

# February Meeting

## HPNA General Meeting Agenda for February 1

- Welcome (5 minutes)
- Code Enforcement: Expert Panel and Presentations, followed by Q&A (50 minutes) *Note: While HPNA does not get involved in individual code enforcement cases, it can provide a forum for neighbors to learn how to navigate the process and share issues with city representatives. This meeting, devoted to the topic of code enforcement, should be of interest to both tenants and homeowners. It will provide an overview of the code enforcement process and tools to navigate the system.*
- Erica Thompson, Code Enforcement Inspector, Austin Code Department: Code enforcement process, common code complaints, resources to understand and navigate code enforcement.
- Bianca Bentzin, Chief Prosecutor, Austin Municipal Court and Chase Gomillion, Assistant City Attorney II with the group that handles code cases: Legal avenues for code enforcement, what to expect in terms of resolution, and timeframes.
- Officer Darrell Grayson, Austin Police Department (APD), District Representative for Hyde Park.
- Q&A: We anticipate there will be extensive discussion and we invite you to send questions in advance to [hydeparkna@gmail.com](mailto:hydeparkna@gmail.com). Include "Code Enforcement Meeting" in your subject line. Questions will be anonymized and provided to the speakers in advance of the meeting. We will do our best to get your questions addressed.
- Announcements (5 minutes)

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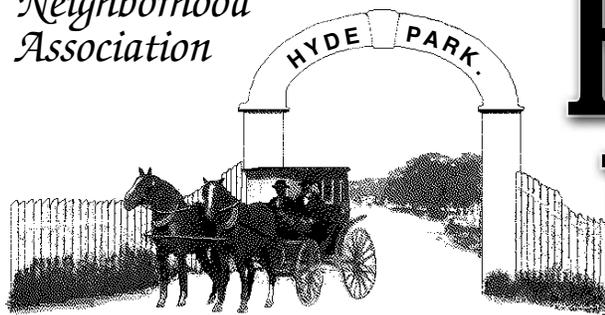
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## Exploring Hyde Park The Curl-Crockett House

The Curl-Crockett House, constructed in 1893 and 1894, is one of the oldest houses in the Hyde Park Historic District.

It epitomizes the rise, fall, and resurrection of the Hyde Park neighborhood: built as the home of a noted state official and owned by other respected citizens, it gradually fell into decline until it was unsympathetically divided into apartments in the 1950s. The van Bavels, the current owners of the house, restored it and made it again a neighborhood showpiece.

Sited on a large corner lot at 213 W 41st Street, the house was built for lawyer and politician James R. Curl (1851-1905), Chief Clerk of the Texas State Department from 1891 to 1895 and Secretary of State (appointed by Governor Samuel W. T. Lanham) from 1903 until his death from cancer at age 54. In 1869, Curl married his first cousin, Fannie Renfro, at Larissa, Cherokee County. She died eight years later. In 1881 he wed her younger sister Ada, with whom he had seven children. His family lived in comfort and socialized with such distinguished figures of the day as Governor James Hogg and his daughter Ima. Unfortunately, after Curl's death, financial loss due to bad investments caused the younger Curl children to be sent to the Masonic Home in Fort Worth.

On September 23, 1893, Curl bought four lots in the fledgling Hyde Park suburb from the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Land and Town Company for \$825. Almost immediately the Curls contracted with Preston S. Hopkins to build "a two story frame building of seven rooms with closets, bath room, halls, galleries and foundations of brick piers, with two brick chimneys and one brick flue for a dwelling house with yard fence...for the sum of \$1800." Four month later, however, a new Builder's Lien was filed with J.J. Brydson to finish the incomplete structure at a cost of \$785. Its little-known architect, Jabez R. Wyard, practiced in Austin from 1887 to 1910.

The Curl House was built in a T-plan, with three rooms upstairs and downstairs in the main block and likely a rear-ell or detached kitchen. The exterior of the house contains fine Eastlake detailing,

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Photo by Kevin Heyburn



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As 2021 reveals itself, we're reminded of the role that a neighborhood can play in providing a sense of belonging. By definition, a neighborhood is a district forming a community within a town or city. Hyde Park transcends the idea of a community based on location alone, as we are also fortunate to have such a strong sense of neighborly spirit.

While the existence of that spirit becomes evident from the moment you move here, the past few months have really amplified the sense of community that Hyde Park embodies. Shopping for a sick neighbor, taking time to stop and chat (at an appropriate social distance) while walking the dog, opting to not cook dinner in order to get Julio's takeout - there are so many instances of support and outreach that seem to have

increased during these strange and challenging times.

The pandemic has forced us to work from home, learn from home, eat at home. But the concept of home can extend beyond the four walls of a house and incorporate the neighborhood. It's been fascinating to see how the pandemic has brought more neighbors out of the house and onto the avenues. More people walking, more families enjoying one another's company, more kids riding bikes with other kids! While there are many things we

lost during the pandemic, we have gained the opportunity for more connection and a deepening of the sense of belonging to our community.

With 2020 as hindsight, we can turn our attention to bringing the best of our neighborly-selves to the challenges of this coming year. We're already seeing it's going to be bumpy in its own way. But we have our neighbors, and we have our neighborhood and our neighborhood association, and we are grateful for that in so many ways.

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# HPNA General Meeting Minutes: January 4, 2021

Michele Grieshaber facilitated the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Kent Herring with Family Eldercare gave a presentation on his organization and the services they provide.

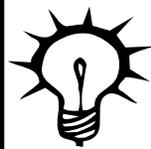
- Family Eldercare is one of the largest guardianship programs in the state.
- They provide services in 20 counties throughout Texas.
- The organization has existed for more than 30 years.
- They provide services to seniors and disabled adults, employ approximately 100 employees, and help over 7,000 people per year.
- Some examples of their services include the following:
  - Financial services for managing money, bill payment, and enrollment in social security.
  - In-home care to enable independent living.
  - Assistance in locating and providing housing.
  - Helping the elderly and disabled avoid evictions.

Carmen Pulido, Planning Commissioner, District 9, gave a presentation on land development code updates:

- There are new Austin City Council members and new Commissioners that could reshape the direction of the land development code. District 2 and District 6 specifically have some reappointments on Boards and Commissions.
- The lawsuit that shut down the most recent code rewrite is under appeal, but the city does not expect the judgment to be reversed.

- It is unlikely that a land development code rewrite will occur in 2021 as the City has other priorities, including homelessness, Project Connect, and anti-displacement efforts.
- There are some efforts underway to see what land development code changes can be done without owner input including the following:
  - Incremental changes unrelated to zoning.
  - Updating the code but not the maps (although this seems to have failed already).
  - Looking at ways to improve and increase equity.
  - Changes to improve current flooding issues.
  - Infrastructure updates that will ease a future land development code implementation.
- Future land development code changes will be largely dependent upon the makeup of the City Council.
- Given the investments that have been made around Project Connect, it is quite likely that any new code would be based off transit corridors. A member asked: Bus corridors? Rail corridors? Or both? It could be either, but definitely rail-based.
- There has been recent survey work in North Central Austin with the thought of possibly establishing new historic districts. Historic preservation has been hit or miss, but not great, in the city of Austin.

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## Submission 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.
- University students are free.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
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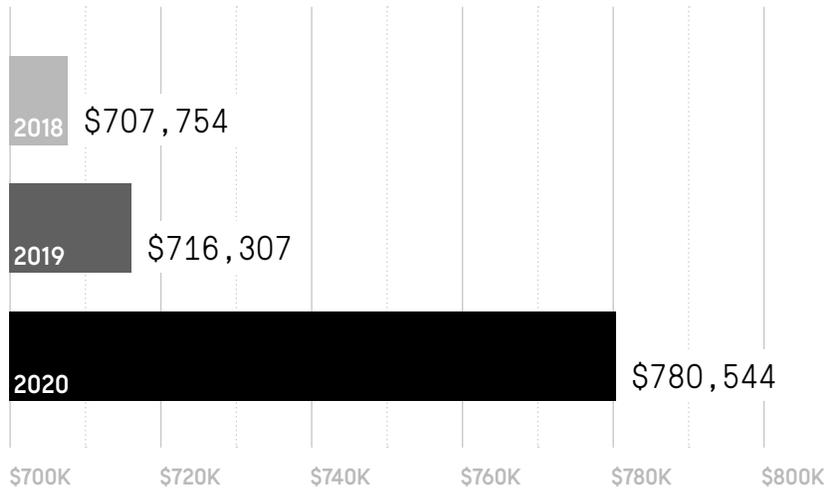
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- There have been several equity-focused discussions and any new land development code will certainly take equity into account. There seems to be disdain for preservation of well-to-do areas; however, preservation is possible without hurting sensitive areas in the city. The Montopolis neighborhood was given as an example of a neighborhood that is being negatively affected by development from an equity standpoint; if Montopolis had a strong NCCD like those in Hyde Park, this could assist them in remaining a diverse neighborhood.

Kevin Gomillion, Division Manager for Golf Operations with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD), gave a presentation on the future of the Hancock Golf Course.

- Michele gave a quick update to remind membership of what we know so far.
  - Hancock Golf Course is an enterprise operation that must generate enough income each year to pay for its own operations, maintenance, and improvements.
  - The PARD general fund will have a shortfall and will not be available to Hancock Golf Course, should its revenue be insufficient to cover its expenses.
  - PARD and ATX Golf commissioned a study to determine some possible courses of action to increase revenue at Hancock Golf Course.
  - The National Golf Foundation provided three alternatives:
    1. A passive park. This option is not feasible as it is expensive and does not generate income.
    2. Invest in the Hancock Golf Course to attract more golfers. Again, this option does not appear to be feasible as a PARD financial shortfall is predicted.
    3. A public-private partnership. This is the most feasible option and entails contracting with a private entity to improve and operate the golf course, including golf cart rentals, food, and so forth.
  - Option 3 was being investigated and considered, but PARD slowed the process to provide an opportunity for more public input.
  - The primary consideration is to select a fiscally sound option.
  - PARD is looking to improve Hancock Golf Course and make it a self-sustaining operation; they are not looking to develop or sell the park.
  - Hancock Golf Course will remain a green space.
  - The recreation center will remain unchanged.
  - Every effort will be made to keep the historic golf designation.

- In January and February, PARD will survey the community to get input.
- In April, a recommendation will be made to the PARD Board.
- In May, a recommendation will be made to the City Council.
- Kevin Gomillion took over the presentation.
  - The holidays have slowed down progress on the project, but because so many people are wanting to get out of the house, Hancock Golf Course has seen tremendous business in the last few months.
  - In October, revenue was up 200%; this increase in revenue has given PARD a moment to pause and take a breath.
  - City of Austin golf courses have been enterprise (that is, self-supporting) operations since the late 1970s.
  - Golf in general suffered a decline after the 9/11 tragedy, but it appears that people are finally getting back into golf.
  - When business is good, improvements can be made to the course.
  - PARD is preparing to engage small community groups to solicit feedback and input on the future of Hancock Golf Course and is also reaching out to other cities in Texas to see how they have handled similar challenges.
  - Allowing a third-party contractor to manage operations is already occurring at seven different courses in Austin and has happened at Hancock in the past.
  - Even if PARD contracts with someone to manage the course, the entire facility will remain public.
  - PARD believes it's possible to have both a contract-managed golf course and a passive park.
  - There are several areas on Hancock Golf Course that are currently brushy and unused; these areas could be cleaned up and made available for use to the community.
  - There are some cons to a passive park:
    - Passive parks are not staffed as well as golf courses and there is a chance that the homeless will enter the park.
    - Maintaining Hancock as a passive park could cost as much as \$200,000 per year.
  - There are also pros to a passive park:
    - Austin is currently park-deficient.
    - A passive park provides more opportunities for the general community.
  - If PARD does contract with a third-party management company, there will be more money available for improvements.
  - Kevin has provided contact information to HPNA leadership and will communicate with us when it's time for Hyde Park to provide input.



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particularly in the lateral gable on the entrance (north) elevation. These fine late Victorian elements, masked by gray paint for decades, are once again decorated in period-style contrasting colors. The two-tiered, wrap-around verandah supported by Doric columns, a prominent feature when the house was displayed in *Austin City of the Violet Crown* (1917), the city's major architectural brag book of the early 20th century, shows a classical influence that contrasts with the Eastlake vocabulary of the main block. Tax records record a jump in the property value from \$1,135 in 1907 to \$1,900 in 1909, which coincides with the period when some one-story Victorian porches in Austin were being replaced by two-story, Colonial Revival porches, both to modernize appearance and to provide a shaded area below and a sleeping porch above.

Over the next twenty years, after Curl sold the house, the property changed hands several times. Owners included Judge Henry Faulk and his progeny and Otto Ebeling and his wife Emilie Giesecke, both members of noted German-Texan families. Harry Lee Crockett (1872-1947), proprietor of the Crockett Produce Company, and his wife, Corabel, occupied the house longest, from 1920 until 1943.

During the next decade, it had eight different owners. By 1958, it had been divided into five apartments. Numerous tenants, some with blue- and white-collar occupations and some students, occupied the property over a 60-year period. Bevo, the U.T. mascot, might have visited while the house was occupied by a fraternity. The interior of the house was considerably altered for its use as apartments. The second floor of the verandah was enclosed, though many Doric columns remained in place within the Eastlake vocabulary of the main block. The interior staircase was moved to the front porch. Bathrooms and kitchens were created for the apartments, but most of the principal rooms retained their shapes.

The house waited for sympathetic rehabilitation. Guided by architects David Webber and Lotte Vehko, contractor Peter Dick has restored both the exterior and interior of the main block. A deteriorated rear wing was approximated, separated from the main block by a glass hyphen, and a garage was added.

This magnificently restored grand old home is surrounded by native species, including the impressive landmark cedar elm in the house's front yard on the 41st Street side. Just outside the riparian gravel of the post oak savanna, the subsurface beneath this portion of Hyde Park and this home, is largely thick, gummy clay. This cedar elm, sometimes referred to as a spring herald because of its early spring leafing, is one of the most widespread Texas native species and obviously has flourished in Hyde Park soil.

## Monthly Calendar February

- 1 — HPNA Meeting
- 2 — Happy Ground Hog Day!
- 6 — What Does It Mean? Family Activity from the Ney
- 8 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 11 — Elisabet Ney Docent Meet-up via Zoom
- 12 — Recycling Pickup
- 14 — Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 — Happy Presidents' Day!
- 20 — Elisabet Ney Nature Day via Zoom
- 26 — Recycling Pickup

## Around & About the Avenues

**Is JuiceLand Moving?** Anyone who has seen the FOR LEASE sign in front of JuiceLand at Duval and 45th Street has probably wondered about the future of the property and the business. Nothing to worry about: the sign is some sort of weird lease and contract requirement, and the space is not actually for lease. JuiceLand has no plans to move from or close this location.



**Dane's Body Shop Moves North.** Hyde Parkers might have noticed the absence of Dane's Body Shop from its 43rd and Guadalupe location. Apparently Dane's was forced out by a rent increase. Fear not, it hasn't moved far: look for it at 807 Capitol Court, north of the Triangle.



**A New Occupant for Mother's Location.** Curra's Grill, a South Austin family-run Mexican restaurant, is opening a new location in the space formerly occupied by Mother's. In the Spring of 2021, Hyde Parkers can look forward to avocado margaritas (a Curra's specialty), ceviche, conchinita pibil, duck quesadillas, and scallops. Curra's will also provide golf-cart delivery of tacos and margaritas. Let's welcome a new addition to Hyde Park's 43rd Street business district.



**More Publicity for County Judge Brown.** Hyde Park's new County Judge, Andy Brown, has been receiving regular recognition in Austin media, particular for his work with the COVID-19 pandemic. In a December 29 article by Elizabeth Pagano in the *Austin Monitor*, "County Judge Andy Brown: Representing every voice," Brown describes his focus on criminal justice reform. He stated, "People should be getting resources and help that they need in an environment that is not the jail. I think we can do a lot more investing in the community instead of investing in new buildings at the jail." Read the entire article at <https://www.austinmonitor.com/2020/12/county-judge-andy-brown-representing-every-voice>.



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In the meantime, February promises more terrific online programming and a surprise on the grounds!

On Saturday, February 6 from 10 to 11:30 am, another What Does It Mean? Family Activity event will take place. This has been such an interesting series, with folks attending from as far away as Mumbai, India! The wonders of the Internet, eh? This, the last WDIM event, asks kids, parents, grandparents, family, and friends to think about museums for *themselves!* If there was a museum about you, what would be in it? The Museum's education staff will be helping you decide and curate your own history in artifacts, graphics, and text!

The Museum will also host an Elisabet Ney Docent Meet-up on Thursday February 11, from 7 to 8 pm. Anyone interested in becoming a docent can join this Zoom program and learn about Ney's life and art as well as the art of the tour. Participants will discover how to integrate inspiration, art, and history to entertain, educate, and inspire visitors of all ages. Discover exciting resources that pertain to Elisabet Ney, art education, and the Museum itself. Current Ney docents will be on hand to share their stories and techniques. Meet new folks. Make a new hobby of this. It's great fun!

Elisabet Ney Nature Day, another annual staple, will be held virtually on Saturday, February 20, 1 to 3 pm. Noted nature artists and friends of the Ney, including Barbara Attwell, Jade Walker, and others, will lead great Zoom-based workshops for terrific outdoor art activities. The Museum will also debut new landscape programming, including video and graphic material online, featuring the Native Prairie Restoration and how to learn from it.

Finally, the Museum will open a new outdoor art installation in late February. Austin artist Jade Walker's *Mire+Mend* will appear soon in the north side of the property. This thought-provoking piece will provide an opportunity to consider the healing and mending process after the past tumultuous year, particularly as it pertains to community health. A video accompanying the piece will also be unveiled. At this moment, due to the stage 5 status of the city, it's hard to say for certain when the installation will be complete, but it's anticipated to be whole by the end of the month.

This will also serve as a teaser! When it reopens, the Elisabet Ney Museum will feature an indoor installation by Jade Walker and additional outdoor works. Keep your ojos peeled and your Zoom windows open because there's more to come soon!

As always, stay safe and Sursum!

## Word Find: Born in February

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3. Gave us Oliver Twist. [7] \_\_\_\_\_
4. Famous bus rider. [4,5] \_\_\_\_\_
5. Prez born same day as #11. [3,7]  
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6. One named singer from Barbados. [7]  
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7. Rival of Tesla. [6,6] \_\_\_\_\_
8. Poet Langston. [6] \_\_\_\_\_
9. It. scientist mentioned in Bohemian Rhapsody. [7]  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Susan on the money. [7] \_\_\_\_\_
11. Charles from Downe House. [6] \_\_\_\_\_
12. General who hated San Jacinto Day. [5,4]  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Highest scoring average in NBA. [7,6]  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Ended Hamilton's run - permanently. [5,4]  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Emperor of Japan. [8] \_\_\_\_\_
16. Author: *The Souls of Black Folk*. [1,1,1,6]  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. Gave us Ziggy and other singers. [3,6]  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Gave us heliocentrism. [10] \_\_\_\_\_
19. Reputed to have broken up The Beatles. [4,3]  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Comedian and crime boss on Fargo. [5,4]  
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**TEX.**

★ *new* ★

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# Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



## Many New Questions!

Over the last few months, I have received more recycling questions than usual. I will focus this edition of "Lettuce Recycle" on those questions. As a Recycling Block Leader and author of this column, I am committed to recycling education. Please continue to send your questions and recycling ideas to [recycling@hpwbana.org](mailto:recycling@hpwbana.org). Thank you!

*Cash register receipts – can cash register receipts go into the green or blue bin?* No. Most of today's cash register receipts are printed on thermal paper. This paper is treated with BPA, making the paper neither recyclable nor compostable. Please place these receipts in the trash can.

*Are carbonless paper receipts also treated with BPA?* Yes, they are. These are the duplicate receipts and invoices often given by people who do work at your home. The typical carbonless paper contains a high concentration of BPA. These receipts have to go into the trash can.

*Foil tops – are the foil tops on yogurt, sour cream, and cream cheese recyclable?* If the tops are aluminum foil, they are recyclable providing they are clean and dry. Please be sure to have at least a 2-inch ball of foil before placing it in your blue bin.

*Hard plastic holders – are the hard plastic holders on beer cans recyclable?* Yes, they are.

*Labels and tape on cardboard boxes – do I need to remove tape and labels from cardboard boxes before they are recycled?* No, tape and labels do not need to be removed before cardboard boxes go into the blue recycling bin. However, boxes do need to be emptied of all styrofoam and other packing material.

*Plastic recycling symbol – what if plastic has no recycling symbol?* If a plastic container or bottle has no

recycling symbol, please throw it into your trash can. Without a recycling symbol, it is impossible for the recycling center to sort and recycle it.

*Recycle & reuse drop-off center – is the recycle & reuse drop-off center really open?* The center was open, by appointment only, until December 23, 2020. It closed at that time when Austin went to COVID Stage 5. Please check the following website for the most current information: <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/recycle-reuse-drop-center>.

*Styrofoam – why can't styrofoam be picked up curbside?* Styrofoam is very lightweight and takes up a lot of space. It can easily break into tiny pieces and scatter in the wind. Picking it up curbside would cause more litter pollution that is impossible to clean up. Please take your styrofoam to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center. However, they do not take styrofoam peanuts.

*What other types of foam are recyclable?* Foam packaging, such as foam rolls, foam cushioning, foam packing sheets, and foam pouches, is also recyclable at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.



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**PLEASE REMEMBER -  
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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 [recycling@hpwbana.org](mailto:recycling@hpwbana.org).



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Snow  
SDay!

# Snow Day

It snowed all day  
Started as a dusting  
And continued to a full on snow covered winter wonderland  
Well as much as can be had here in Texas  
It snowed for hours  
Magical dust falling slowly from above  
As swarms of fat robins and cardinals played in wonder  
How is this Spring  
Awoke next morning to a still white covered landscape  
But soon the sun came out and melted away the magic  
As water dripped from the trees  
White gave way to dark brown bark and evergreen  
Leaving a shiny glisten everywhere  
Birds swarmed again and chirped with joy  
Now this is Spring

— Lisa Fox  
1/2021

# S<sup>now</sup> D<sup>ay!</sup>





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## Thoughts While Walking on the Eve of the Longest Night

Selective flurries of random leaves  
Falling like premonitions of snowflakes  
Soft and gentle, the air still warm,  
Walking, on a made up mission,  
An excuse to not bail on a walk,  
Takes me on a mystical path,  
I wonder, if I watch for long enough,  
If the gracefully falling leaves,  
Each one distinct, will transition  
Into snowflakes, famous for none  
Resembling another – the leaves don't either,  
There seems to be an endless supply,  
The yellow ones come in a puffy drift  
The red ones seem to shudder,  
They drift, seemingly aimless,  
Reminiscent of young, infatuated girls,  
On the way to meet their lovers,  
Not in a hurry, perhaps a bit hesitant,  
Soon they will all meet, turn around and  
Around and soon they will touch the ground  
And the end of innocence will begin

— Herzele  
12/20/2020



Lisa Harris gave a brief update on the \$4.9 billion project currently under consideration to reconfigure the portion of I-35 that runs through downtown, including the portion adjacent to the Hancock neighborhood and Hyde Park.

- There have been no recent TxDOT website updates on the project.
- The December 31, 2020 deadline for community input has passed.
- The scoping phase of the project is scheduled to continue through Spring of this year.
- Construction is scheduled to begin in 2025.
- If interested, HPNA members can sign up on the TxDOT website to receive updates on this project.

Michele Grieshaber asked if anyone had an announcement to share. Paul Smith shared that Curra's Mexican Restaurant will be moving into the building formerly occupied by Mother's Café.

The meeting was closed.



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### Word Find Answers from page 19

- 1) DOUGLASS; 2) JAMES DEAN; 3) DICKENS; 4) ROSA PARKS; 5) ABE LINCOLN; 6) RIHANNA; 7) THOMAS EDISON; 8) HUGHES; 9) GALILEO; 10) ANTHONY; 11) DARWIN; 12) SANTA ANNA; 13) MICHAEL JORDAN; 14) AARON BURR; 15) NARUHITO; 16) WEB DUBOIS; 17) BOB MARLEY; 18) COPERNICUS; 19) YOKO ONO; 20) CHRIS ROCK

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