discern who Trinity is today and who we are called into being in the future, both near and distant.

If you've been curious about how a progressive faith community might operate, you are welcome to come and give us a visit. We meet on Sundays at 10 am for Sunday school and we have options for everyone from birth to 99. Our weekly celebration begins at 11 am, and I hope that if you come by, you take a minute to introduce yourself to me. If you'd rather meet outside of a Sunday morning, I'm around the area through the week. Please feel free to email me at pastor@trinitychurchofaustin.org and I'd be happy to find some time for us to sit down and visit.

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Questions and Answers Part 2

Below is the next installment of recycling and composting questions and answers. Enjoy!

Pet Litter: Why can't pet litter go into the green compost can? Isn't it a great fertilizer? The animal waste in pet litter and paper from the bottom of bird cages contaminates the compost pile. Also, there are workers who sort through the compost by hand when it comes into the facility to pull out plastic bags and other non-compostable materials. It is a health hazard to them.



Pill Bottles: What do I do with plastic pill bottles? First, be sure the bottles are empty. If the bottles have a recycling symbol on the bottom, they can go into the blue recycling cart. Please leave the lids on. The labels do not need to be removed.

Pizza Boxes: My pizza boxes look clean. Can I throw them into my blue recycling cart? No. Even if the box looks clean, it has absorbed grease that is not visible. This grease makes the cardboard unable to be processed properly for recycling. All pizza boxes need to go into the green curbside compost cart or the trash cart.

Plastic Bags: What do I do with plastic bags that contained fertilizer, compost, soil, and mulch? Due to contamination, they cannot go into the plastic bag collection bin at the grocery store. These must go into the trash cart. The Recycle & Reuse Drop Off Center used to accept them, but it no longer has a buyer because of the contamination issue.

Plastic Coat Hangers: Why can we put plastic coat hangers but not wire coat hangers into our blue recycling cart? Wire coat hangers get wrapped around the sorting machinery at the recycling facility. It is very costly to repair the damage caused by wire coat hangers. It is also very dangerous to the workers to remove them. Plastic coat hangers do not cause any problems.

Plastic Netting: Are the plastic netting that is wrapped around Christmas trees and the net-like bags that lemons and oranges come in recyclable in the plastic bag collection bins? No, they are not. It is difficult to handle and process at the facilities that recycle plastic.

RRDOC Appointments: Why do we still have to make an appointment to go to the recycle & reuse drop-off center?

As with most industries post-COVID, the RRDOC has had difficulty obtaining and keeping employees. Scheduling appointments has become a way of assisting them in scheduling staff. Use this link to schedule an appointment: <https://www.austintexas.gov/dropoffschedule>.

Shells into Compost Cart: What kinds of shells can go into the compost cart? Nut shells can go into the compost cart. Clam and oyster shells cannot.

Shredded Paper: What do I do with shredded paper? Shredded paper is a problem because it cannot be recycled in its state of shreddedness. It needs to go into the green curbside cart, contained in either a paper bag or compostable plastic bag. Shredded paper cannot go into your recycling bin.

Take Out Containers: How do I know if a food take-out container is compostable or recyclable? If a takeout container says "compostable,"



it must have the logo (pictured here) on it in order for it to be compostable in our market. These can go into the compost cart. Plastic containers with the recycling symbol on the bottom can go into the recycling cart.- The paper labels do not need to be removed on the plastic containers.

Wax Paper: Can wax paper go into the compost cart? In the beginning, wax paper could be put into the green compost cart. However, it was discovered that it did not break down in the 120 days of composting. Therefore, wax paper must go into the trash cart.

Wet Paper: My newspaper got wet but dried out. Can I put it into my blue recycling cart? No. When paper gets wet, the fibers deteriorate and are shrunk by the liquid. Shorter fibers in paper are less valuable. Wet paper is also at risk for contamination. Wet paper needs to go into your green curbside compost cart or the trash cart.

Please Remember:

- When in Doubt, Throw it Out! Recycling and composting contamination is a huge problem. If you have exhausted all reuse possibilities and are still unsure, put the item into the trash can.
- Nothing Smaller than a Credit Card in the Blue Bin.
- Remember the City of Austin Recycling Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>.

Stay tuned for future tips for creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to denahouston3309@gmail.com.



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Committee, who continue to find neighbors to fill leadership positions within the HPNA.

The neighborhood thanks Kip Dollar, Kelsey Brown, David Conner, Ellie Hanlon, Susan Marshall, and Lorre Weidlich of the Hyde Park Historic Homes Tour Committee and all of the participating homeowners and volunteers for their efforts to plan and implement this year's Homes Tour.

Thank you to Friends of Shipe Park, whose efforts have made Shipe Park a cherished green space for everyone in Austin to enjoy. Thank you to the HPNA's Development Review Committee Chair David Conner, and members Wanda Penn and Lorre Weidlich, who have helped countless neighbors navigate the city's building code.

Thank you to our membership chair Katherine Mydra, who works with Chris Wooster to keep your membership lists up to date. Katherine is usually the first person you meet when you walk into our General Membership meetings.

Our thanks to all of the HPNA Chairs and Liaisons, whose names appear on page 2 of every issue of the *Pecan Press*. Although I can't list all of their names in this letter, HPNA is grateful to all of them for the work they do for the neighborhood. I want to give a particular shout-out to Katie Turner and Stefanie Bertram for their work on the Fire Station Festival this year.

I have already mentioned Lorre Weidlich a number of times in this letter, but I need to do so again. Without Lorre's editing and writing skills, we would not have the wonderful issue of the *Pecan Press* you are reading right now. And we are grateful to Rimas Remeza, Betsy Clubine, and all of the neighbors who volunteer each month to deliver the *Pecan Press* to their fellow neighbors.

During this month we will join other Americans to celebrate Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. These great holidays give us the opportunity to give thanks for our country and the brave women and men who have served and defended it. We hope you all have a happy Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving and a safe November.

See you at HPNA's General Meeting.

— Kevin Heyburn
HPNA President

It's HPNA Membership Renewal Season!

In coming days, current HPNA members will begin receiving emails to renew their HPNA membership for 2024. Yearly memberships expire at the end of December.

Please follow the links in the email to pay your 2024 dues online, before your membership expires at the end of December.

If you chose to auto-renew when you signed up, you'll receive advance notice of being charged for the 2024 dues. Those who joined for multiple years will not be receiving reminder emails, as you're current until the end of the year your membership expires.

Remember, our bylaws prohibit you from voting on HPNA resolutions if your membership expires; it takes 30 days from getting current to regain your voting privileges.

Need to join HPNA? Visit austinhypark.org/join.

Can't remember what you signed up for? Search your email for the keywords "HPNA GlueUp" to find confirmation emails from earlier this year.

If you have any questions about your status, renewing, or changing your membership type, email chriswooster@gmail.com to get sorted out.

Upcoming Events...

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HPNA Holiday Parade, Party, and Helping Hand Home Auction

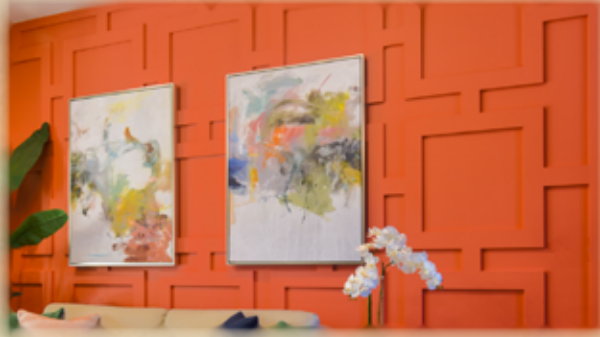
This year's HPNA Holiday Parade will begin December 9 at 5:15 pm, to be immediately followed by our Annual Holiday Party, which will run from 6 to 8 pm at the Elisabet Ney Museum. The parade will follow the usual route, beginning at the Ney, running down Avenue H until turning west on 40th Street to head back to the Ney along Avenue G.

This year, in the weeks leading up to the festivities, the HPNA will be hosting an online auction with all proceeds going towards the Helping Hand Home located at 3804 Avenue B. Established in 1893, the Helping Hand Home is the oldest continuously operating residential childcare agency in Central Texas and provides a safe haven for children healing from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; neglect; and abandonment.

Please join us as we seek to raise over \$5,000 for our most needy neighbors this holiday season. Committed donors to the auction so far include Quack's 43rd Street Bakery, Fairweather Cider, All Day Pizza, Tiny Grocer, and Lazarus Brewing.

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- 4)APHRODITE; 5)HERA;
- 6)CRONUS; 7)GAIA; 8)ACHILLES;
- 9)RHEA; 10)HERACLES;
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