

July Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, July 1, 2019

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

Note: HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month..

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for July

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Conversation with Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County Precinct 2
- ❖ Update on Land Development Code
- ❖ Announcements

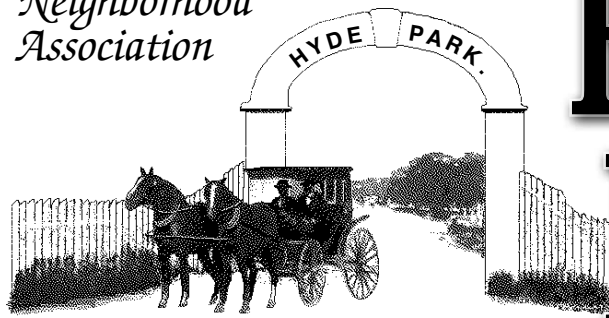
Shipe Pool Update: Another Delay, But Also Some Good News

First the bad news: on June 13, representatives of the City informed the Friends of Shipe Park that the projected opening date for Shipe Pool has been delayed once again.

The opening date is now projected to be mid-August, a month later than the last projection. The reasons given for this latest delay are several: the late delivery of the glazed tile to be used in the interior of the bathhouse; the use of a new, longer-lasting plaster for the pool's surface, but one that takes longer to cure (dry); and contractor delays (some weather related and some recent slowdown on the part of the contractor). The substantial completion date is now July 30. Substantial completion must be reached before the work can pass inspection and the City of Austin Aquatic Division can prepare for the use of the new pool facility, including on-site life guard training, other safety procedures, and fine tuning of the facilities.

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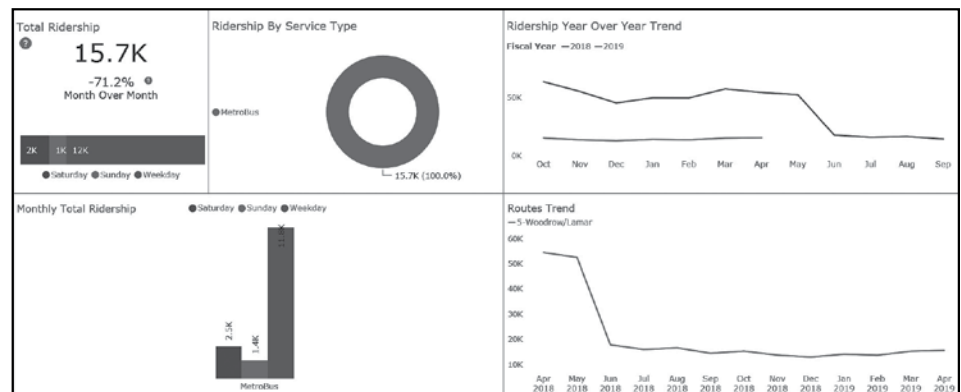
The Vanishing of the #5 Bus: Its Adventures on Lamar Street

Many people in Hyde Park might not care about the #5 bus, which was moved from Speedway to Lamar Street in June of 2018. Those of us who rode it (I rode it for 19 years) now have to ride several buses to get to work in the morning and have actually lost friends as a result of the breakup of bus routes. (Nobody seems to care that every bus route is a community.) However, I recently discovered that Cap Metro now provides the ability for anyone to see the data for bus routes, and I decided to check on the #5.

What surprised me, because I don't ride it any more, was that the #5 bus route does not have nearly as many riders now as it used to have. To the right is the data for weekdays from March 2018 to March 2019 (Cap Metro doesn't yet have April or May). Below is a chart that shows how the #5 bus dropped like a stone in ridership in June of 2018 and has *stayed that way*. (Ridership is counted as individual rides on vehicles, not complete trips, so customers making transfers are counted on each vehicle they take. When customers must use more than one bus, as I must now do, this will tend to inflate the numbers.)

Monthly Ridership for #5

Month	Ridership (Weekdays)
March 2018	47,140
April 2018	45,821
May 2018	44,254
June 2018	13,490
July 2018	12,103
August 2018	13,551
September 2018	10,354
October 2018	12,099
November 2018	10,171
December 2018	9,361
January 2019	10,247
February 2019	10,735
March 2019	11,114



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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



Over the past three months, the number of people attending the monthly HPNA meetings has risen dramatically. It's wonderful to see so many new faces, not to mention residents we haven't seen for a while and long-time participants. The room has been packed and we're thrilled.

At the June meeting, City Manager Spencer Cronk spoke about his role leading the new land development code effort. With City Council's directives in hand, Cronk will be working on a tight timeline for first reading of the new code and mapping by Council in October. At our meeting, Cronk emphasized that he won't hand Council work products he isn't confident are ready, implying some flexibility in the schedule, but the process is still going to move quickly. So, stay informed and hold City Council accountable for transparency and public engagement in the process. If you missed it, please read Susan Mof-fat's excellent article in the June

Pecan Press about how the directive might affect Hyde Park.

In July, Sarah will update us on developments at the city level and Commissioner Brigid Shea will update us on developments in Travis County. We are thrilled to welcome our representative and hear from her about transportation, criminal justice, environmental issues, and the implications of the last legislative session, among other things. Bring your questions for the Q&A session!

In addition to the monthly meetings, we have a number of community events and volunteer opportunities coming up this fall. There's the Fire Station Festival on October 20, Hyde Park Homes Tour on November 10, and the December Holiday Party (date TBD). Let us know if you are interested in volunteering at one of these events or if you would like to help get out the word by delivering the *Pecan Press*. We are also looking for co-chairs for the spring Egg Scramble, a Social Events Coordinator, and nominations for the Steering Committee. If you'd like to throw your hat into the ring, let us know!

Finally, thank you for entrusting us with leadership of the HPNA during this period of uncertainty and change. We know so many of you are leaning in to the change in your own ways and hope that you'll share with us your thoughts and suggestions, at meetings or outside of them. Feel free to contact us at betsyclubine@gmail.com and sarahecook@hotmail.com, or at hydeparkna@gmail.com.

See you in July,

– Sarah Cook & Betsy Clubine
Co-Presidents, Hyde Park
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Exploring Hyde Park:

The Evolution of a Livable Urban Neighborhood

This article is the second in a series covering the evolution of Hyde Park from its initial platting to the walkable, complete community it is today. The series will be published in the Pecan Press and collected on the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association website at <http://www.austinhypark.org>.

Continuing Development

Just one decade after its establishment in 1891, Hyde Park was a growing community. To attract more families with children, developer Monroe Shipe had already constructed the first Hyde Park School on Speedway between 38th and 39th using lumber from the old state fair grandstand, but the wooden building was plagued by roof leaks and poor heating. After the Austin school district took over the education of neighborhood children, the district demolished Shipe's original wooden structure, replacing it with the handsome yellow brick Baker School, which opened in 1911 at Avenue B and 39th Street.¹

Hyde Park's new brick school building was named in honor of DeWitt Clinton Baker, a local businessman and author who helped establish public schools in Austin and served as the inspector of schools from 1872 to 1887. The building was constructed under the leadership of Superintendent A.N. McCallum, who helmed the Austin district for nearly 40 years and for whom McCallum High School was later named. (McCallum's wife, Jane Legette Yelvington McCallum, was a marvel in her own right; a suffragette leader, she later served as Texas Secretary of State, lobbied for important civic reforms, and penned a column for the *Austin American-Statesman* well into the 1940s; see the Texas State Historical Association website for more information on this remarkable woman).

In the early 1900s, Guadalupe was still an unpaved road, extending through Austin to the south end of Congress Avenue. By this time, there were already several businesses operating in wooden homes or commercial buildings along Guadalupe on Hyde Park's western edge. Across Guadalupe stood the Austin State Hospital, established by the Texas Legislature in 1856 as the State Lunatic Asylum. This facility began operations in 1861, well before Hyde Park was platted, and, despite a name that sounds jarring to modern ears, was considered a progressive institution for the treatment of mental illness at that time. Its name was changed to the Austin State Hospital in 1925, and many of its employees lived in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

In 1910, at Monroe Shipe's urging, the Hyde Park Baptist Church sold its original church building to the Presbyterians for \$450 on the condition that they move it to the corner of 40th and Avenue B, near where the neighborhood's only saloon was located. Because city ordinances did not permit a saloon to operate within a certain distance of a church, the saloon was forced to close, making both Shipe (who had not wanted alcohol-serving establishments in his neighborhood) and the Baptists happy. Presumably, not all neighbors were as pleased.

1913 was a banner year – sewer service came to Hyde Park! Many residents who could afford it

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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.austinhypark.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.
- Send your contributions to "Kids Corner" to Tony Barnes at tbarnes@sasaustin.org.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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MAX PRICE SOLD	\$1,150,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,250,000
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The Vanished #5 Bus... ...cont'd from page 1

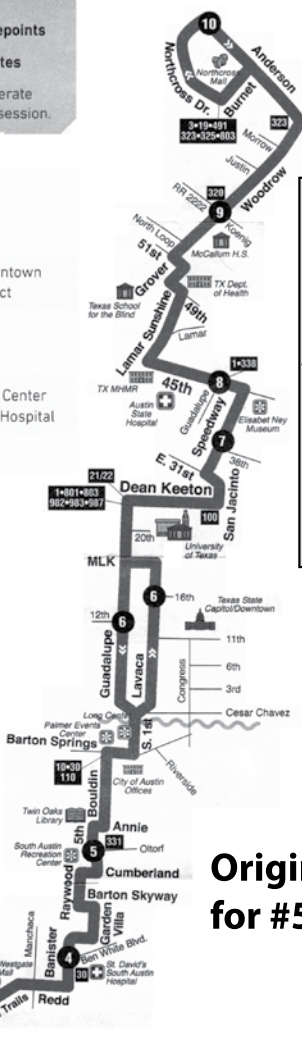
What this means is that the #5 bus, whose schedule before June 2018 covered parts of central Austin (Northcross, Woodrow, Grover, Sunshine, Lamar, 45th, Speedway, Dean Keeton, and Guadalupe) and then crossed the river, where it covered parts of south Austin (Riverside, Bouldin, Cumberland, Raywood, Ben White, Western Trails, and Staggerbrush), now covers Northcross, Woodrow, Grover, and Lamar; goes through a loop on 6th to Guadalupe and back to Lamar; and goes nowhere south of the river.

LEGEND/NOTES:

- 1** Scheduled Timepoints
- 7*300** Connecting Routes

Trips shown in **bold** operate only when school is in session.

- DESTINATIONS**
- Northcross Mall
 - Elisabet Ney Museum
 - University of Texas
 - Texas State Capitol/Downtown
 - Historic 6th Street District
 - Long Center
 - Palmer Events Center
 - City of Austin Offices
 - Twin Oaks Library
 - South Austin Recreation Center
 - St. David's South Austin Hospital
 - Westgate Mall
 - Walmart

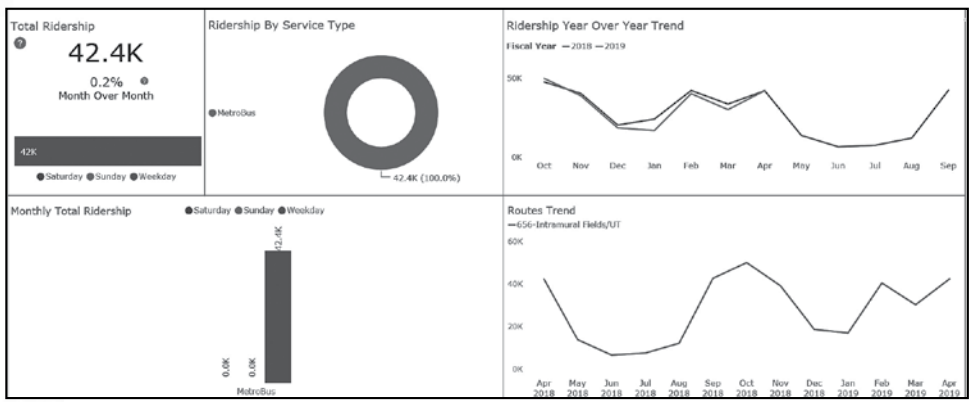


Original Route for #5 Bus

Betsy Clubine suggested that I look at the #656 bus, which goes from Intramural Fields down Speedway to the top of the campus, to see if students are creating an up-tick in ridership because they can no longer ride the #5 bus. Amazingly, I found that the data are *almost* the same for the #656 as they were before June of 2018, although ridership, as it always does, gets smaller in summer and in December, when there are fewer or no classes on campus. See the chart on the right.

Monthly Calendar July

- 1 — HPNA Meeting
- 5 — Recycling Pickup
- 6 — Summer Saturdays at the Ney Museum: Build a Castle like Elisabet's
- 8 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 11 — DRC Meeting
- 11 — Opening Reception for Big Chicken and Baby Bird at the Ney
- 13 — Summer Saturdays at the Ney Museum: Gocco printmaking
- 15 — Contact Team Meeting
- 19 — Recycling Pickup
- 20 — Summer Saturdays at the Ney Museum: Make a Book
- 27 — Summer Saturdays at the Ney Museum: Clay Jewelry



Todd Hemington, Cap Metro's Executive Vice President of Planning and Development, said (in the *Austin Monitor*, January 25, 2019) that ridership had increased over the entire city; but he also said that "some routes that were prioritized in the re-vamp haven't been performing as well as the agency expected." Yet, he reckoned that "you need a whole year to be able to understand what's happened...to be able to dig into the data at all levels." Well, now we have those data.

Monthly Ridership for #656

Month	Ridership (Weekdays)
March 2018	33,906
April 2018	42,350
May 2018	13,502
June 2018	6,684
July 2018	7,552
August 2018	12,131
September 2018	42,722
October 2018	50,155
November 2018	39,203
December 2018	18,455
January 2019	17,101
February 2019	40,546
March 2019	30,349

If you are interested in knowing about other routes, or would just like to get more information from Cap Metro, have a look at its ridership statistics at <https://capmetro.org/ridership-stats/>.

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Geography Riddles

- What is the laziest mountain in the world?
- What part of London is in France?
- What was the largest island in the world before Australia was discovered?
- What's the largest pencil in the United States?

Geography Riddle answers on page 15

Hyde Park Haiku

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HPNA Minutes: June 3, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:05 pm on June 3, 2019 at the Griffin School located at 5001 Evans Avenue. Co-President Sarah Cook thanked Wheatsville Co-Op for providing snacks for the meeting. A Wheatsville representative said a few words. It was noted that Wheatsville Coop's support for the neighborhood is also evidenced by their partnership with HPNA in the fall Fire Station Festival.

The first speaker was Austin City Manager Spencer Cronk. In introductory comments, Sarah Cook explained the format for tonight's meeting. After City Manager Cronk made a statement, he would be asked questions prepared in advanced by the HPNA Steering Committee. In the time remaining, the meeting would be open for audience questions. Sarah Cook explained that the land development code was not yet complete; thus, we might not get answers to all our questions tonight, but she urged those assembled to continue to put their questions and concerns on the record for future reference.

City Manager Cronk reviewed his tenure since February, 2018. He underscored that his job was to execute policies provided by the Mayor and the City Council. Much of his first year involved putting together his executive team. He has appointed three new assistant city managers and reappointed another. Other accomplishments he cited included passage of the city budget and approval of a new police contract.

Co-President Sarah Cook asked two questions prepared by the Steering Committee. The first concerned his assigned task of drafting the new land development code and map, scheduled to be presented to the City Council in October: Given this tight timeline, how do you plan to ensure transparency, public engagement, and opportunities for substantive feedback? Will neighborhoods have the opportunity to provide meaningful input during the process and not be limited to a mere box-checking exercise? City Manager Cronk responded that the process has been thoroughly discussed and the resulting diagnosis has identified three specific improvements needed: better communication from the city to the public, better coordination among city departments to identify and resolve conflicts, and greater clarity in policy direction. On the latter point, City Manager Cronk sent the Mayor and the City Council a memo in March identifying five areas of the code rewrite that need clarification. He reported some progress but stressed that the process is not complete. He repeated that communication is very important and directed his staff to ensure that they have created mechanisms to interact with stake-holders. He said, "We are not going into a dark room and emerging with a code." He also acknowledged that feedback is needed earlier in the process. He then asked the audience if there are specific areas of interest for engagement with the city. Audience requests included building interaction with neighborhoods into each phase of code development,

perhaps identifying milestones during the process and consulting plans to accommodate growth prepared previously by various neighborhood associations. An audience member expressed concerns about flooding as a result of more density both in the neighborhood and upstream, and City Manager Cronk replied that the flood plain has been remapped. Another participant suggested that multiple auxiliary hubs might be a better way to spread density throughout the city rather than concentrating on central city neighborhoods. City Manager Cronk underscored the importance of investing in infrastructure, because this makes the city run well. Given recent actions by the Texas Legislature capping property taxes, he was pleased that the passage of recent city bond measures indicated support for maintaining core needs.

The second question prepared by the Steering Committee concerned the issue of code enforcement. How can we help the city become better at enforcement so that neighbors are not put in the uncomfortable position of repeatedly calling 311 to report violations? Spencer Cronk replied that neighborhood forums like this are good, performing the function of public education. He also reminded the group that the policing of some code violations is necessarily driven by complaints. In response, several audience members recounted their experiences contacting 311 repeatedly to report violations such as parking in front yards and parking in designated bike lanes, with little success. A discussion of the proposal to remove parking requirements for housing units generated comments about increased street congestion and the prospect of more parking violations.

Co-President Cook commented that it was discouraging to hear that so much of the focus on the new land development code was on the central-city neighborhoods. She urged the City Manager to consider putting attention on other parts of Austin. As for making the process more interactive, she said that Hyde Park was experienced in working out solutions to problems. Rather than the city presenting neighborhoods with maps for comments, neighborhoods want to be part of the mapping process. Mr. Cronk replied that he would not bring something back to the neighborhood unless it is developed through dialogue. When asked if he had a process whereby a group of 3 or 4 people from a neighborhood group could participate directly in code development, he replied that it

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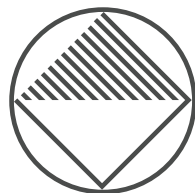
News from the Ney

In July 2019, come enjoy the new Summer Saturdays at the Ney! From 10 to noon every Saturday morning in July, families can come and experiment, play, create, and bond with art – for free! Summer Saturdays at the Ney are open to all ages, family friendly, and fun! All supplies and instruction are provided. On July 6, build a castle like Elisabet’s! On July 13, learn Gocco printmaking – bring a t-shirt or cloth! On

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You can also experience a continuation of the Meet Her Hands series, now in its fourth year at the Ney. Co-produced with #bossbabesATX, Meet Her Hands is an opportunity to see the work of rising young women artists and to hear their thoughts about process and inspiration at their opening events. It's been a great exploration of talent each year, and this is no exception. The month opens with a show by Austin artist Maribel Falcon, ending Sunday, July 7. Maribel's work will be replaced with an installation by the duo Big Chicken and Baby Bird. The team works in fabrics, quilting, and more and is sure to liven up the Visiting Artists' Gallery space with color and energy. Come to their opening reception on Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 pm. The show will end on Sunday, July 28.

On Thursday, August 1, the museum is participating in the second annual FOTOATX with an opening of the art of Leslie Kell. Different Worlds, her show, features digital collage landscapes prismatically distorted revealing multiple levels of reality. A reception opens the show at 6:30 pm.

Although it was intended to start on July 31, the kickoff of the Elisabet Ney Salon Series at the Parlor, with Mikita Brottman, a British American non-fiction author, scholar, and psychologist known for her interest in true crime, has been postponed to Wednesday, August 14. She is a professor of humanistic studies at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, and she'll be discussing her new book, *An Unexplained Death* (Henry Holt, 2018).

Remember, Saturday Morning Drawing Salons restart this August; the first event will be on Saturday, August 3. Come and learn to draw the human figure using Elisabet's sculptures as your inspiration and models. Admission, all materials, and guidance are free! See you at 10 am sharp each Saturday in August!



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Around & About the Avenues

Remembering Hyde Park Resident. Hyde Park mourns the loss of long-term resident Coral Franke of 4204 Avenue F. Coral was the wife of Steve Franke of Square One Construction and the daughter-in-law of Merle Franke, the first president of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. Coral was the mother of a son and a daughter and the grandmother of two grandsons. Her Hyde Park neighbors will miss her.



Flags Fly Again In Hyde Park. Fresh from waving a flag at the Texas State Capitol – on a flagpole made of cardboard tubes, to avoid violating new laws protecting the Capitol – vexillologist Jim Ellinger hosted a crowd of flag-waving marchers at the 2019 Flag Day Parade. Marchers made two



circuits of the Fairfield-Eilers circle, one walking and one running, before retiring to Jim's house for feasting and socializing. Awards were given to the most interest-

ing of the flags, and neighbors enjoyed the annual display of international, historical, and social symbols.



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May Meeting Minutes...

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was too early to say because he was still putting the staff team together. Several audience members proposed actions that would facilitate public input, such as tracking-change software that identified the location and substance of revisions in different versions of the code. Another suggestion was preparing models so that the public would visualize what the various changes would look like, and a third suggestion was better outreach from the city to the public through social media. Co-President Cook announced that the HPNA Steering Committee had assembled four pages of questions about the new land development code. She would resend this document to the City Manager and make sure that the audience had copies.

City Manager Cronk reminded the group of his prior visit to an HPNA meeting in the spring of 2018. At that meeting, he asked the audience three questions: what do you want to preserve, what do you want to change, and what gives you hope? He reminded the group that change was hard but we wanted to keep those things that made us great. When the meeting was opened to questions for Mr. Cronk, the issue of parking and congested streets dominated. Also mentioned were the narrow streets of Hyde Park and the lack of sidewalks, which had raised concerns about the city's plan to increase density. One person asked for consideration of a congestion tax. The audience thanked Mr. Cronk for meeting with the group.

City Council Member Kathie Tovo, from district nine, was invited to take the floor and make some comments. She stated that she was on the losing end of some split decisions by the City Council concerning land development issues. She stated that some modifications resulted in a more balanced approach regarding transportation corridors, but stated, "Make no mistake, there are still increased density goals for central Austin." She observed that conversations about parking have changed to such an extent that the neighborhood should plan on reductions in parking requirements. The long-term goal is that city residents will pass more bond funds to improve the public transit system and reduce the need for cars. She recommended mapping neighborhoods to document housing and continuing to advocate for public feedback. Audience comments returned to parking issues and weak code compliance enforcement, due in part to poor coordination among different city agencies. Council Member Tovo requested that residents who had such issues stay in contact with her office. She also asked the Steering Committee to copy her on correspondence with City Manager Cronk. Co-President Sarah Cook informed the audience of some progress in the development of infrastructure for cyclists, such as extending the bike lanes.

Co-President Betsy Clubine told the audience that HPNA would do its best to keep everyone informed. She then called up Jim Ellinger, who announced the Flag Day celebration on Friday, June 14, at 6 pm. As usual, the group will assemble at the corner of Fairfield and Eilers.

Two amendments to the current budget proposed by the HPNA Steering Committee were read and voted upon. The first amendment concerned the upcoming new land development code. The Steering Committee requested an additional \$10,000 in the event that it determined the HPNA required outside consultants to assist with its response to the code. This amounted to about 25% of HPNA's reserve funds. The money might be used for a lot survey or for preparing a model to provide a visual representation of the proposed changes. The vote was 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The second budget amendment requested an additional \$3,500 for the demolition and replacement of nonconforming plant growth in the traffic circles. Allison Young, landscape designer, explained that some of the plantings have grown too high and dense, obstructing visibility and producing a traffic hazard. The city had already begun to remove some growth in these circles due to code violations. The vote was 23 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

There were two announcements before adjournment. First, Co-President Clubine solicited feedback on proposed topics for the July meeting. Second, Allison Young from Friends of Shipe Park gave an update on the delayed opening of Shipe Pool, which was now scheduled to open in mid-July.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

– Submitted by Susan Marshall
HPNA Co-Secretary



Shipe Pool Update...

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Now the good news: assuming no further delays, the Shipe Pool swim season will be extended, running from the opening of the pool in mid-August through September 28. Weekday hours are currently scheduled for 4 to 8 pm and weekends from noon to 7 pm. We want to thank Council Member Kathie Tovo for working with PARD to arrange these extended swim days.

– Jack Nokes

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happily installed indoor plumbing. Others chose to simply plumb their outhouses, which were located on the alleys where the sewer lines ran, to save the extra cost of extending pipes into their homes.

From the mid-1920s through the mid-1930s, Hyde Park experienced a building boom. By 1925, new additions were being platted, extending the city north of 47th Street. In 1927, the brick building at 4101 Guadalupe (today the Hyde Park Marketplace) was constructed, with an A&P Grocery and the Hyde Park Variety Store as its first tenants. Shipe Park, previously called the Hyde Park Playground, was officially dedicated as a City of Austin park in 1928, and the following year saw the construction of the city fire station on 43rd Street as well as the Bluebonnet Tourist Camp on Guadalupe, later renamed Blue Bonnet Court.

In the summer of 1930, Guadalupe was paved for the first time. That same July, Avenue C resident Charlie "Fatty" Farris gained local fame by participating in the national endurance fad of "tree sitting." Sponsored by the Hyde Park Cash Grocery, Farris allegedly sat in a tree at 41st and Guadalupe for fourteen days while other residents tossed food and water up to him. Reportedly, his mother was not pleased.

In 1931, on Hyde Park's 40th birthday, the City of Austin adopted its first zoning code as part of the implementation of the 1928 City Plan². Guadalupe was now sporting brick buildings with restaurants, including the family-owned Ellis Café, a variety store, and other businesses. Along with a range of housing types and sizes, a public school, parkland, and convenient street car lines, the neighborhood had evolved in just four decades from open land into what today's urban planners would call a "complete community."

The neighborhood must have been beautiful in those days, with many homes still sporting their first coat of paint and all of these amenities and services in place; however, soon the city would try to change Hyde Park by overlaying new homes lying along Speedway and Duval with apartment zoning. The vision of what these apartments would look like, if they had been built in the 1930s, must have been very different from what was actually built in the 1960s, when baby boomers attending UT finally presented a market for apartment houses.

Stay tuned for next month's installment: death of the streetcars, demolition of homes, new apartment buildings, zoning battles, and restoration of historic homes.

— Karen McGraw, AIA

¹In the coming years, Baker School would serve a variety of functions: an elementary campus, a junior high school, a regional sixth grade center, a special-needs cam-

pus for high school students, and an administrative center. In 2019, the Austin Independent School District sold Baker's building and grounds to the Alamo Drafthouse, which is restoring the school's historic interior to serve as its corporate headquarters. Many longtime Austinites still retain deep ties to Baker, either as former "Baker Bobcats" or through family members who attended or taught there (one neighbor recalled his father sewing green-and-white uniforms for Baker's majorettes and cheerleaders).

²The 1928 City Plan infamously codified a racially segregated Austin, recommending that "the negro population" be moved to a new "negro district" east of East Avenue (now I-35) to "eliminate the necessity of duplication of white and black schools, white and black parks, and other duplicate facilities...." The City Plan also rezoned existing homes on Duval and Speedway for multi-family use, a decision that would change the face of Hyde Park several decades later.

Hyde Park Poets —

Boy on a Horse

A little boy sits on a horse
Wearing his cowboy getup
He has boots and a hat
And the hat is set back
On his head so it frames
His face. He is about
Five years old and the look
On his face says he is
Not altogether sure why
He is on that horse.
His left arm just hangs
At his side, the right arm
Clutches the reins,
The horse looks old, tired,
Barely there, a mood of
Melancholia hovers over
This little scene but not
Because it is true, in fact,
We do not know how either
The little boy or the horse feel.
We just know how they look,
And what they look like,
Both the little boy and the horse,
Is like they are doing their job,
The photograph is black and
White and we can read anything
Into it that we want; tomorrow,
I could look at that photo and
Tell you something very
Different, depending upon
How I feel.

— Herzele
6/25/97

The Things We Lose Along the Way

A gold bracelet
Once lovingly left upon a pillow
In time lost its sentiment
And was discarded
Disregarded
Along with you.

— Lisa Fox

Haikus

Awoke to gray skies
Soft raindrops keep counting time
Til lazy bones rise.

The games people play
With ourselves – with each other
Rock paper scissors.


— Lisa Fox

Then

We were all beautiful then
When we were babies – check
Children – check
Adolescents – check
Twenties – no doubt
Thirties – more so
Forties – somewhat prime
Aging gracefully, we hope
Still young at heart
Still holding hope and joy
Vestiges of youthful beauty remain
Watching Ardhanarishwara
Bharata Natyam dancers
I am reminded
Of when I thought I could do that
Now, I know I cannot
I can patiently sit
And contemplate and
Completely enjoy their beauty
And my wisdom.

— Herzele
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SOLD

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Listed at \$1,185,000



SOLD

4302 AVENUE G

Charming 1920s multi-family investment property located in prime location near Shipe Park. Three separate units, on-site parking, many recent updates.

Listed at \$750,000



SOLD

4009 AVENUE D

Classic 1925 Hyde Park bungalow in heart of historic district. 2 BR, 1 BA, updated kitchen and hall bath, utility porch. Wood floors throughout. One-car garage.

Listed at \$529,000



SOLD

4506 AVENUE C

1910 Folk Victorian with many recent updates— foundation, roof, plumbing, wiring. 2 BR, 1 BA plus detached 1 BR/ 1BA casita/guest house.

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