

August Meeting

When: Not this month

Where: Nowhere

Note: HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month. Not this month though.

HPNA General Meeting No meeting in August

- Because Shipe Pool is not open, the HPNA is cancelling its annual Ice Cream Social in Shipe Park.
- We wish you a pleasant – if hot – August and we'll see you at the September meeting!

Shipe Pool and Log Cabin Update

The City of Austin was well represented at the July 9 HPNA meeting to present an update on the Shipe Pool project. City representatives included the following:

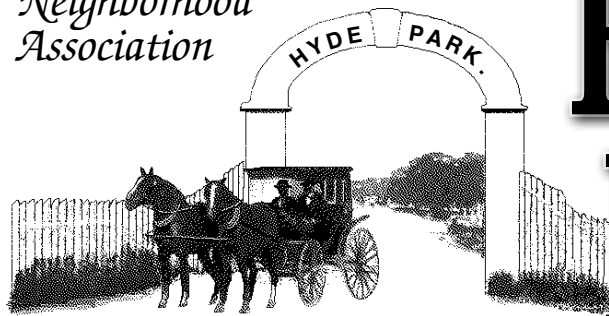
- Jodi Jay, Aquatics Division Manager, PARD
- Sergio Altamirano, Project Manager, Public Works
- Rey Hernandez, Project Manager Supervisor, PARD
- Anthony Segura, Assistant Director, PARD
- Rolando Fernandez, Capital Contracting Officer, and Veronica Briseno, Director of Small and Minority Business Resources (SMBR), from the city department that ensures compliance with the City of Austin Women and Minority-owned Business Enterprise Participation ordinance

Former City Council Member, Laura Morrison, also attended.

Mr. Altamirano reported that the Shipe Pool project has been delayed because the only contractor who bid on the project had

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Exploring Hyde Park Our Personal Ghost Story

Editor's Note: The Pecan Press reprints here, exactly as written and with permission of the author, a chapter from George Boutwell's book, Texas in My Windshield. Readers interested in purchasing a copy of the book or of George's 2019 calendar, which features a painting of Hyde Park's historic fire station, can do so on George's website, <https://www.gboutwell.com/>.

The Austin Independent School District had come up with a plan to facilitate the racial integration mandate that the Federal Government had handed down. They set up sixth grade centers and all the children in the sixth grade were mixed in those center. I took our Daughter Valerie to school one morning and after dropping her off, I turned right instead of my usual left turn and found a vacant two story victorian house in the next block. The house was wide open and had a condemned for demolition sign nailed to the front.

I felt strong grief at the idea of demolishing this fine house and I got out of the car and went into the house in spite of the do not enter sign. I felt at home there and went and got Martha and when she saw the house she said that it was just like the house she had dreamed of as a little girl. (She had often told me that she had dreamed of living in a victorian house with crystal chandeliers) Martha had always been a little bit psychic and had had several experiences of seeing things before they actually happened. Martha sat down on the staircase and told me how many rooms were upstairs before she ever climbed the stairs and what color the house had originally been painted.

We left and I got on the phone to find out who owned the house. That night I had a dream of a woman named Alwina who told me that we would own her house and not to be concerned with the finances because everything would work out! I started telling Martha about the dream and she finished my sentences. (She had had the same dream!)

I contacted the owners of the house, who were living in North Carolina and told them that we wanted to buy the house and live there. The owners told us that they had left Austin due to the loss of a job and that they had been besieged by real estate developers wanting to buy the house to tear it down to build apartments and that the developers had convinced the city of Austin to condemn the house to force them to sell it. They said they would sell us the house to spite the developers because

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From the Desk of the President



Each month, for this column, I try to find some inspiration to provide a general theme for my letter. Sometimes this comes naturally, and other times it takes some time to develop an idea.

This month I have been working on this problem for at least two weeks, yet as I write this, only hours before the deadline, I sit with a blank canvas and no ideas. Writing this letter is only one of many tasks that the president does each month to support the neighborhood and the association. While not every month provides an easy-president's-letter subject, it does not mean that the volunteer experience is worth any less. As we begin to close out the summer months, the neighborhood needs your help. There are several ways that you can get involved, beginning with serving as an officer or steering committee member. These roles are critical in that they help set the agenda of the neighborhood association. But more importantly, these people act as the

organization's eyes and ears, bringing issues from the neighborhood back to the group so that we can work to address those issues and improve our community.

Maybe serving on the executive board does not align with your interests and talents. There are still numerous other events and activities that help make our neighborhood the vibrant place that it is. One of the biggest events is the annual homes tour, which engages both the neighborhood and the wider Austin community while showcasing the rich heritage of our neighborhood. This event, which this year is co-lead by Ellie Hanlon and David Bowen, easily requires more than a hundred volunteers to produce. There are numerous roles, including research, working with flowers, sales, marketing, and acting as a tour guide; so you can easily find a volunteer role that fits your time and skills.

Also in the fall are two other major events - the Fire Station Festival and the holiday party - that need more volunteers. The Fire Station Festival honors our historic fire station and includes a parade, Halloween costume contest, live music, games, and lots of entertainment. With so much going on at this event, a lot of volunteers are needed.

The holiday party is a lower-key occasion that brings neighbors out to socialize during the holiday season. This event, which is smaller than the others, still needs several volunteers. Both of these events are led by our Social Chair (and co-Vice President) Sarah Cook. I know she would appreciate any help that she can get with either of these activities.

Finally, while these three events - the homes tour, the Fire Station Festival, and the holiday party - are

some of the historic events produced by the neighborhood association, we are always open to new activities and we encourage you to reach out to us. We are happy to assist in whatever way we can to help with events that foster and grow our community.

— Reid Long
HPNA President

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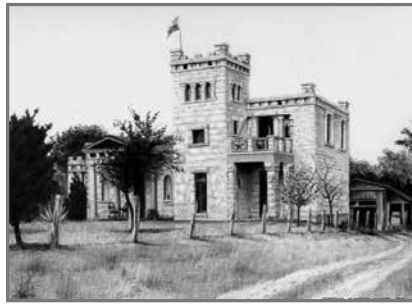
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News from the Ney

August at the Ney will be hot but cool!

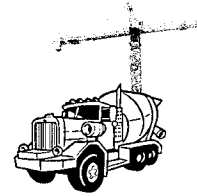
Part of the Meet Her Hands Series, the serene and beautiful exhibition Black Angels, by Haitian-American artist Deborah



Valcin, will remain on view in the Visiting Artists' Gallery through August 5. On August 9, photographer Cindy Popp will follow, with a show of pointed, quirky, and humorous self-portrait photographs. Cindy Popp's opening will take place on Thursday, August 9 from 6:30 to 9 pm, featuring a tour of the museum, a talk with the artist in an interview format, and finally a reception. Her show will remain through August. The Meet Her Hands series is co-produced with Bossbabes ATX, a robust young women's creatives group with whom the museum is pleased to collaborate.

The museum will also reprise its Saturday Morning Drawing Salons on Saturday, August 4. A perennial favorite, the doors to Miss Ney's studio swing open wide for aspiring artists young and old for drawing opportunities, using the sculptures and building itself as models. As usual, this event takes place every Saturday morning in August, from 10 am to noon. There will be various drawing tools and papers, drawing boards, and coaching available for everyone. Admission, supplies, and more are all free, as always. All ages are invited and RSVPs are not required. Come in from the heat!

Next month, on September 6, Feminine Grandeur, a show by Austin artist Whitney Turetzky, will open, and of course the annual event, Portraiture in the Park: Who Are You Anyways, comes to the grounds on Sunday, September 23. Be sure to bring kids, friends, and seniors to this family-fun, free event!



Letters Dept.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks to HPNA for arranging Mayor Adler's appearance June 4. That was my first sustained exposure to him, and I was glad that it occurred in a conversation between him and our politically aware neighbors.

As I have reflected on the conversation over the past week with the aid of my notes, the enormity of his remarks has continued to sink in. Here are three major points:

1. The mayor professes ignorance, in both fact and principle, of the details of CodeNEXT.
2. He considers multiple instances of the same information throughout the code to be a good thing.
3. "City priorities transcend neighborhood priorities."

I left the meeting shortly before sunset, while the mayor was still speaking. I had come on a bicycle, and I had heard enough.

— David Campbell

Membership Information

- Membership in HPNA is open to all residents 18 years or older residing within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of its boundaries.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
- Membership dues can be paid in several ways: By signing up at an HPNA meeting or event, by mailing in the membership form, or by joining online using PayPal. To pay online, go to www.austinydepark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6.

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AVERAGE SQ FT	1,599	2,079	1,699
MAX PRICE SOLD	\$995,000	\$1,150,000	\$1,200,000
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	10 DAYS	9 DAYS	14 DAYS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 01/06/2018 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.



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Around & About the Avenues

Hyde Park Resident is *Austin Monitor* Quote of the Day.

On July 18, the Planning Commission debated whether historic districts help or hurt affordability. Firmly on the positive side was Commissioner and Hyde Park resident Karen McGraw, who stated, "Don't think that if you can't tear down every single house, we can't densify." Her statement on the subject became the *Austin Monitor* Quote of the Day. The article is available at <https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2018/07/do-historic-districts-help-or-hurt-affordability/>.



Austin CultureMap Reports on Hyde Park Restaurant.

On July 11, Austin CultureMap writer Brandon Watson covered the major renovation of Hyde Park restaurant *Vino Vino*. "A Hyde Park classic has another new look. After six months of hard work, neighborhood favorite *Vino Vino* is debuting some major changes, including a revamped bar and dining room, a cozy new wine garden, and a new chef." To read the article and see photos of the changes to *Vino Vino*, see <http://austin.culturemap.com/news/restaurants-bars/07-11-18-vino-vino-hyde-park-wine-bar-new-interior-chef-drink-program-ben-schwartz/#slide=0>.

Voter Registration. Do you need to register to vote? Or have you recently moved and, as a result, do you need to change the address on your voter registration? If so, contact Sharon Brown, a Volunteer Deputy Registrar for Travis County, at dons Sharon4213@sbcglobal.net. Voting has never been more important.

Monthly Calendar

August

- 3 — Recycling Pickup
- 4 — Saturday Morning Salon at the Ney
- 9 — DRC Meeting
- 9 — Opening for Cindy Popp exhibit at the Ney
- 6 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 17 — Recycling Pickup
- 31 — Recycling Pickup

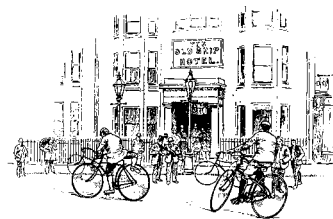
Hyde Park Poets —

Waller Creek and a Heron

... for our sister water, who is very serviceable unto us, and humble, and precious, and clean.
— St. Francis of Assisi

A yellow-crowned night heron
flaunts such fine markings,
black, white and even a touch of gold,
that I feel privileged to serve
as audience. Her glare sears my conscience,
so I mosey on, crossing the bridge,
leaving the wild—both creek and bird—
to be wild.

— Elzy Cogswell
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Our Personal Ghost Story...

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we were the only people that wanted to save it! We had no money for a down payment, so I called the Heritage Society and asked them which banks were friendly to historic preservation. Mrs. Mayo at the Heritage Society told me to contact Charles Betts at Franklin Savings. Franklin had restored three historic houses and made them into branch offices and was very active in historic preservation.

I made an appointment with Mr. Betts, whom I had never met and went to his office. Mr. Betts shook my hand and before I got a word out of my mouth he said, "I hear that you want to buy and restore a historic house." He then whipped out a loan application and started filling it out for me and said "I really like your Art work and if you will do a painting of each of our branch office houses that will be your down payment!" I walked out of there in a few minutes with all of the financing arranged. We had to bring the house up to standards before the city of Austin would allow us to move in and one of the city buildings inspectors was being down right hateful to us. My Art sales skyrocketed and I was able to pay for the needed repairs but dreaded the mean building inspector when we finished the repairs. We called for the inspection and "lo and behold" a different inspector showed up and had nothing but praise for our work and we passed the inspection with flying colors. I later found out that the mean building inspector was forced to resign due to taking bribes from developers! All during the process of bringing the house up to code, we felt a presence in the house that seemed very friendly and were told by relatives of the original owners that Alwina Lowry's parents had built the house in 1894 and that Alwina had lived there her entire life. She had married the boy who lived across the street and the couple had moved into her house. They had a son, who, upon Alwina's death, had sold the house to a real estate company before any of the family members could even say anything to the contrary.

Alwina had a stroke in one of the bathtubs and her last conscious moment was in the house. The real estate company had sold the house to the people that we had bought the house from and upon the loss of their jobs they had moved back to North Carolina and rented the house to college students. When we moved into the house it seemed to be enchanted and we felt like we had a guardian angel living with us. Valerie and Kimberlee made comments about seeing a very nice and pretty lady in the hall, and Martha saw Alwina several times, always in the hall, but never in any of our bedrooms. I was never fortunate enough to see Alwina (probably due to my gender) but I felt the friendly energy.

Our next door neighbor, a man named Mr. Stubbs, who was in his eighties, and had been a millwright and was an expert on building things, gave much needed advice concerning restoration. Mr. Stubbs had built a full scale stagecoach in his back yard! One day, as I was talking to Mr. Stubbs, I took a chance and told him, "I think Alwina Lowry is still in the house." Mr. Stubbs said "I know she is, she really likes you and your family, she made life pure hell of all those other people who have lived there since she died."

Martha had a dream that she was taking a nap and heard the doorbell ring. In the dream, she got out of bed and as she was going down the stairs, she looked down and saw that she was wearing a laced victorian dress with a large pocket on the front, she reached into the pocket and pulled out a door key with a ribbon tied to it and then she work up. Martha told me about the dream and a week or so later, I heard the doorbell ring and opened the door to two of Alwina's relative who told me that they had a couple of thing that they wanted give us. They handed me a door key with a ribbon tied to it and an old photograph of a young Alwina and her Mother standing in front of the house and Alwina was wearing the dress in Martha's dream!

We applied for historic zoning to the Austin Historic Landmark Commission and were granted the first historic designation in the Hyde Park neighborhood and Alwina's house was now protected by law from demolition.

Shortly after the historic zoning, Martha was taking a nap and woke to see Alwina standing in the bay window in our bedroom (the only time Alwina was ever seen in anyplace but the upstairs hall). Alwina waved goodbye and still facing Martha, went backwards thru the wall and out into one of the trees in the yard, turned around and faded away and obviously went to heaven. We never felt her presence again and felt like we had lost a friend and family member.

— George Boutwell



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[The # in parentheses = the number of letters in the answer]

1. A tax on imports (6) _____
2. Who started trade war with #1. (5) _____
3. Good budski of #2. (5) _____
4. Did #3 send her to the NRA? (6) _____
5. Guy with lots of "friends" and even more \$\$ (10)

6. Got fined \$5.1 billion by Europe. (6)

7. English-speaking kid in Thai cave. (4, 3-2)

8. Team of #7. (4,5) _____
9. 170 years ago it hosted 1st US women's rights convention.
(6,5) _____
10. Lucretia _?_: organizer of convention at #9. (4)

11. Helen Cady _?_: other organizer of convention at #9. (7)

12. Prominent woman at convention; found on a coin. (5,1,7)

13. Declaration of _?_ read by #11 at convention. (10)

14. Amy _?_: another convention attendee; had pantaloons
named after her. (7) _____
15. Town in SC where BMWs are/were made. (11)

16. Right sought at convention at #9. (8)

17. First country to grant women's #16. (3,7)

18. First US state to grant women's #16. (7)

19. Sarah _?_ Sanders still spokesperson for #2? (8)

20. Often only grown-up in Oval Office? (4,5)

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been disqualified for failure to comply with Austin's Women and Minority-owned Business Participation ordinance. Specifically, the city compliance office determined that the bidder had not made a good faith effort to contact women and minority-owned businesses to solicit their participation in the project. Following the initial determination of disqualification, the contractor appealed, but the appeal was denied on July 3, 2018. Therefore, the city will be required to put up the project for bids again.

Mr. Altamirano explained that originally the project went out for bids simultaneously with the Govalle Pool project. Two contractors bid on the Govalle project, whereas only one bid on the Shipe project. The Shipe contractor's bid was \$3.15 million, which was over the \$2.5 million that city staff had estimated the project would cost. Rey Hernandez said that the Shipe project was more complex than the Govalle project because of such factors as heritage trees, the mural, and the flood plain covering part of the park. He also explained that some of the delay resulted from the need to secure a long-existing right-of-way through the middle of the park - the block was originally surveyed as a residential area, and this right-of-way would have been the alley - and the need to secure a right-of-way on Avenue G in order to widen the pool.

City staff handed out a new projected timeline that indicated that the project could be substantially completed within 220 days following a signed and approved contract with a new contractor. This timeline assumed that the new bidding process would begin later this month and that there would be no unforeseen delays. Ideally, the project could be completed in June, 2019.

The audience had several questions about the reasons for delays to date, the rationale behind the women and minority-owned business participation requirement, and so forth. One person asked what would happen if no contractor responded to the next bid solicitation. The answer was that the city would keep soliciting bids until a qualified bidder responded.

Following the pool discussion, Jack Nokes gave an update on the plan to renovate the Shipe Park Log Cabin. He gave a brief history of the 1930s cabin and the decision to make needed repairs and updates at the same time as the pool project. There are two phases of the renovations:

1. The bathrooms will be upgraded to ADA standards. This will be funded by the CIP funding for the pool.
2. The exterior of the cabin will be renovated under a separate contract.

In response to stakeholder requests during the planning phase for the pool, the city agreed that the Log Cabin bathrooms could be counted as part of the total number of bathrooms required for the new pool. Rey Hernandez pointed out that this freed up more space on the pool deck, and Jack added that it made newly renovated bathrooms available to park users year-round. The city has already replaced the bathroom doors to meet ADA requirements, and it also has finished the removal of lead paint in other parts of the cabin.

Jack explained that the cabin's exterior renovations would be done in a separate contract between the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) (which has provided a \$50,000 grant for the project) and a contractor who is experienced with performing historic renovation and who has performed previous work for the city. APF representatives told Jack earlier that day that the contract would be finalized within the following week and construction would begin three to four weeks after that. The contractor's goal is to complete the cabin project in November. APF is also trying to arrange for portable bathrooms to be available in the park during the time the cabin bathrooms will be unavailable for park users.

The APF \$50,000 grant is a matching grant, and Jack explained that the Friends of Shipe Park have a fundraising goal of \$20,000. Fundraising will begin soon, and the Friends will be asking neighbors, foundations, local businesses, and the HPNA to contribute to this effort.

The Friends of Shipe Park is an informal group of volunteers who support the pool and park through events, advocacy, and fundraising. Friends of Shipe Park plan to remain in close communication with the city for the duration of these projects. For more information or to join this effort, visit <https://shipepark.org> or contact Alison Young at lacoeyvoyeur@yahoo.com, Jill Nokes at jill@jillnokes.com, or Jack Nokes at jacknokes@gmail.com.

To direct your comments, questions, and concerns directly to the City of Austin, contact the following people:

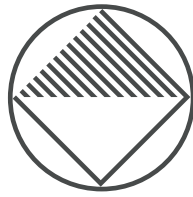
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You can also contact Hyde Park's elected representative, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, at Kathie.Tovo@austintexas.gov.

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The Doors and Helsinki

I don't want to go anywhere
I don't want to leave
Too much is happening
On my teevee

In my cocoon, snug in my room
With a view of the world on the screen
Cross- or di- section, to me it's perfection
Saturday on television

Where in the world? Helsinki skating
Perilous feats, floating on blades
Landing the quad, more than one, nowadays
There's a squadron, world champs in the making,

Back in time with a flick of the button
Opening Doors with Val Kilmer as Jim
Morrison spewing and channeling fears
Drunken and reeling, how else could he do it?

Young flying spinners on blades on hard ice
Or spinning and flying on acid and vice
Merry young skaters and a daring iconic
Should be but isn't really ironic.

I don't want to go anywhere
Not a chance I would leave
Juxtaposition and random
Alive on the screen

The global village is real as can be
What's happening there is happening to me
Doesn't matter what time or day of the year
Everything ever is happening here.

— Herzele
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What Did I See in One Day?

The Wienermobile—no kidding, Oscar Meyer
On the same street corner, a one-man band, guy
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Yes, I did, and then, a play
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So, now, at the HRC dinner, Neo from Girl in a
Coma and Matt Redden, one of the stars of the
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That's my story and you know the rest
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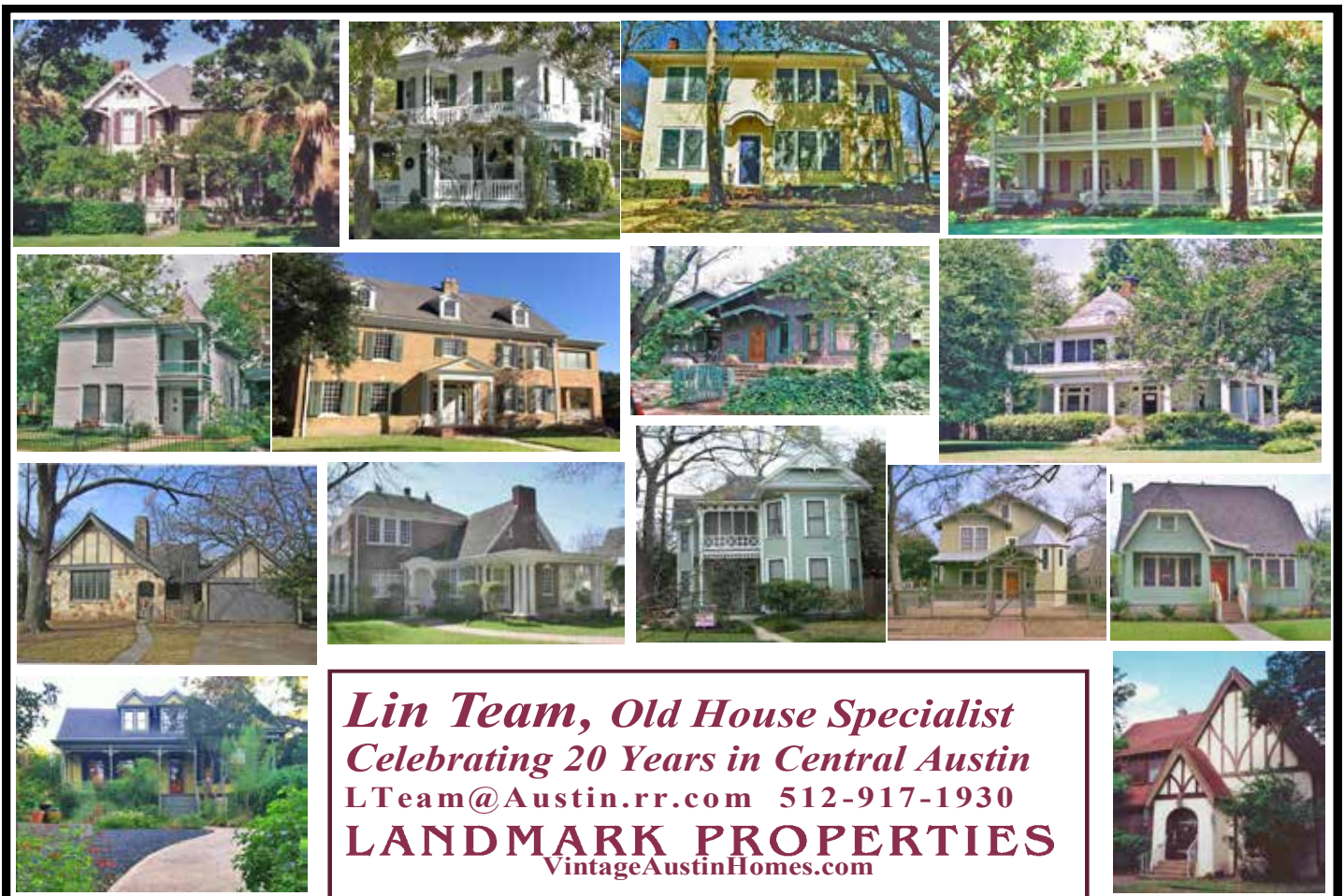
President Reid Long called to order the monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association at 7:04 pm on July 9, 2018 in the Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue, Austin, TX 78751.

The first item on the agenda offered an update on the Shipe Pool renovations. Several city staff members were present at the meeting to address the associations' questions, including Public Works Project Manager Sergio Altamirano, Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) Project Management Supervisor Reynaldo Hernandez, Aquatics and Nature Based Programs Division Manager Jodi Jay, Aquatics Program Manager Wayne Simmons, Capital Contracting Officer Rolando Fernandez, Austin Parks Foundation Liaison and Park Development Administrator Christine Chute Canul and Small and Minority Business Resources (SMBR) Department Director Veronica Birseno.

Mr. Altamirano said the request for construction bids was released in March, 2018, with only one bid received in May, 2018. Given the high demand for construction crews in Austin, initially the Shipe Pool bid was combined with the Govalle pool bid in an effort to make the bid larger and more attractive to contractors. However, the combined pool renovation bid was not successful, and only one bid was received for the

Shipe Pool project. This bid came in at \$3.6 million, \$650,000 above the \$2.5 million budgeted amount. Altamirano said the city was willing to accommodate the increase in cost, but the bid was rejected because it did not comply with the city's small and minority business participation ordinance. Established in 1987, Austin's Small & Minority Business Resources (SMBR) Department promotes minority, women, and disadvantaged business owners to participate in business opportunities with the City of Austin. SMBR Director Veronica Birseno explained that the Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) programs encourage this participation by establishing special procurement goals on city contracts. Prospective city contractors need to include a certain percentage of subcontractors that are MBE or WBE entities or else show a good faith effort that they attempted to solicit MBE and WBE businesses in their bid. The solitary Shipe Pool bid was found to be non-compliant with these ordinances and a letter of non-compliance was issued to the contractor in June,

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Hyde Park Poets —

What To Love

I go to work each day,
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to celebrate seasons.
Once in a blue moon
an unexpected wind thrusts
a cold hand down my collar,
or the sun nuzzles through
an overcast day.
It takes something like that
to remind me —
Look! Look at all this!

— Elzy Cogswell
Jan. 5, 2015



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2018. The contractor protested the non-compliant decision; the contested complaint was reviewed; and the city upheld the SMBR's non-compliant judgement and the bid was declined.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Project Management Supervisor Reynaldo Hernandez said a second round of bid solicitation began in July, 2018 with the expectation of a mid-August bid review and a city council approval, hopefully, in mid-September. If this round of project bids is successful, pool construction could begin in October, 2018 with a substantial completion by June, 2019. SMBR Director Briseno said that her office consults and works with contractors regularly to help their bids be compliant with the city's ordinances, adding that the unsuccessful non-compliant bid was from a contractor with experience working with the city and these ordinances and yet the contractor did not make a satisfactory attempt to remain compliant. Additional information on SMBR, MBE, and WBE programs can be found at <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/small-and-minority-business>. A copy of the protest documents is available upon request to the city.

Mr. Hernandez said the Shipe Pool site itself was uniquely challenging with its numerous heritage trees, on-site flood plane, art mural, and overhead electric power lines. PARD wanted to maintain the size of the pool – typical for the 1930s era of construction – but needed to standardize the pool to allow more efficient use of city equipment and lifeguards. The new design features an extended shallow area with a maximum depth of 7 feet and a shade structure for the baby pool. Additionally, collaboration with the Health Department allowed the Log Cabin's bathroom facilities to be incorporated into the overall site requirements, reducing the mass of the bathhouse in the design as well. Mr. Hernandez said the design process evolved over time to address these unique details, adding that many factors contributed to the construction delay beyond the bid acceptance issues.

Friends of Shipe Park representative Jack Nokes spoke about the Log Cabin, which was also built in the 1930s, with little recent improvement. While Friends of Shipe Park campaigned to have the full cabin renovation included in the city's plan for Shipe Pool, the funds were not available. However, the Friends of Shipe Park secured a \$50,000 grant, with a matching component, from Austin Parks Foundation. An additional \$20,000 is still needed, but the organization is working with local community members and foundations and feels confident about meeting the funding goal. Current plans recommend making the Log Cabin bathrooms ADA-compliant to allow the community a public bathroom available year-round, as opposed to the fenced-in pool bathrooms that are only open three

months out of the year. City renovations of the Log Cabin bathroom have addressed the lead paint issues and added ADA-compliant fixtures, but ADA-compliant doors, a new roof, and minor exterior and structural repairs are still needed. Friends of Shipe Park solicited three bids for cabin renovation in the fall, received one good bid, and expect a contract by the end of July. Construction is expected to begin in August with an anticipated completion date in November. During this time, the cabin area will be fenced off, but some portable restrooms might be available to the public at the work site.

Mr. Hernandez said that the Shipe Park play structure was at the end of its lifecycle, but given the Shipe Pool renovation, earmarking additional funds for a playscape (average cost \$100,000) was not a top priority for the city. Mr. Nokes said current plans are to relocate the swing set by the oak tree to the seating area and picnic tables, but said additional funds are needed if the community wants to replace the play structure itself.

Mr. Nokes said Friends of Shipe Park are open to new volunteers, especially those interested in heritage trees. To learn more, email jill@jillnokes.com or visit www.shipepark.org/.

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Resident Andy Jones addressed the second agenda item, updating HPNA on the Texas Health and Human Services expansion of the Winters Building. Karen McGraw, Mity Myhr, and Mr. Jones met with Sara Howard in Senator Kirk Watson’s office, who directed their interest to Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Tovo’s office. Mr. Jones recommends HPNA make a stronger statement to the city about the need to reduce the speed on 46th Street from 30mph to 25mph. Tovo’s office arranged a meeting with the City Transportation Department, which registered HPNA’s concerns on traffic and speeding. Next steps include arranging meetings with Department of State Health Services Commission Director Dr. John Hellerstedt and Acting Executive Commissioner Cecile Young, while continuing communication with Tovo’s office. Mr. Jones said that Senator Kirk Watson is spearheading funding to redevelop Austin State Hospital into a regional mental health hub and he is expecting more information on that project in September.

The final agenda item outlined the many volunteer opportunities available with HPNA. A walking route or area coordinator position with the *Pecan Press* is open, requiring a few hours’ commitment once a month. Social chairs are needed to help organize the Egg Scramble in the spring, the Fire Station Festival on October 21, and the holiday party. The November 11 homes tour still needs plenty of volunteers, including everything from docents to picking up flowers for homeowners. Contact Ellie Hanlon for additional information on the homes tour. Kathy Lawrence, for the HPNA Nominations Committee, is looking for anyone interested in serving on the Steering Committee or as an officer.

Announcements included a presentation by Ian Austin of Austin Classical Guitar, who offered HPNA members a 25% discount on tickets for their August 3-5 concert series at the Blanton Museum. This concert will bring in artists from around the world; if you have a home that could host an intimate performance with an audience of 40 to 50 people, contact Ian Tusk at www.austinclassicalguitar.org/contact-acg/. There will be no HPNA meeting in August, but the Steering Committee will meet on August 13, 2018. Reid Long adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

– Submitted by Bonnie Neel

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