

January Meeting

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for January 4

- Welcome (5 minutes)
- Presentation: Recent Planning Decisions, Carmen D. Llanes Pulido, Planning Commission Member & Executive Director, Go Austin/Vamos Austin (GAVA) (20 minutes)
- Overview: Family Elder Care Services, Kent Herring, CEO (10 minutes)
- Discussion & Brainstorming: Hancock Golf Course, Michele Grieshaber, Co-President HPNA & Anthony Segura, Assistant Director, Austin Parks and Recreation Department (15 minutes)
- Reminder: Future Opportunities for Community Input on IH-35 Re-vamp (5 minutes)
- Announcements (5 minutes)

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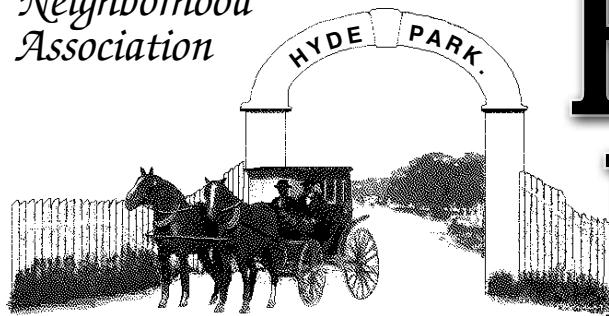
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HPNA Year in Review, 2020

For most of 2020, COVID-19 threatened our health, our children's education, and our livelihoods.

Due to social distancing restrictions, HPNA meetings were canceled in April and resumed online in September. All HPNA-sponsored Shipe Park activities, the fall Fire Station Festival, the annual Homes Tour, and the Holiday Party were canceled. The good news is that the pools at Shipe Park were completed and opened briefly in June. Neighborhood ingenuity was on display with an outdoor celebration for high school graduates along Avenue D in May and elaborate lawn decorations for Halloween that could be appreciated from a safe distance. The city designated Avenue G a Healthy Street in June and it has become a popular site to exercise and socialize, graced with street art contributed by local talent, including the Girl Scouts. While our neighborhood, according to health department reports, had relatively low rates of COVID cases, we mourn the deaths of all victims across Austin and beyond. This year Hyde Park also lost long-time residents Merle Franke, Sharon Majors, and Dorothy Richter, whose service to the neighborhood and HPNA we honor. With the vaccine reportedly on its way, we hope to reconvene in person sometime in 2021. In the meantime, stay in touch with our monthly newsletter, *Pecan Press*, and join HPNA for monthly meetings on Zoom. Nonmembers are welcome, as are new members. For information, updates, and archived content, visit our website at www.austinhypark.org.

Neighborhood Improvement

- HPNA funded improvements to our traffic circles, including new plantings and watering systems.
- HPNA has strengthened partnerships with local nonprofits focused on healing, such as the Austin Clubhouse, Helping Hand Home, and the Hope Food Pantry.
- Preservation Austin announced a Preservation Award to the renovated Shipe Park Log Cabin, made possible through the efforts of PARD, Austin Parks Foundation, and Friends of Shipe Park. HPNA contributed funds for this project.
- The City of Austin reduced speed limits by 5 mph on some neighborhood streets in June as a public safety measure.
- The Guadalupe Street Storm Drain Improvements Project to remediate flooding issues on the western side of the neighborhood has entered its design phase.
- Planning is progressing on the 46th- 47th Street Neighborhood Bikeway to connect major roadways, a portion of which includes a protected

IH-35 Project

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) is at work on a project to dramatically change Interstate Highway 35 in the Austin metropolitan area. The stated objectives of this project are to meet current design standards for highways and to meet current and future travel demand. Their timeline for this project (which they make clear is subject to change) is to do the environmental study and schematic design in 2020 to 2023, to finalize the design and procure contracts in 2023 to 2024, and to begin construction in 2025. They are currently taking public comment about the scope of the project.

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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



Happy New Year, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association! We are your new co-Presidents and we look forward to serving you over the next two years.

We first want to thank our two predecessors, Sarah Cook and Betsy Clubine. We joke that it takes three of us to replace the two of them. Betsy and Sarah put in an enormous amount of time and hard work during their two years as co-Presidents. They made sure our neighborhood was informed about the issues affecting Hyde Park. They met with the Mayor and the City Council to give Hyde Park's perspective on the city's new zoning code; and they advocated for improvements to mitigate flooding, add more sidewalks and

bike lanes, and preserve our neighborhood's historic character. They also led the teams that brought us a successful homes tour, fire station festival, and holiday party. We cannot list all the great things Sarah and Betsy did during their co-presidency, because they did so much. We are truly grateful to them. We are glad they will remain on the HPNA Steering Committee, serving as immediate past Presidents.

Presidents can't do their job without an outstanding Steering Committee providing support. We'd like to recognize the outgoing Steering Committee members and thank them for doing such an exceptional job: former co-Vice President Paula Rhodes; former co-Secretaries Susan Marshall and Bonnie Neel; and former Steering Committee members Joan Burnham, Margo Carrico, and Phil Seibert. We hope we can count on their continued leadership and support.

We look forward to working with the current HPNA officers and Steering Committee members, listed in the box to the left. All of these folks take time from their families and their other responsibilities to help make Hyde Park a better place to live. We thank them for their willingness to serve.



Our goal as your co-Presidents is to listen to your concerns and to work toward fostering community, conversation, and consensus. As the COVID-19 virus retreats, we will need your help to preserve and improve our neighborhood and to revive our traditions. We are confident we can accomplish great things if we work together.

— Michele Grieshaber
Lisa Harris
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HPNA Co-Presidents



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Exploring Hyde Park

The Kopperl House

The late-Victorian Kopperl House is an excellent and usually intact example of the Eastlake Style, popular in many parts of the United States in the late 19th Century. The house is named for its first resident owner, Loula Dale Kopperl (1861-1919), a Missouri native who moved to Texas in her youth and was known, according to an 1880 newspaper account, as the "Belle of Burnet." In 1883 she married Morris Allen Kopperl (1861-1922) of Austin, a nephew of Moritz Kopperl, the Moravian-born president of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, for whom the town of Kopperl (Bosque county), Texas was named. Loula Kopperl purchased this house herself from Henry Clay Fisher, Chief Justice of the 3rd Court of Civil Appeals in 1896. Built by contractor William H. Poole the same year, the house occupied a quarter block and was probably considered a typical middle-class home. Today it retains its original carriage block, cistern, and two outbuildings.

Morris and Loula Kopperl lived at 4212 Avenue F until 1912, when Kopperl moved to Colorado and divorced his wife, charging her with desertion. Loula Kopperl apparently remained unfazed. A neighbor and friend of sculptor Elisabeth Ney, Mrs. Kopperl was known as an avid sportswoman and something of a free spirit. The front hall of her home was lined with stuffed animal trophies, the result of her many hunting expeditions, and she kept racehorses in the stables where the house at 4208 Avenue F now stands. She is fondly remembered by surviving relatives and neighbors, in part for her risqué sense of humor. A great niece recalls riding through Hyde Park in a buggy with Aunt Loula as she sipped beer and told lively stories. Loula Kopperl died in the middle bedroom of her home in 1919.

In the years following her death, the house eventually became dilapidated, though it remained intact. It was sold in 1978 to Eugene and Patricia Tankersley, who began the task of renovating the historic structure. In 1984, it was purchased by Peter Flagg Maxson, then Chief Architectural Historian for the Texas Historical Commission, and John Charles Randolph Taylor V. The interior of the house, with six fireplaces and 12-foot ceilings throughout, has been cosmetically adapted to provide a sympathetic setting for 18th- and 19th-Century furnishings. The Kopperl House is furnished largely with family pieces, some from the DeGolyer Estate (now the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden). There are also paintings by and of various members of the Flagg family, 19th Century Connecticut artists.

When the property was acquired by its current owners in 1984, it had few plantings. The only tree was the large pecan north of the house; it apparently predates the neighborhood. The basic landscape plan by landscape architect James David of Austin featured many period, turn-of-the-century plant materials (althea, hollyhock, crape myrtle, columbine, and so forth) as well as natives (Texas mountain laurel, Mexican plum, flame acanthus, pavonia). It has been added to by Mr. Taylor with diverse plant materials tolerant of alkaline soil and Texas heat. Old-fashioned roses abound, including Penelope, Sombriel, La Marne, Caldwell, Archduke Charles, and Fairy varieties.

The Kopperl House was designated an Austin Historic Landmark in 1979 and a Recorded Texas Historic Preservation Award from the Heritage Society of Austin in 1989.

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.
- University students are free.
- 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.austinhydepark.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@mail2sevenses.com.
Opinion articles & letters to the editor must not exceed 500 words.
- Send your poems to Charlotte Herzele at herzele@gmail.com.
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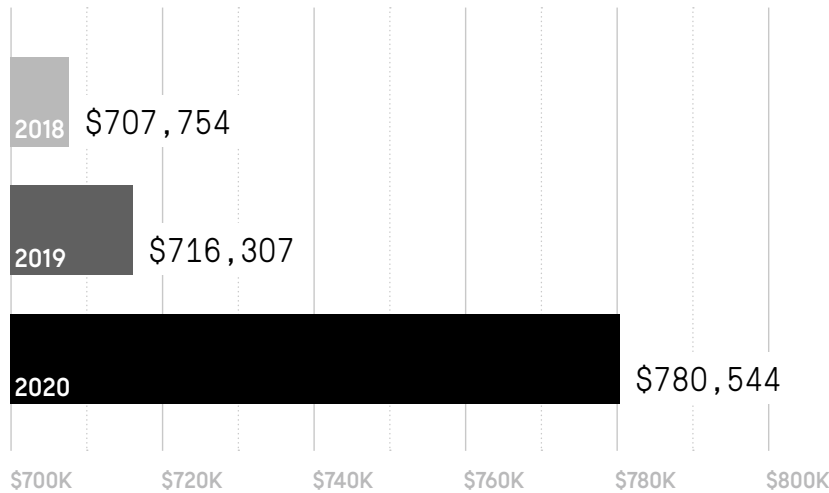
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News from the Ney

Though January's customary Drawing Salon series won't be held in the galleries, as the Ney remains closed, the museum's Saturday mornings will be busy with online opportunities for engagement by all. On Saturday, January 9 and 23, the museum will host its now-regular What Does It Mean? biweekly Zoom program, in which art activities that help sponsor creative thinking in youngsters are taught by museum education staff online. Running from 10:00 to 11:30, the family-engagement events are free, and registration is available through Eventbrite. Dates and supply lists are posted on Facebook so you can prepare in advance.

On Saturday, January 16, the museum will continue its annual relationship with Print Austin by hosting a virtual stencil-based poster printmaking workshop. Suitable for all ages, this event will feature Jennie Tudor Grey, who will teach you and your family to create posters – like those of the fabled artist Shepard Fairey or the famed WPA of the 1930s – that convey messages in both graphic and text form. Often these posters make bold

statements, for instance, advocating for women's suffrage. Create your own memorable messages in this free, Zoom-based workshop. PDFs for stencils, supply lists, and Eventbrite links can be found on our Facebook page or website.

Speaking of women's suffrage, the Ney's groundbreaking online exhibition, Suffrage Now: A 19th Amendment Centennial Exhibition, will wrap up officially on January 31, 2021. Before that, however, the museum will host one final Suffrage Now Photographer's Talk. On Thursday, January 21, the day after Inauguration Day, the topic will be "Suffrage Now?" In this insightful Zoom-

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Family Eldercare

Editor's Note: Family Eldercare will be providing an overview of its activities at the January HPNA meeting.

Family Eldercare was founded in 1982 as a grassroots response to a community need. Founders Jackie Lelong and Tina Dublin were experts in the field of gerontology. They identified a community gap: adult children did not know where to turn when their elderly parents began having trouble living at home alone. With their research and professional backgrounds, the women were fierce advocates for families caring for older adults. As the needs of our community expanded, so did we. Family Eldercare grew from hosting public forums on aging and disability to becoming the primary agency in Central Texas directly serving older adults, adults with disabilities, and those who care for them. For 39 years, we have demonstrated sustainable growth, strong leadership, innovative partnerships, and robust community support.

Austin has one of the fastest growing populations of older adults in the US, meaning Family Eldercare needs support to continue to rise to meet the growing needs of our community. For older adults, adults with disabilities, and veterans who need help meeting their basic needs, Family Eldercare is one of the only nonprofit organizations in Central Texas effectively providing low cost, wraparound services that promote their independence and stability. Medicaid, Medicare, and VA benefits pay only a fraction of the cost of providing these services. The philanthropic support we receive helps subsidize our services so that they are available to people with low or very low income in our target populations at little to no cost to them. Family Eldercare employs over 100 people and more than 400 volunteers to provide a wide range of services to a diverse group of clients – over 5,000 individual people last year.

All Family Eldercare services focus on maintaining safe, affordable, and stable housing in the least restrictive environment possible; preventing abuse, neglect, and exploitation; promoting health, well-being, and dignity; and supporting people living on a fixed income.

We offer a continuum of services for older adults and adults with disabilities, including the following:

- (a) Phone and property-based activities to promote wellbeing;
- (b) Benefits enrollment to increase access to resources;
- (c) Trainings, resource guides, and affirming service delivery to address gaps in LGBTQ+ senior services;
- (d) Homeless prevention services including funds and case management to prevent eviction, rental and/or utility debt payment, negotiation with property owners, and money management skills training;
- (e) Rapid rehousing for older adults experiencing homelessness;
- (f) In-home mental health counseling for homebound older adults;
- (g) In-home care including personal attendant, homemaker, and medical transport to increase activities of daily living and reduce premature institutionalization;
- (h) Service coordination to connect people living in affordable housing with supportive services that help them remain independent in their homes;
- (i) Representative payee & V.A. fiduciary to ensure that clients' basic needs are met by improving their money habits and sharing tools and resources to stabilize their finances;
- (j) Guardianship to make decisions and exercise the legal rights of people who can no longer do so themselves.

Family Eldercare believes that all Texans, regardless of age or ability, should thrive with dignity and purpose. Every day, we provide services tailored to older adults and adults with disabilities because a supportive community is a great place to grow old.

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HPNA General Meeting

Minutes: December 7, 2020

Brandon Wittstruck from www.ncinc.org discussed the \$4.9 billion project currently under consideration that would reconfigure the portion of I-35 that runs through downtown, including the portion adjacent to the Hancock neighborhood and Hyde Park.

- Public and community input is welcome until December 31, 2020.
- Currently the project is working on defining the design and metrics that will be used to judge design options.
- There are currently three options, but only very basic drawings have been provided so far.
- Brandon is specifically awaiting the need-and-purpose document that will provide the criteria that will be used to judge the various concepts.
- The most effective way to provide feedback to TXDOT is to use the project website.
- Any questions can be sent to Brandon at brwittstruck@gmail.com and he will do his best to answer.

A link to the project will be made available on the HPNA website at austinhdepark.org.

Michele Grieshaber gave an update on the potential changes that might be coming to the Hancock Golf Course. Michele recently attended a presentation from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD).

- The main driver behind the initiative to change current operations is financial.
- Hancock Golf Course's most recent end-of-year financial status fell \$120,000 short of budget.
- Any plan to repurpose Hancock Golf Course must be done using an enterprise, self-supporting budget plan.
- Currently, when the Golf Course doesn't meet budget goals, the shortfall is made up by accessing PARD's general fund. However, the general fund is not going to be available in the future, so PARD was asked to look at alternative budget solutions that would make Hancock Golf Course completely self-supporting.
- The National Golf Federation was asked to weigh in and they provided three suggestions. The only financially feasible suggestion they provided was to allow a third party to run the course and associated concessions. The concern with this suggestion is that it could result in limited access to the land by the community.
- Initially PARD was moving quickly on determining a solution, but they have recently slowed down in an effort to involve the community and seek community input.

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Monthly Calendar

January

- 1 — Happy New Year!
- 1 — Holiday Tree Recycling
- 2 — Recycling Pickup (Note: Saturday pickup)
- 4 — HPNA Meeting
- 8 — Holiday Tree Recycling
- 9 — What Does It Mean? Zoom program from the Ney
- 11 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 15 — Recycling Pickup & Holiday Tree Recycling
- 16 — Virtual Poster Printmaking Workshop from the Ney
- 18 — Contact Team Meeting
- 21 — Suffrage Now? Photographer's Talk from the Ney
- 23 — What Does It Mean? Zoom Program from the Ney
- 29 — Recycling Pickup

Around & About the Avenues

Hyde Park Resident to Head Travis County DA Special Victims Unit. Jose Garza, newly elected Travis County district attorney, has selected Hyde Park resident Erin Martinson to lead the special victims unit. Martinson was Garza's challenger in the Democratic primary. She has worked for over 20 years, including over 10 years in the Travis County attorney's office, as an advocate for victims of violent crime. Recently, she worked for the nonprofit Texas Legal Services Center running its statewide Crime Victims Program. Garza's goal in appointing Martinson is to create a more victim-centered approach to prosecuting sexual assault cases, and Martinson lists community outreach as her top priority. To read more about Martinson's experience and goals, see <https://www.kut.org/crime-justice/2020-12-11/travis-da-elect-garza-picks-primary-challenger-to-lead-special-victims-unit>.



Baker School Wins Historic Zoning. Hyde Park has another historic landmark. On December 10, City Council designated Baker School – the entire campus, including its parking lots – an Austin historic landmark. With CM Alter off the dais, City Council voted 7 to 3 for the designation. Voting in opposition were Paige Ellis, Jimmy Flannigan, and Natasha Harper-Madison. For a description of the dialog at the meeting, see the *Austin Monitor* article (<https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2020/12/council-grants-historic-zoning-to-baker-school-and-parking-lots/>). The week before the vote, the *Austin Chronicle* published several articles on the topic, including a response to the opponents of historic zoning of the campus (<https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2020-12-11/public-no-tice-pull-up-the-drawbridge/>).





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[Numbers in parentheses = number of letters in answers]

1. Nobelist from Atlanta. (1,1,1) _____
2. Hobbit creator. (7) _____
3. Justin from the Mouseketeers. (10)

4. French heroine. (4,2,3) _____
5. John with the big signature. (7)

6. Longest tenured president. (9)

7. She gave a mil for COVID vaccine. (5,6)

8. Jackie #42. (8) _____
9. Turns out he WAS a crook (5) _____
10. World's richest guy (4,6)

11. Rapper, NCIS guy. (1,1,4,1) _____
12. Kite flyer and Founder. (3, 8)

13. "The Greatest" (8,3) _____
14. Was Albee afraid of her? (8,5)

15. Pooh creator. (1,1,5) _____
16. Daytime TV dancer and LGBT icon. (5)

17. He sent Alice down the rabbit hole. (5,7)

18. OWNs her own network. (5,7)

19. Lin-Manuel made him a hit. (8)

20. "The King." (5,7) _____

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- Key points from the presentation given by PARD in November were as follows:
 - Financials are the top concern (the course must be self-supporting).
 - The land is not for sale and will not be developed; the city intends to keep this a green space.
 - The Hancock Golf Course Recreation Center will stay as is.
 - The Hancock Golf Course Historic Designation will stay in place.
- Community input is open through February of 2021, through an online survey.
- Recommendations will be made by PARD to the Parks Board in April of 2021.
- A memorandum containing a project summary and suggested next steps will be sent by the Parks Board to the City Council in May of 2021.
- Links to the project are available on the HPNA website.

A vote was facilitated by Betsy Clubine for the President and Secretary positions of the HPNA.

- Members voted on the three individuals nominated to serve as co-Presidents: Kevin Heyburn, Michele Grieshaber, and Lisa Harris.
- Members voted on the nomination of Ben Reid for HPNA Secretary.
- The nominees were confirmed: 22 votes in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

Betsy Clubine and David Conner gave an HPNA Financial Report and members voted on the 2021 Budget.

- HPNA is financially strong, despite a difficult year.
- Income is currently down due to HPNA's inability to hold the Historic Homes Tour in 2020, but *Pecan Press* advertising, another income generator, has stayed strong.
- Expenses were lower than budgeted, particularly for events and work related to preservation and the land development code.
- Members approved the proposed 2021 budget: 23 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Kelsey Evans gave an update on the 46th and 47th Street Bikeway Project.

- She discussed the updated design and fielded questions from the membership.
- Sarah Cook encouraged members to share feedback with the city using the Bikeway Project website.

The meeting was closed with virtual live music by the Doorstep Duets, violinists.

– Ben Reid
HPNA Secretary



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The planet is calling
The natural world is calling
Nature is calling

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but nature...
I give voice to the tree
I give voice to the forest
I give voice to our planet

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And nature says I will help you survive
I will help you thrive
I will keep you safe

Are you listening?
Are we listening?

I am you, you are me
We are one

— Niyanta Spelman
November 29, 2020, early hours Butte
LaRose on the Atchafalaya River

Lettuce Recycle!

by Dena Houston



What Do I Do With...

Each week, I receive recycling questions from the readers of "Lettuce Recycle." I love getting these questions and publish the questions and answers in future articles for all of my readers. One of my best tools is the City of Austin website called "What Do I Do With..." at <http://www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do>. Type in the name of an item you want to recycle and the website will tell you how to recycle or dispose of it.

This is an amazing website and, in this crazy world of everchanging recycling guidelines and policies, it takes a lot of time and effort to keep it up to date. Kudos to the City for this wonderful recycling tool.

There is also a mobile app available for your phone and tablet. Called "Austin Recycles," it was launched in April of 2020. After you type in your address, a calendar will pop up with all of your recycling collection dates. If you hit the search icon at the bottom, it brings up the "What Do I Do With..." tool.

PLEASE REMEMBER - WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

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.

Following is more history about "What Do I Do With...":

- It was launched in 2015.
- Since it was launched, it has been viewed more than 612,000 times.
- It was built by a third-party partner, ReCollect. They work with many municipalities and provide these tools. They manage the coding, build-outs, and technical improvements.

The Austin Resource Recovery marketing representative manages this website in the following ways:

- Makes updates as needed when the recyclability of an item changes or more recycling resources become available.
- Posts news of facility changes (for example, when the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center was closed temporarily during the pandemic).
- For items not listed, adds information as it becomes available. The number of items added to this website has increased more than 33% in the last year.

Question and Suggestions from Our Readers

How do I recycle plastic coat hangers? These can go into your blue recycling bin. Savers will take them for reuse; Goodwill will not.

Are small pieces of plywood compostable? They are not. The glue that holds the pieces of wood together makes them non-compostable. Put them into the trash bin.

How do I recycle plant flats from the nursery? These can go into your blue bin. Be sure they are clean and dirt-free.

Reglue was featured on KUT as a nonprofit organization that makes used PCs available to school children. Their website is at <http://reglue.org/>.

Inside Books Project donates books to Texas prisoners. Please check out their website for details: <https://insidebooksproject.org/donate-books>.

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walking lane.

Neighborhood Preservation

- In February, the Austin City Council approved a revised Land Development Code (Council Member Tovo opposed). In response, HPNA submitted signatures from over 600 neighbors protesting proposed changes to the Hyde Park Local Historic District and our two NCCDs without community input. Meanwhile, a district judge ruled on a lawsuit from another community organization that the procedures in adopting the LDC violated Texas law and nullified the two City Council votes approving the LDC. In April, Council voted to appeal that ruling (again, Council Member Tovo opposed). To date there is no news on either front.
- In the spring, the City Council passed the Project Connect transit project and in November voters approved about \$7 billion to fund the plan. Project Connect currently includes light-rail lines through Hyde Park.
- Texas Department of Transportation has received funding to move forward on significant expansion of Interstate-35. Through the right of eminent domain, this project potentially threatens the integrity of Cen-

tral Austin neighborhoods.

- After reviewing a commissioned report, PARD earmarked Hancock Golf Course for closure in its present form and recommended leasing the space to a private company for repurposing to a shorter course and driving range. In response to community opposition, PARD is in the process of gathering community input and plans to make a recommendation on the future of this park by the spring of 2021.

Public Engagement

- HPNA invited candidates for public office to introduce themselves at a spring meeting.
- HPNA hosted District 9 Council Member Kathy Tovo to discuss the LDC at a March general meeting.
- HPNA welcomed representatives of the Austin Fire Department, who shared plans for the renovation and expansion of our historic fire station.
- HPNA hosted a virtual open forum with staff of the Austin Transportation Department about the Healthy Streets Initiative this summer.
- A representative of the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition (NCINC) addressed a fall HPNA meeting about interstate expansion plans and described how interested residents can register their views on the project.

— Susan Marshall



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News from the Ney...

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based conversation, local arts producer and curator Emmy Laursen will moderate a discussion with three photographers from the Suffrage Now exhibition. Be sure to join and hear from these thoughtful women on the state of suffrage and its future. Registration is free and Eventbrite based. It's also supplemented with the Smithsonian Affiliate program's content on suffrage, which can be found at <https://s.si.edu/3myAj7Y>.

Finally, a program that was launched in late 2020 has borne remarkable fruit. Thanks to an unusual partnership between the museum and Meals on Wheels, the Ney has touched the lives of hundreds of isolated senior citizens over the course of November and December. While these folks remained closed in, the Ney was able to distribute Art Activity Kits with meals delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers. These kits also contained instructions

IH-35 Project...

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While the deadline for public comments to be included in the official record will have passed as of December 31, 2020 (unless TXDOT extends the comment period after our publication deadline), the window for public participation in setting the scope of the project will continue into 2021. TXDOT will hold another public scoping meeting (a virtual meeting, not in person) in early 2021. The exact date is not yet posted. TXDOT is posting information for the Central Austin project on their website <https://capexcentral.mobility35openhouse.com/>, so check there for the latest details. During the public scoping meeting they are taking input on the project schedule, purpose, need, and range of alternatives.

The areas for which they have determined that the highway is below current standards are narrow lane widths, narrow or nonexistent shoulders, outdated drainage systems, bridges with lower clearance than is standard, ramps that are too closely spaced, and inadequate sight distances for drivers. They also note that the existing bicycle infrastructure for most cross streets is

for recipients to attend Zoom-based tours, classes, and activities from their own homes, taught by Ney museum education staff! The program has since been expanded to include the Alzheimer's Association and AGE of Central Texas. All told, over 700 people attended this programming, watching virtual tours, learning history, and making art. Elisabet Ney's own story makes this all the more poignant. After all, she re-started her career at the age of 59, and almost all of her Texas work, including her amazing studio - the museum's home - were created in the latter years of her life. Indeed, she died at 74 as a result of a heart attack suffered while working on her masterpiece, Prometheus. Throughout her life, her commitment to art, learning, and thinking never waned and provided a unique mandate for this kind of programming.

All in all, the Museum looks forward to 2021 with great anticipation. It took a lot to get us here, and there's a lot of good coming. Keep your eyes peeled, and Sursum!

either a shared lane or a wide curb lane. If they correct these deficiencies, they project that it will reduce accidents and traffic congestion for the highway and increase safety for bicyclists and pedestrians on the cross streets.

The alternatives for which TXDOT is taking input are as follows:

1. To construct lowered main lanes and tunneled managed lanes between Airport Boulevard and MLK Jr. Boulevard.
2. To construct lowered main lanes and lowered managed lanes between Airport Boulevard and Cesar Chavez Street.
3. Similar to #2, but with managed lanes that overpass Airport Boulevard, at approximately the same elevation as the existing upper decks.

Two managed (high occupancy vehicle) lanes are being proposed; however, I did not find an explicit statement of how many of the other types of lanes are being proposed anywhere in text, although they do have sketches in their Capital Express Central Typical Sections PDF that depict five main lanes, two managed lanes, three frontage lanes, and a shared use for cyclists and pedestrians on the outside of the frontage lanes.

Other design options they are considering for the part of the highway near us are the following:

- A downtown bypass system, an access-controlled frontage road
- A downtown boulevard concept and direct transit access at Dean Keaton Street

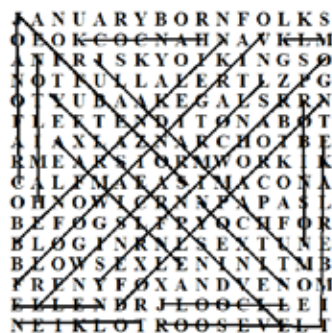
I did not find a definition of "direct transit access" in their materials.

This project has many implications for Central Austin so it is important that we engage on it. Whether you use the highway as a driver or transit rider, are near enough to the highway to hear the vehicles on it, are concerned about air pollution, are worried about a business or landmark along the highway, or have other concerns about how the project develops, you have an opportunity to influence the project now.

— Lisa Harris

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- 1)MLK; 2)TOLKIEN; 3)TIMBERLAKE; 4)JOAN OF ARC; 5)HANCOCK; 6)ROOSEVELT; 7)DOLLY PARTON; 8)ROBINSON; 9)NIXON; 10)JEFF BEZOS; 11)LL COOL J; 12)BEN FRANKLIN; 13)MUHAMMAD ALI; 14)VIRGINIA WOOLF; 15)AA MILNE; 16)ELLEN; 17)LEWIS CARROLL; 18)OPRAH WINFREY; 19)HAMILTON; 20)ELVIS PRESLEY;



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600-A EAST 49TH STREET

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JUST LISTED

4404 AVENUE D

Charming and colorful 1948 stucco bungalow in the Hyde Park Historic District. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 LIV, updated kitchen, master suite addition with private screened porch.

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COMING SOON

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