

January Meeting

When: Not this month

Where: Nowhere

Note: HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month..However, there will be no January meeting.

HPNA General Meeting No meeting in January

We wish you a wonderful New Year and we'll see you at the February meeting!

Austin Police Department Hyde Park Survey

Officer McIntosh, with the Austin Police Department, works with the Baker sector, an area of the city that encompasses most of central and west Austin. The Hyde Park neighborhood is at the center of the Baker sector.

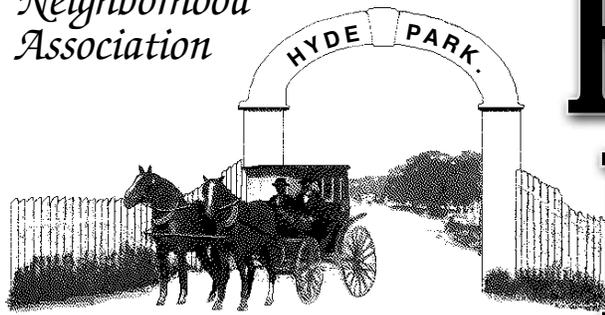
Officer McIntosh is conducting an outreach project initiated by the Department with the goal of learning more about the neighborhoods that they patrol daily. The questions cover such topics as policing in the Hyde Park neighborhood and problems in the neighborhood that you would like to see addressed. Names and specific addresses (with the exception of businesses in the Hyde Park area) will be kept confidential.

Below are the survey questions:

1. What is your name?
2. Are you a resident or a business owner in the Hyde Park area?
3. What is your address or the address of your business?
4. What are your age and gender?
5. What are problems in your neighborhood that you would like to see addressed by APD?

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HPNA Year in Review

It has been a busy year in the Hyde Park neighborhood. As always, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has monitored developments of local relevance and raised issues for public discussion in our monthly meetings and in the *Pecan Press*, both of which are accessible to all, members and non-members alike. In addition, HPNA continues to produce numerous annual events that highlight the unique character of the neighborhood and strengthen our community.

Community-Building Events

- HPNA events included Egg Scramble, Fire Station Festival, Homes Tour, and Holiday Party.
- HPNA supported It's My Park! Day, produced by the Friends of Shippe Park.
- The Shippe Pool Party and Ice-Cream Social were canceled this summer but are expected to return in 2019.

Neighborhood Development

- The year began with another draft of CodeNEXT. At a winter meeting, members were briefed on the current development code, including the two NCCDs (Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts) in Hyde Park, and learned about procedures for renovating residential properties. In the spring, HPNA sponsored expert presentations and audience discussions on the proposed development code, and members voted to send a resolution to the city opposing this version of CodeNEXT. In August, Mayor Adler announced its termination.
- Plans to greatly expand the Winters Building on Guadalupe between 45th and 51st Streets were presented twice at HPNA general meetings by representatives of the Texas Facilities Commission. Audience concerns focused largely on increased traffic and flooding risks. In response, project leaders subsequently reached out to the Watershed Department to improve their plans for flood risk reduction.
- The Baker School project, under negotiation with HPNA during 2017, was concluded in the spring with rezoning by the City Council and subsequent purchase by Alamo Draffhouse, which will apply for historic zoning for the building. Alamo Draffhouse also agreed to a private restrictive covenant that any future structure on the west side of the property will allow only residential housing above the ground floor, and 25% of that housing must be affordable.

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Happy January!

As we prepared to write this Presidents' letter, we scanned the *Pecan Press* archives to understand what was on previous HPNA Presidents' minds in the month of January. Our review of a decade of these letters shows two immutable things: the strength of the neighborhood association, its many dedicated officers, volunteers, and friends; and the continued importance to the neighborhood of managed growth and development.

Last year, President Reid Long wrote about the issues he anticipated for the neighborhood in 2018, highlighting CodeNEXT and the Baker School development. Five years ago, co-Presidents Lorre Weidlich and Kevin Heyburn wrote about three concepts that were integral to their time in office: inclusivity, change, and communication. Ten years ago, in 2009, President David Conner wrote about the then-upcoming Local Historic District application process.

As we launch 2019, similar themes present themselves. We anticipate the next conversations around the land development code

and are eager to preserve the best parts of our neighborhood and its plan while the entire city, including Hyde Park, grapples with issues of affordability and sustainability; we aim to promote an inclusive association that welcomes Hyde Parkers from all corners of the neighborhood and to use all available channels to let people know about HPNA; and finally, at the 2018 Holiday Party, we were so pleased to celebrate the installation of the final historic district sign toppers and recognize those neighbors who worked long and hard on the district itself and on its recognition through these lovely reminders that grace street signs.

With your help, we look forward to addressing both these evergreen issues and any new concerns that arise. We hope you'll join us as we do.

– Betsy Clubine and Sarah Cook, HPNA Co-Presidents



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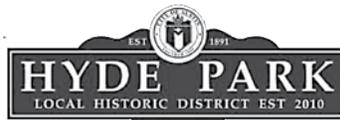
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Helping Hand Home Update

Editor's Note: Helping Hand Home representative Jewels Cain researched several questions from audience members at the December HPNA meeting, and her answer follows.

As a follow-up from the last meeting I have done some research on fire code and licensing for non-profits. I was not able to find anything in the fire code that would limit capacity. I'm confirming with City staff. With regards to licensing and capacity, the State of Texas does license the Helping Hand facility, and Helping Hand is now licensed for 41 residential beds – the existing number of beds at Helping Hand. As they move along the process, Helping Hand will request an increase in service capacity from the State of Texas. CPS (Child Protective Services) leaders are very aware that they plan to expand and have encouraged them to do so, since there is a dire need for residential beds for young children.

Editor's Note: At the City Council meeting on December 13, the Helping Hand Home request (Item 78 C14-01-0046.03) passed on first reading as amended. The content of the final request follows.

1. Change the base zoning to MF-4 for the entire property, thus making the entire zoning MF-4-NCCD-NP.

2. Amend the NCCD to make Congregate Living a permitted use in the MF-4 base district for this property only.

3. Amend the NCCD with regard to site development standards for this property only:

a. Change "Except as otherwise provided, a building shall front on a north-south street. A building located on a lot that only has frontage on a numbered street may front on the numbered street. A building on a through lot located west of Speedway on West 38th Street or West 39th Street shall front on West 38th Street or West 39th Street. The street on which a building fronts under this section is the front of the property on which the building is located for purposes of this ordinance." Modify to allow frontage along W. 38 ½ Street.

b. Change "A fence located in a front yard may not exceed a height of four feet and shall have a ratio

of open space to solid material of not less than 1 to 1.5." Modify to allow for a 6-foot fence around the property.

c. Change "This section applies to a fence located in a street side yard that faces an avenue and is greater than four feet in height. The portion of a fence that is greater than four feet shall have a ratio of open space to solid material of not less than 1 to 1.5." Modify to allow for a 6-foot fence around the property.

d. Change "Except as otherwise provided in this section, the entrance of a building in which a principal use is located shall be located on the front of a building." Modify to allow for entrances to the dormitory buildings to front internal to the site, not on Avenue B.

e. Change "Except as otherwise provided in this section, parking is permitted in a street yard on West 38 ½ Street. Parking may not be closer than ten feet to a property line." Modify to allow for parking closer than 10 feet to a property line on W. 38 ½ Street.

f. Change "Except as otherwise provided in the section, access to a site is limited to one curb cut. Except in the Residential District, a site that has 100 feet of frontage or more may have two curb cuts. In the

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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.austinhdepark.org and click on the **Join Now** button. Dues paid online are \$6.

Submission Information

- Send your articles, letters, and photos by the 10th of each month to Lorre Weidlich at lweidlich@grandecom.net.
Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.
All poems, even if written under a pen name, must include a name and contact information for identification and verification purposes.

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MAX PRICE SOLD	\$1,150,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,185,000
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Hyde Park Holiday Party: A Good Time Was Had by All!

Neighbors gathered at the Elisabet Ney Museum on December 9, 2018 for the annual HPNA neighborhood holiday party and volunteer recognition event.



The Wish Tree,
photo by Lizzie Chen



Preservation Austin Board of Directors,
photo by Lizzie Chen



Kevin Heyburn Introduces the
Ceremony, photo by Lizzie Chen

This year's party included a special event: a dedication ceremony for the new sign toppers that now adorn every intersection in the Hyde Park Local Historic District. The signs were made possible by a grant to the HPNA from Preservation Austin and through the tireless efforts of Hyde Park resident Mark Fishman.

As Mark said, "We would like to thank Preservation Austin for their recent grant, which was instrumental in bringing the sign topper program to fruition. We especially thank the many folks from the neighborhood who worked so hard for the establishment of the Hyde Park Local Historic District—a great contribution to the overall preservation of Hyde Park, the neighborhood we all hold dear to our hearts."



Mark Fishman Speaks about the Sign
Toppers, photo by Lizzie Chen

We would like to thank Oliver Franklin, Lindsay Baras, and all of the volunteers at the Elisabet Ney Museum for hosting this year's celebration. We are lucky to have such a remarkable treasure in the neighborhood!



Clayton Bullock of Preservation Austin
Addresses the Audience, photo by Lizzie Chen

In addition, we would like to recognize Central Market North Lamar and Wheatsville Food Coop for their generous catering donations. And of course, a special thanks to our volunteers: Lynda Baker, Cindy Beall, Kevin Heyburn, Rachel Jenkins, Paula Rhodes, Philip Seibert, and Lorre Weidlich.

— Betsy Clubine and
Sarah Cook



Audience Members Listen to Speakers,
photo by Lizzie Chen





THANKS, APF AND SHIPE PARK NEIGHBORS!!

In November 2017 the Austin Parks Foundation awarded a \$50,000 Community Grant to the Friends of Shipe Park to help fund the renovation of Shipe Park’s historic Log Cabin and to make improvements to the former wading pool area. The Friends of Shipe Park gratefully acknowledge and thank the following neighbors who generously donated (as of 12/7/18) a total of \$38,740 to match the APF grant:

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- Representatives of Helping Hand Home for Children (HHH) appeared at two meetings to explain their rationale for requesting zoning and NCCD changes in order to remove existing structures and replace them with new residential, educational, and office space. HPNA membership approved a resolution supporting a list of changes requested by HHH, which was sent to the city in October.
- The first of three phases of the Austin State Hospital campus redevelopment project was detailed at the last meeting of the year by representatives of the U.T. Medical School and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. This phase is focused on the construction of a new 240-bed hospital for in-patient psychiatric care.

Meetings with City Officials and Staff

- New City Manager Spencer Cronk and Mayor Steve Adler attended a general meeting in the spring to hear neighbors' opinions and share their visions for the future.
- Guest speakers at other meetings discussed the progress of bike lanes along both Speedway and Duval, Shipe Pool construction (projected completion June 2019), the Cap Metro remap of bus service through the neighborhood, and the Guadalupe Storm Drain Improvements project (projected completion 2021).

Crime

- The APD neighborhood liaison officer updated members on crime events and prevention strategies.
- In the fall, HPNA members approved a letter to be sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice stating opposition to parole for the woman convicted of attempted murder in the stabbing of a Hyde Park visitor.

Local Elections

- While HPNA does not endorse candidates, elections have consequences for the future of our neighborhood. Candidates in the March primary introduced themselves and their platforms at a general meeting that included residents of nearby neighborhoods.
- Three candidates for Austin mayor and three candidates for City Council District 9 presented their positions and answered audience questions at a fall meeting.
- Speakers from several community organizations offered opinions on the November city bond election.

HPNA Support for Neighborhood Organizations

- With membership approval, \$5000 was donated to Friends of Shipe Park for log cabin renovation and landscaping of the former wading pool area.
- The Ney Museum received \$1000 from HPNA to co-sponsor Ney Day and Polkapolypse.

— Susan Marshall



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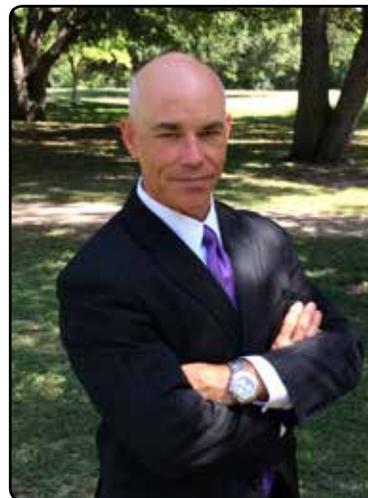
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News from the Ney

Happy New Year, everyone! Opening January 17, 2019 at the Ney will be a unique, very special exhibition: Women of Flatbed: A Retrospective. Running through Sunday, April 28, 2019, the show assembles selected works by leading female figures of the past and future of Austin's art printing hub, Flatbed Press. Celebrating its thirtieth year, Flatbed has been a welcoming home for women artists for decades. In 1989, director Katherine Brimberry found a dearth of women with whom to work. Now, half of Flatbed's printers are women, influencing both the print-making community and the creative landscape for women artists statewide. Flatbed also became an outpost for other media, as the building it has occupied and managed for the last 20 years became a busy center housing significant galleries and studios. In 2019, Flatbed will be shuttering the doors at this building and moving to Southeast Austin, opening a new chapter in its illustrious history.

Artists represented in this show will include Alice Leora Briggs, Suzi Davidoff, Sandra C. Fernández, Annalise Natasha Gratovich (www.facebook.com/annalishgratovich), Sandria Hu, Mary McCleary, Celia Munoz, Liliana Porter, Linda Ridgway, Julie Speed, Ann Stautberg, Betty Ward, Joan Winter, Sydney Yeager (www.facebook.com/sydney.yeager1), Judy Youngblood, and more. A part of PRINT AUSTIN, the city's annual month-long festival of printmaking art and craft, the exhibition's opening reception will be on Thursday, January 17, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. There will be an Artists' Talk on Saturday, January 26, from 2 to 3:30pm, at which several of the printmakers will join Katherine to discuss their work and inspiration.



Fallen, Fallen, Light Renew,
by Mary McCleary

This month, the museum will also reprise its beloved Saturday Morning Drawing Salons! Every Saturday in January, from 10 to noon, the museum will host freeform drawing classes featuring exercises using Elisabet Ney's amazing statues as models. You can also draw the wonderful building! All materials and professional guidance are available just for asking. It's family friendly and doesn't require a reservation.

Finally, the Native Prairie Association of Texas will hold another Landscape Learning Day at the Ney between 10am and noon on Saturday, January 12.

Admission, as always, is free. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Around & About the Avenues

Hyde Parkers Mourn Gus Garcia. Hyde Parkers who remember the early struggles to restore and revive a declining neighborhood are saddened by the loss of former Mayor Garcia. Long-term residents will remember that Mayor Garcia was supportive of the HP NCCD when it was adopted on January 31, 2002. In addition, Mayor Garcia supported Hyde Park in its fight against a proposed five-story, 500-car parking garage on Avenue D with one exit and no setback. Susan Moffat remembers Gus Garcia this way: "Gus was a lovely man. He called me miya and once danced with me in the back of Council chambers during one of the weekly music performances....Austin needs more like him."



Leaders Needed. The 2019 Hyde Park Egg Scramble (April), Fire Station Festival (October), and Holiday Party (December) are all in need of event chairs. If you are interested in leading or co-leading one of these events, with support from neighborhood volunteers and former event chairs, please contact Sarah Cook (cooksicle@gmail.com) or Betsy Clubine (betsyclubine@gmail.com) for details. These beloved events can't happen without your help.



Austin History Center Exhibit Features Austin's Streetcars. As Hyde Parkers know, without the trolley system, Hyde Park would not exist. For those interested in the history of the trolley system, the Austin History Center (810 Guadalupe) is presenting the exhibit, *Off the Rails: The Rise and Fall of Austin's Streetcars*. The exhibit will run until May 26, 2019. The History Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am until 6pm, and Sundays, 12pm until 6pm.



Thank You from Friends of Shipe Park. Dear Neighbors at HPNA, I wanted to personally thank you all for the generous contribution of \$5000.00 for the upcoming Shipe Park projects. The Log Cabin is well underway with the swing and wading pool work to be started after the pool opens. Your support of our projects and events is invaluable and greatly appreciated. We cherish our longstanding partnership. Best wishes and Happy Holidays. Alison Young.

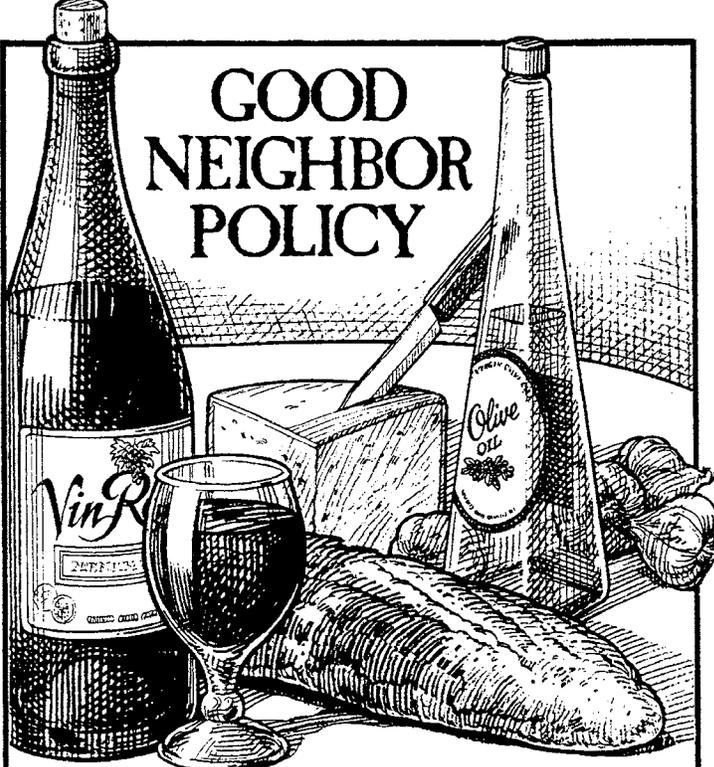
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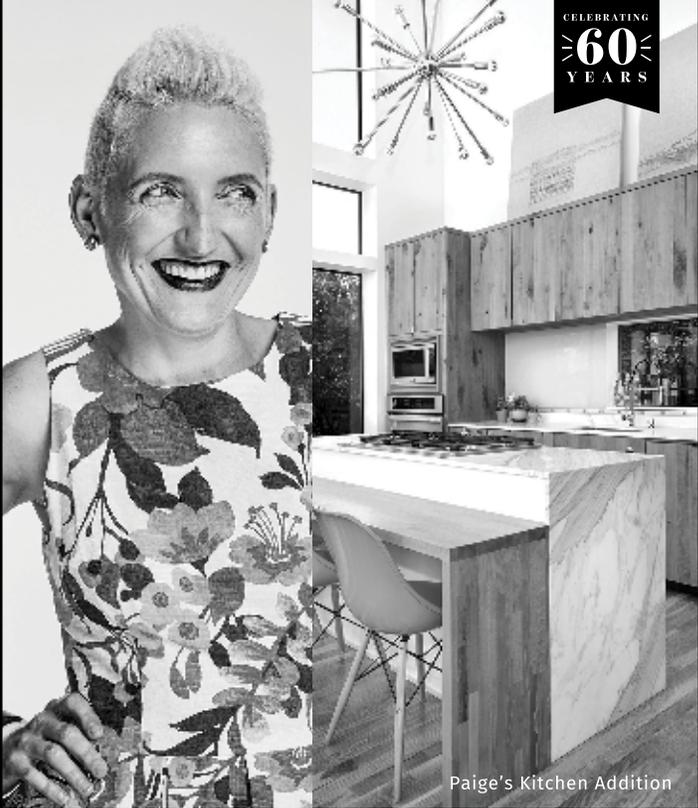
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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2018

Co-President Sarah Cook called to order the monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association at 7:03pm on December 3, 2018 at the Griffin School at 5001 Evans Avenue. She briefly reviewed the meeting agenda and reminded the audience of the upcoming Holiday Party at the Ney Museum on December 9.

The first agenda item was a presentation on the Austin State Hospital (ASH) Brain Health System Redesign by Mike Maples, the Deputy Executive Commissioner of Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Health and Specialty Care Systems, and Dr. Stephen Strakowski, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry, the University of Texas Dell Medical School. Mr. Maples began by stating that this was an exciting time in Texas, as the state legislature is supporting efforts to improve mental health services. He cited the findings of a 2014 study that five state mental hospitals needed to be completely rebuilt, one of which was ASH. This spurred legislative involvement, which provided funds to begin the planning process. We are now in the first phase of a three-phase process. HHS has partnered with U.T. Medical School, getting their input on what is needed in a new hospital. They plan to build a fully accredited modern facility for in-patient psychiatric care. Their plans focused on how to design the new hospital in the best way possible and also how to transition people back into the community. Part of this is understanding

client needs. The majority of ASH patients currently come through the criminal justice system, needing to be restored to competency so they can return to court. ASH is a large campus that once housed 3000 residents and currently has about 250. There are no plans to sell off the campus, but phase one is focused on construction of an entirely new hospital structure. The campus is in disrepair, and much needs to be done; these needs will be addressed in later phases. At this stage the architects have begun their work on the hospital design; the hospital funding proposal will go to the legislature when its session begins in January, 2019.

Dr. Strakowski explained that he has been in Austin only two and a half years, but he got engaged in the ASH redesign early, working with Mike Maples as well as state Senator Kirk Watson. The hospital has not had any work done in fifty years and the facility is obsolete. For example, there are currently four patients to a room when the consensus recommendation is one. The second goal is to develop a future

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care continuum plan for the campus that includes a peer-supported facility, quick care, and a variety of out-patient services. This is a regional facility, and the goal is to push out care to surrounding communities. The hospital will cost approximately \$300 million and will contain about 240 beds. This structure will face Lamar Boulevard along the road where the Main Building is located. In later phases, they will develop a comprehensive master plan for the ASH campus. The Main Building will remain the centerpiece of the ASH campus, and the pecan grove and chapel will be preserved. The next phase will focus on residential care, such as group homes, not just on campus, but regionally. The plan is to move patients out of the hospital into better settings, as psychiatric care is mostly an out-patient service and current hospital patients remain there too long.

The speakers then took audience questions. The beds being replaced can continue to operate while the new hospital is being constructed. Concerning future phases, the costs of clearing the site of toxic materials alone is estimated at from \$30 to \$50 million, so this is a costly project. The goal is to make Texas a leader in mental health treatment nationally. The intention is to keep the Guadalupe main entrance in place. Regarding the main administration building, Dr. Strakowski thought it should be a museum. Preservation Texas is looking at other campus buildings that might be of historic value. The new hospital location was chosen because it threatens the fewest of those historic buildings. The speakers emphasized that their focus is on psychiatric care, meaning people rather than buildings. They intend to maintain a collaboration between ASH and the Dell Medical School as well as other mental health institutions. They want this to be a site not just for treatment but also for research to improve care and training. The state will build the hospital, but other facilities might well be a public-private collaboration. When asked about the child and adolescent services building located across 45th Street, for several reasons Dr. Strakowski saw no need to move that facility to the main ASH campus. The current facility is not crowded, and he described himself as no fan of shifting kids to a residential facility. Instead, they can be better cared for in their communities, so continuing the current method of care for this population is in question. When asked about the ASH cemetery on 51st Street, the speakers acknowledged that the cemetery needs work but are unsure that they can get legislative funding for its repair. Mike Maples believed that legislative support for the ASH project can be a catalyst for funding from other sources to perhaps renovate areas such as the cemetery. He urged the audience to contact their legislators and express their views on how they want their money spent. When asked about funds for maintaining the new

ASH facilities, the speakers responded that the hospital design uses materials that require less maintenance than the current campus structures.

The second agenda item was a presentation by Kali Gossett, a licensed professional counselor associated with Integral Care, part of Travis County's Mental Health Authority (*IntegralCare.org*). She explained the services available to the Travis County community, including the crisis hotline (512-472-4357), which can be called to request a Mobile Crisis Outreach Team to check on someone of concern; walk-in psychiatric services at 1165 Airport Boulevard; classes in mental health first aid; and 911 requests for a mental health deputy in an emergency situation. The Mobile Crisis Outreach Team is especially important; this team of mental health professionals can connect clients to other services and help create an individualized care and safety plan. Services are available regardless of ability to pay and are provided in many languages. To register for classes in mental health first aid (free, although donations are welcome), call 512-804-3260.

The third agenda item was a vote was on the HPNA budget for Fiscal Year 2019. A handout detailed the budget items, and co-President Cook stated that the organization expects to end the year with a budget surplus of \$2600. She reminded members of the approval several months ago to donate funds to Friends of Shipe Park for repairs to the Log Cabin and the former wading pool area, which the city did not fund as part of the pool construction. The vote was 18 in support, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The final agenda item was an update on the Helping Hand Home for Children (HHH) zoning case. Representing HHH was Jewels Cain, project manager with Armbrust & Brown. She informed the group that the project passed the Planning Commission in November and was scheduled for a December City Council vote. She presented a request for some further NCCD modifications, including the elimination of the requirement for a loading space and no limitation on bed capacity. HPNA members previously approved zoning and NCCD changes that included a 10-bed limit per residence. Ms. Cain's rationale for the new request was to accommodate residents' siblings as well as future HHH growth. Members responded to the proposed removal of an occupancy limit by citing the likelihood of fire code occupancy restrictions as well as state licensing codes governing the facility. Concerning the loading space, a concern was voiced about potentially blocking Avenue B to traffic. Ms. Cain expressed little familiarity with these code restrictions and promised to do more research.

The only announcement was a reminder of the upcoming Holiday Party. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

– Susan Marshall
HPNA Co-Secretary

Hyde Park Theatre Presents Frontera Fest

The Short Fringe of Austin's popular annual theatre festival, Frontera Fest, will soon open at Hyde Park Theatre. Each week night, beginning January 15 and ending February 16, Hyde Park Theatre stage will host a new, unjuried bill of four or five plays no longer than 25 minutes each. The plays will be different each night. In past years, the short fringe has featured monologues, plays in progress, comedy improv, cabaret singers, avant-garde dance, short films, and multimedia shows.

Every Saturday night is a juried Best of the Week performance, featuring the best plays of the previous week. The last week of Frontera Fest will feature the juried Best of the Fest – with a few wild cards thrown in. Tickets and a complete schedule, updated regularly, is available on Hyde Park Theatre's website at www.hydeparktheatre.org.

Also part of Frontera Fest is the Long Fringe, from January 21 to February 2, performed at the Ground Floor Theatre at 979 Springdale Road. These are longer productions (90 minutes or less). This year's Long Fringe productions will feature robots, dogs, shield maidens, extraterrestrials, and the wild and wildly funny Speed Levitch, just to name a few. Details and tickets for the Long Fringe are also available at www.hydeparktheatre.org.

The Hyde Park Theatre website also has information about Mi Casa Es Su Teatro, which will take place on Saturday, February 9, 2019. This will be a day of site-based work performed in local homes and other surprising locales. Mi Casa is consistently one of the most popular components of Frontera Fest.

– Kevin Heyburn

Monthly Calendar January

- 1 — Happy New Year's Day!
- 4 — Recycling Pickup
- 5 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at the Ney
- 10 — DRC Meeting
- 12 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at the Ney
- 12 — Landscape Learning Day at the Ney
- 14 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 15 — Frontera Fest begins at Hyde Park Theatre
- 17 — Women of Flatbed: A retrospective Opening Reception at the Ney
- 18 — Recycling Pickup
- 19 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at the Ney
- 21 — Contact Team Meeting
- 26 — Saturday Morning Drawing Salon at the Ney
- 29 — Irina Kulkova at AISD Performing Arts Center

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Shipe Neighborhood Pool Project Update

Project Status

The month of November 2018 included progress and completion of several construction items. The demolition of existing site features has been completed, with the exception of sections of walkways near the historic Log Cabin. Those will be removed at a later date as the Log Cabin work is completed. The primary grading for the recreation and activity pool has also been completed and form work has begun. The month of December will see continued work on forming the recreation and activity pools, including placement of rebar and completing the plumbing infrastructure. The pool work is being done by G. Hyatt subconsultant, Modern Pools. The City of Austin (COA) is represented by Sergio Altamirano, who is the Public Works Project Manager, and Reynaldo Hernandez, the Parks and Recreation Project Management Supervisor. Jodi Jay will represent the Aquatic Division for the Parks and Recreation Department.



Pool Forming prior to Rebar Installation



View of Deep End of Pool Form Work

Potential Construction Effects on Community

There are two active construction entrances for the facility; one is along Avenue F and the other, along East 44th Street. Construction access will occur intermittently throughout the construction of the facility, including on most Saturdays. The contractor has been instructed to have all construction employees park on Avenue G between 45th and 44th Streets. Construction start time will typically begin at 7am and last to 6pm. The majority of the existing playground will be accessible to the public during the construction of the pool facility. Please be aware that there will be excessive noise and dust while the facility is under construction and this might affect public use and enjoyment of the park site.

Additional Information

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Reynaldo Hernandez at Reynaldo.hernandez@austintexas.gov or 512-974-9464.

Current Project Summary

The project continues moving forward despite the delays incurred due to the October and November rain events. G. Hyatt has requested to work on Saturdays to make up for these delays. COA and PARD continue to evaluate all material and equipment to be used at the facility through the submittal process. This includes all material and equipment to be used in the restrooms, pool tile, pool coping, and other architectural features. The existing art mural continues to be monitored by representative Frank Wick from Art in Public Places (AIPP).

Project Schedule

From mid- to late November through December 2018, continued forming of the recreation and activity pools, including rebar placement, will take place. Plumbing utilities will be installed, primarily for the pools.



View of Recreation Pool in Background and Activity Pool in Foreground

Austin Classical Guitar Offering Free Tickets to HPNA for Irina Kulikova Concert

On Saturday, January 26, Austin Classical Guitar (ACG) is presenting a concert by the renowned Russian guitarist Irina Kulikova at the gorgeous AISD Performing Arts Center in Mueller, and we're inviting all HPNA members, friends, and family members to enjoy free tickets!

Irina Kulikova encountered music from a very young age, always accompanying her mother when her mother played cello in a string quartet. She compares this early musical exposure to learning how to talk and walk, and it was from her mother that she learned "about technique, phrasing, colors and about how string instruments can sing." After starting guitar at age five, Irina began performing at age eight. By age 12, she was already touring Russia and Europe as a child prodigy.

A dedicated educator, Irina will be giving workshops and lessons in several of Austin Classical Guitar's 60 local school programs in the week leading up to her performance. She says music education is "for a large part about discovering technical aspects of our instrument and developing a broad knowledge of music. But it is also about the whole of our physical, emotional, intellectual, intuitive, and spiritual

development." One of the lucky student groups with whom Irina works will have the opportunity to be the opening act, to perform at the AISD PAC before Irina herself takes the stage.

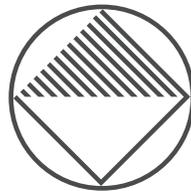
Irina Kulikova is a master guitarist and storyteller and brings her audience through a personal journey with her beautiful tone and enchanting stage presence. "I dedicate my music to those that cherish a thing of beauty in a stormy world."

To reserve your free tickets for Irina's concert on January 26, give ACG a call at 512-300-2247 or visit ACG online at www.austinclassicalguitar.org/acg-guest-ticket-request/. See you there!

— Irene Henry



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Helping Hand Home Update... ...cont'd from page 3

Residential District, a site may have two curb cuts if the site has 100 feet of frontage or more and has two dwelling units." Modify to allow for a rollover curb on 38 ½ Street.

g. Change "Head-in parking is prohibited in a townhouse and condominium residential (SF-6) or less restrictive zoning district." Make a provision to allow for head-in parking along 38 ½ Street.

h. Change "Congregate Living use follows Schedule C - Schedule C requires 0 loading spaces for 0 - 10,000 square feet, and 1 loading space for 10,001 - 75,000 square feet." Make a provision such that 0 loading spaces are required from 0 - 11,000 square feet.

If anyone has questions or concerns about the Helping Hand Home project, contact Shannon Halley, Senior Policy Advisor in the office of Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo (512-978-2198, Shannon.Halley@austintexas.gov) or Scott Grantham, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department (512-974-3574, scott.grantham@austintexas.gov).



APD Survey... ...cont'd from page 1

6. In your opinion, how can APD improve police services in your area?

7. Are there any community events or traditions in which you would like to see APD more involved?

8. In your opinion, what is the biggest crime issue in Hyde Park?

9. In your opinion, what is it that APD does well with regard to policing in the Hyde Park neighborhood?

10. Are there any other comments you have regarding APD in relation to Hyde Park?

Your answers will be a great help in identifying problems that residents would like to see addressed in the Hyde Park area. You can respond in two ways:

- Enter your answers online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7olyetk>. The HPNA will forward the information to Officer McIntosh.
- Email Officer McIntosh directly at lawrence.mcintosh2@austintexas.gov.

Officer McIntosh will be collecting information through early January.



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