

# October Meeting

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for October 2

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

Meeting Topic: Update on Neighborhood Discussions regarding Hyde Park High Street Project

- ◆ Nomination & Election of Officers & Steering Committee Members
- ◆ Update: Neighborhood discussions regarding Hyde Park High Street Project on 43rd Street & Avenue H
- ◆ Presentation by Cruise Driverless Car Company
- ◆ Presentation by Public Citizen on Austin's Clean Energy Plan
- ◆ Updates:
  - Membership Software and Web Site
  - 2023 Homes Tour
  - Fire Station Festival
  - Holiday Party
- ◆ Announcements

We hope to see you at the meeting!

Not an HPNA member?

You're welcome to join the meeting anyway!

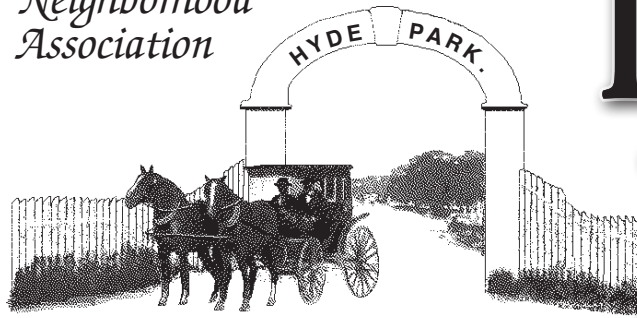
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## Hyde Park Hosts Annual Fire Station Festival

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association proudly hosts the Fire Station Festival on October 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at our Hyde Park Fire Station. For over 50 years, Hyde Park residents have gathered together every October to support our neighborhood fire station. This event is for residents of all ages!

The costume parade will begin at 2:30 pm at Shipe Park and we will walk to Fire Station #9 at 4301 Speedway. All Hyde Park residents are invited to wear their costumes in the parade. No costume is too crazy, no costume is too cute! Our costume judges will be on the parade route ready to spot the best costumes. We will announce the costume winners

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## Shipe Park Movie Night

Save Saturday, October 28 and plan to join neighbors for the Annual Shipe Park Movie Night and Halloween Costume Contest! In addition, we will celebrate the refurbishment of the basketball court by kicking off the festivities with basketball skills contests with music and prizes.

Here's the event schedule:

5:00-6:30: Basketball Skills Contest (all ages)

6:00-7:30: Arrival and Picnic Dinner (bring your own or order here)

6:30-6:50: Halloween Costume Contest (all ages, prizes for all)

7:00-9:00: Movie in the Park: *Hocus Pocus 2* (tentative)

9:00-9:30: Clean Up and Head Home

Your To Do list:

- Bring blankets and/or folding chairs.
- Feel free to "preview" your Halloween costume.
- Bring your own picnic or order food.
- Clean up (you bring it in, you take it home).
- Have fun with friends, neighbors, and family.

This event is planned and sponsored by the all-volunteer Friends of Shipe Park. For more information, go to <https://shipepark.org>.

— Jack Nokes

# From the Desk of the President



Thank you to all the neighbors who came to September's General Meeting to meet Austin City Council Member Zo Qadri. I also appreciate everyone who sent in questions to ask CM Qadri. Posted on HPNA's website is a recording of the General Meeting with CM Qadri, along with the contact information flier CM Qadri shared with the membership (<https://www.austinhypark.org/news/september-11-2023-general-meeting-video>).

Whenever we have a city official as our guest, it is a great opportunity to focus on the problems the whole city faces rather than just the challenges facing our neighborhood, and I think we did that successfully with our new city council member. I hope CM Qadri will join us at future meetings.

Our agenda for October's meeting will be more focused on our neighborhood. We will have a vote to elect and/or re-elect new HPNA officers and Steering

Committee members. Neighbor Nick Van Bavel will update us on his neighbors' ongoing discussions with the developers of the Hyde Park High Street Project, the two-story office and retail space being built on the parking lot next to Quack's Bakery at the Duval Center. We will also have a speaker from Cruise LLC, the company producing the self-driving cars you might have seen driving around Hyde Park. I saw one such vehicle – empty of passenger and driver – moving down Duval after midnight a week ago! We also plan to have a speaker from Public Citizen, an organization advocating for a cleaner energy policy for Austin.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my last President's Letter seeking input on the city's new proposed zoning changes. If you have more thoughts, concerns, or questions about the new zoning rules, please contact me at [hydeparkna@gmail.com](mailto:hydeparkna@gmail.com). The Steering Committee and I will use your input to plan future General Meetings.



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As the cooler weather approaches, HPNA looks forward to a number of popular neighborhood events. Hyde Park's annual Fire Station Festival and Parade will be held on Sunday, October 22, from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Kids and adults usually wear their Halloween costumes for the parade and for the big party at the Fire Station. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

The following weekend, on Saturday, October 28, the Friends of Shipe Park will be hosting

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*All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.*

# Fire Station Festival...

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when we arrive at the fire station. Curra's and Uncle Nicky's have donated gift cards for the winners!

At the fire station, residents can enjoy live music and many fun activity booths. Residents of all ages can participate in a fun photo booth or get their face painted. Yummy warm popcorn, cool beverages, and cookie decorating with Quack's will be available. Festival goers can also fish at the fishing booth and try out our new sticker station. We will even have a selfie station for selfie lovers. Music lovers can tap their feet or boogie down with the music.

We are grateful for all of the firefighters who keep our neighborhood safe. Join us and please sign up to volunteer on our website, [austinhdepark.org](http://austinhdepark.org).

We thank all of our neighborhood businesses and sponsors who generously support this event!

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- Lee Elementary
- Mongers Market + Kitchen
- Quack's Bakery
- Tiny Grocer's Bureau de Poste
- Uncle Nicky's Italian Specialties
- Wheatsville Co-op

– Stefanie Bertram



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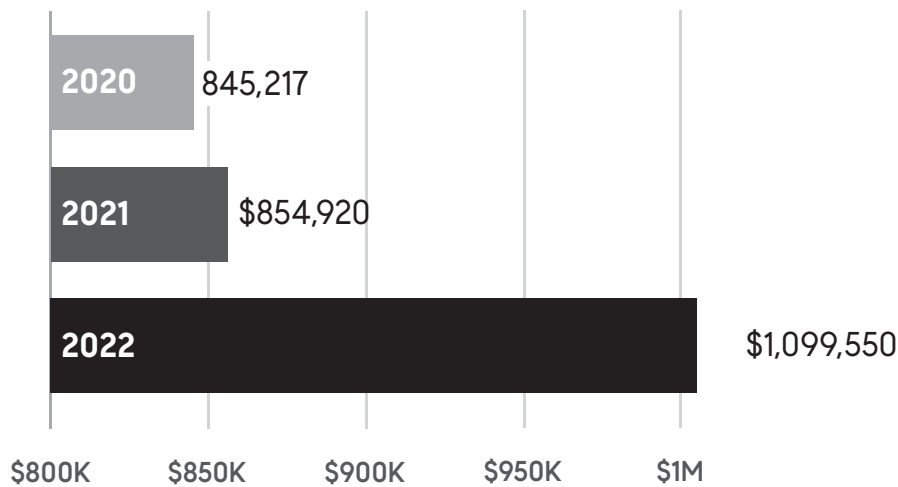
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# Hyde Park Poets —

## Ode to the Goats

Always a destination  
 On our family walks  
 And a quirky site  
 For visiting friends.  
 The goat's pen lies  
 In the yard of a typical  
 Austin couple, amongst  
 Fairy houses, plastic flamingos,  
 And other decorative junk.  
 Biking home from the bakery,  
 Their smell has your nose  
 Longing for the sweetness  
 Of pastry crust once again.  
 The pastry crust almost as  
 Sweet as my little brother's  
 Giggles flooding the street,  
 As we watch the goats  
 Playfully fight over the magnolia  
 Leaves we were sticking through  
 The chicken wire fence.  
 They will eat any type of  
 Leaf you give them but  
 Their favorite has always  
 Been the magnolia leaves we  
 Gather from a few  
 Yards down.  
 The crunch of the  
 Leaves in their mouths,  
 So satisfying that we  
 Wrestle to be their next bite.  
 But, a gust of wind,  
 And our supply of magnolia  
 Leaves dance away, taunting us as they go.

— Cadence Virostko

## Upcoming Events

**ACGtalks.** Austin Classical Guitar will hold a monthly ACGtalks event on Wednesday morning, October 4, at 9:30 am over breakfast tacos and coffee at the Rosette in Baker Center. The presentation will be a dive into ACG Education. See <https://austinclassicalguitar.org/event/acgtalks-education-breakfast/?event=34118>.

**Hyde Park Contact Team Meeting.** The Hyde Park Contact Team will meet on October 23, 2023 at 7 pm at Griffin School Brick Hall, Classroom BH102, 5002 Martin Avenue.

## Monthly Calendar October

- 1 — 7th Street Candle Company Fall Market
- 2 — HPNA General Meeting
- 4 — ACGtalks: ACG Education at the Rosette in Baker Center
- 6 — Recycling Pickup
- 9 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 5 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night of Process at the Ney
- 12 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night in the Landscape at the Ney
- 20 — Recycling Pickup
- 21 — Re-Imagining the Ney: A Community Art Bash at the Ney
- 22 — Fire Station Festival
- 23 — Hyde Park Contact Team Meeting
- 28 — Halloween Movie at Shipe Park
- 31 — Happy Halloween!

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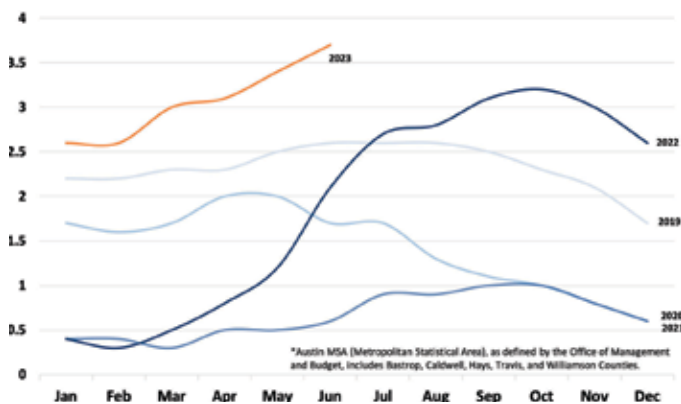
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# HPNA General Meeting Minutes: Sept. 11, 2023

HPNA President Kevin Heyburn called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Kevin described the docent role for the Homes Tour and asked anyone interested in volunteering to sign up. He reminded everyone that volunteers get free tickets to the Homes Tour, which will be on November 12, 2023.

Kevin announced that tonight Zohaib "Zo" Qadri is here. He was elected to the City Council in 2022 and represents our neighborhood along with the rest of District 9, including downtown, Rainey Street, West Campus, Mueller, and Cherrywood. Zo believes everyone deserves a voice and access to opportunities. Zo moved to Texas when he was 12 years of age. He received his master's degree from Texas State University and a second master's degree in global affairs from Rice University. He has taken on multiple projects such as advising advocacy groups and building alliances. He ran a progressive political campaign. He lives in downtown Austin with his wife, Wafa, a physician assistant, and their cat.

Zo introduced himself, telling us that he moved to Austin in 2009 and for one year he was a resident of Hyde Park. He lived in an apartment complex while in school. Zo then walked through a handout he brought with his staff contact information. Anna, who just joined his staff about a month ago, also attended the meeting. The handout with contact information will be posted on the HPNA website.

Zo mentioned that updates on the Council's activity and his initiatives are available on social media. He publishes a newsletter every two weeks. Currently there are over 1,200 people signed up to receive it. Zo holds office hours every Friday from 10 am to 12 pm at City Hall or an area coffee shop and monthly Taco Tuesday meetings. He will be holding a bigger Town Hall meeting with Mayor Watson and other civic leaders that will be announced soon on social media.

Zo talked about recent Council business. There was an initiative to establish a marker in honor of LGBTQ+ neighbors and they addressed a loophole in code that allowed windowless apartment buildings in the West Campus area.

He talked about a gentleman who went missing on Rainey Street and was later found deceased. In response to this and other incidents, the Council brought forward the Safe Rainey Street initiative, with better lighting and more patrols, and is working on installing more cameras. One person has already been rescued since the initiative started.

Another huge issue is the I35 expansion. Zo is not a fan, but the plan is moving forward. He has had

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## Collections of Animals

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## News from the Ney

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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, update 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 a once-in-a-century opportunity to survey the life and work of the extraordinary Elisabet Ney. You are a part of that story!

Please join us as we celebrate this fall with a month-long series of free events, *Re-Imagining the Ney*, dedicated to giving the public an opportunity to help shape the future of the Museum. Through this program, visitors can learn about specific aspects of Ney's life while contributing ideas for upcoming programs and exhibitions. Each event will focus on different biographical topics on Ney's life, and the series will culminate with the day-long event, *Re-Imagining the Ney: A Community Art Bash* on October 21 from 3 pm to 8 pm! Several events took place during September; the remainder will take place during October.



- Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night of Process, Thursday, October 5, 2023, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Experience Elisabet Ney's body of art and creative process in her very own historic art studio and home, Formosa. During this special after-hours event, attendees will learn how Ney executed her marble sculptures through live sculpting demos, hands-on activities, and interactive projects. A guest community member will be invited to lead a drop-in tour of Formosa through his or her unique point of view. The Ney's education staff will also be on hand to answer additional questions regarding Elisabet Ney's studio practices. Curated food and drink pairings will be provided.

- Re-Imagining the Ney: A Night in the Landscape, Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Explore Elisabet Ney's rugged but majestic limestone homestead and art studio, Formosa, and unique 2.5 acre landscape through a variety of hands-on horticulture activities and demonstrations. Attendees will learn about the museum's surrounding native landscape restored to a 19th century Austin through specialized evening walks. Come watch the sunset with landscape architects and local ecologists as

we discuss Ney's unique landscape and historical significance to Austin.

- Re-Imagining the Ney: A Community Art Bash, Saturday, October 21, 2023, 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Reimagine Elisabet Ney's iconoclastic life and brilliant art through the lens of contemporary artists creating site-specific art experiences in the Museum and across the entire

historic grounds. Attendees will experience artist interventions, theatrical performances, and musical expressions immersed throughout the Museum's expansive grounds, paired with curated food and drinks from local vendors and specialized museum tours crafted by interpretive actors. Come celebrate the museum's evolving programs and exhibits and share your thoughts on the next evolution of the Museum. As the evening approaches, the event will transition into an after-hours event, featuring interactive projects and musical performances.

You can find out more about the Elisabet Ney Museum and all the *Re-Imagining* events and updates:

- On our website: <https://www.theney.org/>
- On Instagram: @friendsofelisabetneymuseum
- On Facebook: @Elisabet Ney Museum and @Friends of Elisabet Ney Museum



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several meetings with TXDOT to get the nicest looking "ugly plan" they can get.

Kevin Heyburn read questions submitted by neighbors, as follows:

• **Infrastructure and Management**

- With the new construction on I35, how can we keep Duval Street and Red River Street from being the by-pass for traffic? Now when something happens on I35, the traffic greatly increases on Duval and Red River.

Zo responded that neighborhoods will be greatly impacted by the 10-year construction project. He thinks it is important to have conversations about it and encourages people to reach out to representatives at the state and federal level. He acknowledges there will be a problem and that

right now there is a lot of uncertainty.

- Developers, cable and fiber commercial businesses, and so forth often damage and tear up streets during construction. How can the city make sure the streets and curbs are restored to their original state and thus prevent damage to cars and other vehicles using the streets?

Zo suggested that for these issues, call 311, reach out to his staff directly, and cc him.

- What can the city do to better address graffiti tagging across the city, including here in Hyde Park?

Zo stated that there is someone from the Downtown Commission who deals with it. He said that more enforcement is needed.

- Rampant speeding, street racing, and occasional street takeovers seem to be met with almost no active APD traffic enforcement. What else can the city do better to address this, particularly in

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## Hyde Park High Street Project

The Hyde Park High Street Project group proposes to construct a new commercial building replacing the Hyde Park Bar & Grill parking lot. The property was leased to Hyde Park Bar & Grill since 1994, but when the owners sold the property a couple of years ago local developers Jesse Lunsford and Ray Brimble purchased it. The new owners want to bring new businesses and opportunities to this important commercial hub in Hyde Park. The proposal will allow a restaurant of up to 2500 SF with an additional 1400 SF of retail or other services on the ground floor and up to 9100 SF of office space on the second floor, which will cover much of the parking below. Most of the 25' setback along Avenue H will be returned to green space and tree protection, allowing only five parking spaces where nine exist today. The new building is intended to align with the commercial building across the alley (Quack's) to extend the pedestrian-oriented businesses along the E. 43rd Street sidewalk. Preliminary plans include 30 parking spaces on site, no driveways on Avenue H, and the entrance to be alongside the current alley with access from E. 43rd Street. The resulting green space along Avenue H and adjacent to E. 43rd Street will include outdoor seating. Preliminary drawings that have been shown at HPNA meetings indicate the maximum building that can be constructed on the site under the requested zoning modifications. This has been presented to neighbors and the owners are available to continue the discussion. We hope that many neighbors will support the changes that are needed to fulfill this plan and bring new businesses to the Duval hub in Hyde Park.

– Karen McGraw





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neighborhoods like ours with long straightaways like Duval, Red River, and 45th Street?

Zo responded that more enforcement is needed for this as well. He talked about reengineering streets to discourage speeding, including more stop signs and stop lights. His hope is that the city can get back to the negotiating table with the police union to get a fair, equitable long-term contract. He believes all the emergency teams need to work together, including the firefighters, EMS, and police. He is not a fan of the DPS partnership and emphasized that the police contract is very important.

### • Zoning, Preservation, Development, Housing

– Do you support historic preservation?

Zo replied that he does. He wants to consider equity. He mentioned the Westview Towers project and talked about preserving the character of the city. When asked what the criteria would be for making a building worth preserving, he replied that he would look at what it is taking money away from and if it is right for the greater community.

– What rules would you support in managing short-term rentals in neighborhoods?

Zo is not a huge fan of AirBnB type housing, but he doesn't have an answer for it yet. There are no hard rules yet.

– Now that the new housing density resolutions have been passed unanimously on consent, why has small lot disaggregation been pushed out to April 2024?

The short answer is capacity, and the backlog of resolutions.


– Does the City need to hire a third party consultant to assist city staff to eliminate the work backlog on the City Council's new housing resolutions?

Zo said there is currently no need for that. The Council is working closely with the City Manager and others during the budget process to address the backlog.

– Do you support greater impervious cover to provide more housing even though a previous city council implemented more rigorous flood control due to greater flooding?

Zo said that with summers getting hotter and winters colder, we need to think about flooding prevention. He stated that more housing does not necessarily mean more impervious cover.

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# Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



*Cardboard Waxed Containers:* Can the cardboard waxed containers from juice and milk go into the green compost cart? No. These containers are made of mixed materials (wax, cardboard, and aluminum foil) and cannot be composted or recycled. They must go into your trash cart.

*Cellophane:* Do I have to remove the cellophane window in envelopes before I put them into the blue cart?

No, you do not. Even the plastic on top of Kleenex boxes can be left on. However, cellophane alone is not recyclable.

*Glass:* Is glass really recycled? Glass is one of the more difficult and more expensive items to recycle, but our recycling facilities have reliable markets for its glass.

*Greeting Cards:* Can greeting cards with batteries be recycled? The batteries need to be removed from the musical greeting cards and be recycled with batteries. Once the battery is out, the rest of the card can go into the recycling cart, providing it doesn't have any glitter, flocking, or other adornments on the card.

*Keurig Cups:* My keurig cup says "recyclable." Is it? No, the single-use coffee and tea pods are not recyclable in our market. The containers are too small to be collected for processing.

*Labels:* Do I need to remove the paper labels on the plastic bags that go into the plastic bag collection bins? Yes, these labels need to be removed.

*Mailing Envelopes:* How do I recycle the brown paper mailing envelopes with a bubble wrap lining? These are not recyclable because there are two layers of materials that cannot be separated. They can be reused or go into the trash cart. Bubble wrap by itself can be recycled in the plastic collection bins located at most grocery stores.

## Questions and Answers Part 1

Every week, I receive questions about recycling and composting. I always answer them personally and then try to include the question and answer in "Lettuce Recycle." If any reader has any recycling or composting concerns or comments, please send them to [denahouston3309@gmail.com](mailto:denahouston3309@gmail.com). I welcome all questions and often learn something new from each one.



*Aluminum Foil Boxes:* Do I need to take the metal cutting strip off my aluminum foil and similar type boxes? No, you do not. The paper mill recyclers have the equipment to remove this metal from the cardboard.

*Bagging Recyclables:* Can I put recyclables in a paper bag before I put them into the blue recycling cart? No, do not bag recyclables. Bagged recyclables will be sent to the landfill. There is not the manpower at the recycling center to empty these bags.

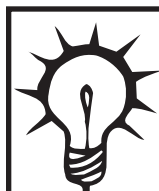
*Balcones Resources:* Are the materials taken to Balcones Recycling facility really recycled or are they just thrown into the landfill? Balcones Resources is a for-profit company. It would not collect all this material just to throw it into the landfill. There are reliable markets for everything they collect.

*Bottle Lids:* Do I need to separate the lids from glass and plastic bottles? All glass jars need to have their lids removed. Keep all plastic lids on plastic bottles and containers. All lids smaller than a credit card need to go into the trash cart. All lids larger than a credit card should go into the blue cart.

*Cardboard Boxes:* Do I need to remove packing tape and staples from cardboard boxes before I put them into the blue cart? No, you do not. Tape and staples are fine to leave on the cardboard. Everything will be processed and baled at the recycling facility. At the secondary recycling paper mill, cardboard and paper go through a pulping process to remove any impurities.

### 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](mailto:denahouston3309@gmail.com).



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Next Zo took questions from the audience.

- There was a question from Zoom about the new regulations and parking. Zo responded that this affects everyone including many non-traditional families and immigrants and is something the city needs to work on.
- Another question was about trash pickup and no room for trash cans on the street. Zo says a big issue is enforcement. He stated that any concern or frustration is valid. He is accessible and wants to hear about concerns. Zo mentioned House Bill 2127 that takes a lot of power away from the City Council, but it might be ruled unconstitutional.
- Karen McGraw pointed out all the work that the neighborhood has done on historic preservation and pressed to know more about Zo's intent in voting for the small lot resolution. Zo replied that there is still a lot of conversation and engagement needed and that he is not trying to ruin any neighborhood. He is just trying to make the city work for everyone. He doesn't have all the answers but wants the city to be livable for as many people as possible.
- There was another question about fewer parking restrictions and sidewalks. Zo said the city needs to do a better job on creating walkability. He himself was hit by a car in West Campus, so he understands.

Kevin thanked Zo and his staff for being at the meeting tonight. Zo had to leave at 7:45 to attend another meeting. He closed by saying that, if there are additional questions, please email his office. He wants to hear from everyone and for us all to work together.

Kevin would like to get feedback now or by email about Councilmember Zadri. Kevin stated that we hope to have him back.

The next topic was an update on membership. HPNA is up to over 300 members. It is easy to join online. There are 4 business members so far:

- Woodeye Construction and Design
- Suzanne Pringle, Realtor
- JET of Texas Carport Patio and Pool Shade Cover
- Chris Wooster Creative

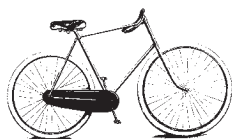
Kevin then announced the following nominations:

Officers:

- Kevin Heyburn - President
- Paul Smith - Vice President
- Lorre Weidlich - Co-Treasurer

Steering Committee:

- Sharon Brown, former HPNA Membership director
- Hollie Granato, moved to Hyde Park about a year ago
- Katie Turner, for an additional term



Upcoming events are the Fire Station Festival in October and the Holiday Party in December.

Shipe pool is still open. The last day of this season is October 1.

Kevin has reached out to the driverless car company for a presentation at the October meeting.

There was discussion about the current status of the recently repaved basketball court and how to handle the damage from skateboarders. The city cannot prohibit anyone from using it. Suggestions included a sign directing them elsewhere or building a skate park.

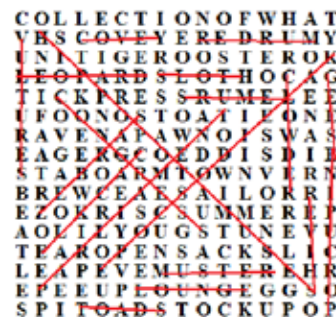
A final audience comment was a warning about the screws and nails all over the street from the sidewalk work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

– Ann Duncan  
HPNA Co-Secretary

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- 1)MURDER; 2)PARLIAMENT;
- 3)PENGUINS; 4)ZEBRAS;
- 5)CONGRESS; 6)GEESE;
- 7)LIZARDS; 8)VULTURES;
- 9)HIPPOPOTAMUSES;
- 10)COVEY; 11)SLOTH;
- 12)PORCUPINES; 13)SHIVER;
- 14)LEMURS; 15)TOADS;
- 16)CLOWDER; 17)CACKLE;
- 18)KALEIDOSCOPE; 19)MUSTER;
- 20)LEOPARDS



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their annual Shipe Park Movie Night, with activities starting at 5:00 pm. This event will also feature a Halloween Costume Contest. The following Tuesday Hyde Park will celebrate Halloween. I hope to see you on that spooky night at the traditional Halloween festivities on Avenues F and G as well as elsewhere in the neighborhood.

The Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour will be held on Sunday, November 12 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The tour will need around 130 volunteers, so please consider volunteering to help make the tour a success. To volunteer please contact Kip Dollar at [kipdollar@gmail.com](mailto:kipdollar@gmail.com).

HPNA is planning its annual neighborhood Holiday Party in early December at the Elisabet Ney Museum. This will be a particularly notable party because it will be the last time we have it at the Ney before the museum closes for major renovations. Hopefully our Holiday Party will once again be back at the Ney in 2026!

We hope to see you at this month's General Meeting and we look forward to seeing you at Hyde Park's upcoming events.

– Kevin Heyburn  
HPNA President



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