

May Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, May 1, 2017

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

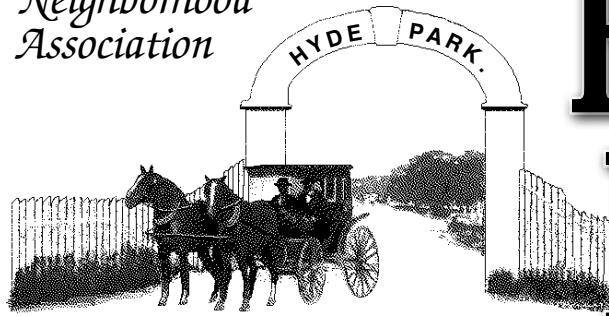
Note: HPNA meetings usually take place on the first Monday of each month.

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for May 1

- Potluck: Bring a dish if you can!
- Presentation: CodeNEXT status report by Karen McGraw, Architect PLLC
- Vote: Resolution requesting timely completion of Shipe Pool by the City of Austin
- Vote: Letter to the Parole Board about Hyde Park Assailant

See You There!

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A Perspective on CodeNEXT

CodeNEXT – What Does It Mean?

City of Austin is scrapping our current Land Development Code with plans to replace it with CodeNEXT. You can download it at www.austintexas.gov/department/codenext. These 1100+ pages are the creation of Opticos Design and City of Austin Staff. Opticos is a California-based architecture firm that markets itself as the expert on form-based codes. Opticos sold itself to the City Council based on its ability to create “missing middle housing,” which they define as follows:

“a range of multi-unit or clustered housing types compatible in scale with single-family homes that help meet the growing demand for walkable urban living. This type of supply provides diverse housing options along a spectrum of affordability to support walkable communities, locally serving retain, and public transportation options...” *Journal of Case Study Research: a Publication of the Center for California Real Estate*, Vol 1: Issue 1, Summer 2016, page 32, Dan Parolek, Founding Principal of Opticos Design

Form-based code regulates land development to achieve a specific urban form and to get a specific appearance for building as it relates to streetscape and adjacent uses. It supposedly encourages mixed use. Traditional or Euclidean zoning, which is the current Austin model, focuses on the type of use allowed on the land. Because form-based code is prescribed, the development is most often approved administratively without input from the surrounding community. Form-based codes rely on the appearance of the site design and de-emphasize the regulation of land use.

Form-based code theoretically encourages mixed uses to reduce travel. A big problem this approach does not address is that Austin does not have good sources of mass transit, few folks like long walks or waiting outside when it is over 100 degrees, and Texans are still married to their cars. Unless there is a suitable transportation alternative, the utopian world contemplated by this design process based on form and not use does not address the biggest problems we face.

The result of the collaboration of Austin staff and Opticos is a hybrid. They have created a form-based code with transects instead of zoning. In section 23-4A-2010, CodeNEXT provides the following:

“The incorporated areas of the city of Austin, Texas, are divided into walkable urban transect zones and drivable suburban non-transect

News from the Ney

May will be a very busy month at the Ney Museum!

On Saturday May 6, from 11 to 2, the museum will hold the postponed Austin Short Short Fiction Festival! Though the event was previously rain-bumped, the enthusiasm wasn't. The event, such a pleasant afternoon in the grass last year, will be held earlier in the day due to the temperature and to encourage picnicking! The readers will be top-notch Austin fictioneers of all sorts. Neighborhood residents Elizabeth McCracken and Mary Helen Specht, along with Deb Olin Unferth, curate the readings. There were seventeen readers lined up before the previous date was postponed due to rain. It will be even better this time! By the way, there will be food trucks featuring Ray's World Tacos, face-painting, other family-friendly activities, literary booths, and more!

At 2 pm on May 7, come for the annual Spring Landscape Tour hosted by the Ney and volunteers

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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



As the months continue to advance towards the heat of Summer, the issues before the neighborhood continue to heat up as well. By the time you read this letter, the CodeNEXT team will have released their mapping for the City of Austin. If you reviewed these maps, you might notice some blank spots where Hyde Park is. Because Hyde Park is protected by two NCCDs, our neighborhood will not be mapped using the new code transect system. Furthermore, the protections afforded to the neighborhood will remain largely in place, as the current code will continue in effect to support and supplement the existing NCCD language.

Unfortunately, this dual system is not ideal. First, it is unclear how normal zoning revisions would be processed for our neighborhood. Second, there is concern that potential changes to our zoning could easily occur. Our joint HPNA-Contact Team CodeNEXT committee is reaching out to other neighborhoods that have NCCDs to coordinate a meeting with City staff and CodeNEXT consultants to discuss the many potential difficulties arising from this dual system. As these and other issues continue to evolve, we will continue to keep you updated in this space. We also plan on a membership vote regarding the HPNA position on the proposed city code rewrite at our June meeting.

As the Summer months approach, we both are saddened that Shipe Pool will not be open

for use this Summer due to ongoing issues with leaks and safety concerns. While we understand the Parks and Recreation Department's position, we must express some frustration at the last minute notice of the pool closure for this Summer. One of our current focuses is to work with PARD to expedite the construction process. To this end, the Steering Committee has advanced a resolution for a vote of the membership to call for the pool construction to be expedited to ensure that we lose only one swim season. Urging that the work be expedited is one thing we can do that could have an impact on the pool's early reopening. If you are interested in this issue, we hope that you will attend the May meeting to support our proposed Shipe Pool resolution.

At our last meeting, we hosted the lead City of Austin engineer for the renovation of the bicycle facilities along Speedway, who talked to the membership about her project. This renovation is scheduled to take place over the Summer and will coincide with the re-paving of Speedway. The proposed renovated bike lanes would be protected from the vehicular traffic by using small dividers to mark off the bike paths. See "Around & About the Avenues" for another write-up of the Speedway bike lane proposal.

While the City's initial design of the new bike lanes included the removal of parking along most of

Speedway, the engineer reported that they are currently tweaking the design to allow for some parking along the residential portions of the street using an arrangement similar to the one the City used for

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Votes at the May Meeting

Editor's Note: Membership will have the opportunity to vote on the following issues at the May meeting. The first is a resolution to encourage the city to move quickly on replacing Shipe Pool. The second is a letter to the Parole Board concerning the assailant who slashed a woman at Speedway and 44th Street in November, 2015.

Shipe Pool Resolution

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association requests the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department to expedite the renovations of Shipe Pool to prevent any negative impact on the 2018 season.

Parole Board Letter

Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Victim Services Division
8712 Shoal Creek Blvd, Suite 265
Austin, TX 78757

Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Parole Division
P.O. Box 13401
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78757
Attention: Correspondence

Dear Parole Board Members,

We are writing to you regarding Pearl Moen (TDCJ #02111551). The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is requesting that Ms. Moen serve her entire sentence and not be considered for parole because of the extremely violent nature of her crime, the harm she caused the victim, and the danger she posed to the residents of Hyde Park in Austin. Ms. Moen brutally attacked Ms. Pritchett on November 17, 2015 by stabbing her numerous times and leaving her for dead on our neighborhood sidewalk. The attack almost killed Ms. Pritchett

and our neighborhood lived in fear during the months before Ms. Moen was arrested and subsequently prosecuted for this heinous crime of attempted murder. Our neighborhood is one where residents frequently walk and children ride their bicycles to nearby Shipe Park. Many of us were afraid to walk or to allow children out of our sight. Of particular concern was the enjoyment Ms. Moen seemed to derive from her violent attack, as she documented in a journal. Throughout the time she was incarcerated she showed no remorse for her violent crime.

If Ms. Moen is paroled before the end of her 15 year sentence, we are concerned that she would return to Central Austin or another vulnerable neighborhood where she would be a threat to residents. We sincerely request that you consider the dangers that Ms. Moen might inflict in the future on any community to which she is paroled before the end of her 15 year sentence. Her premeditated, cold-blooded, attempted homicide traumatically affected the victim; and as a result, she victimized our neighborhood as well.

Sincerely,

HPNA

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.

Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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Address _____

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NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	21	29	24
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$470,419	\$570,905	\$578,158
AVERAGE SQ FT	1,582SF	1,549SF	1,927SF
AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$321.75	\$376.47	\$361.16
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	14 DAYS	7 DAYS	7 DAYS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 10/04/2016 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.



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Exploring Hyde Park

Treasures from Clotilde's Box: The Baker School PTA

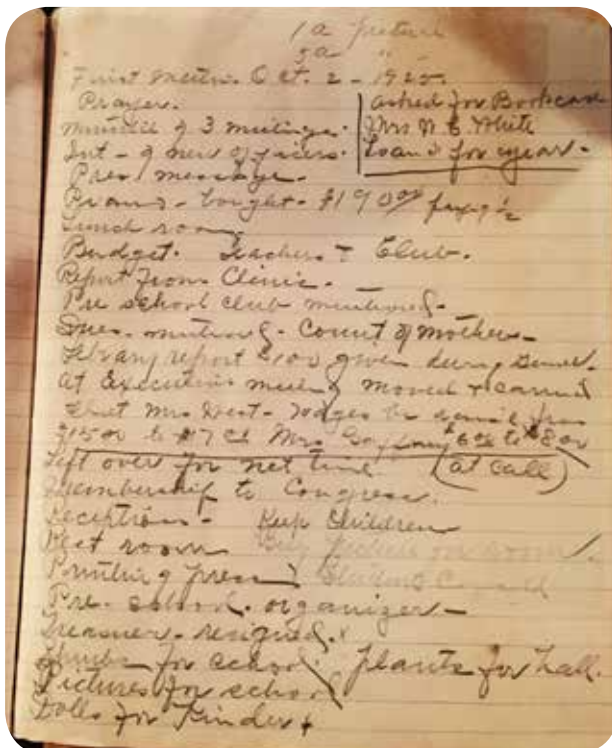
Most Hyde Park residents are familiar with the two houses on Avenue F just south of 39th Street: the Mansbendel-Williams House at 3824 Avenue F and the William T. & Valerie Mansbendel Williams House at 3820 Avenue F. The two houses were built by Peter Mansbendel, one for himself and his wife, Clotilde, and one for his daughter, Valerie, and her husband, William T. Williams. Not surprisingly, the attic of Valerie Mansbendel Williams' house contains a box of artifacts from her mother, Clotilde, christened "Clotilde's Box" by current homeowner David Conner.

Hyde Parkers are equally familiar with Baker School. When Colonel Monroe Shipe founded Hyde Park in 1891, he included Hyde Park School, located on Speedway, as part of his plan to ensure that Hyde Park had all the amenities required to make it a complete community. That school was later subsumed into the Austin Independent School District and re-named Baker. The current Baker School building on Avenue B opened in 1911.

Recently, during David's explorations of Clotilde's Box, he uncovered documents that cast a light on the early history of Baker School.

The President's Book

The President's Book is a journal of the activities of Baker School PTA during the administration of PTA President Mrs. Alberta Koch of 4205 Avenue F. Initiated on October 2, 1925, the book includes not only extensive notes but also a collection of newspaper clippings that document the 1925-1926 school year.



First Meeting Oct. 2, 1925

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| Prayer | Asked for Bookcase |
| Minutes of 3 Meetings | Mrs W C White |
| Int. of new officers | Loaned for year |
| Pres. Message | |
| Piano Bought \$190.00 paying 1/2 | |
| Lunch room | |
| Budget Teachers & Club | |
| Report from Clinic | |
| Pre school club mentioned | |
| Dues mentioned Count of Mothers | |
| Library report \$100.00 given during (?) | |
| At Executive meeting moved & carried | |
| That Mrs. West Wages be raised from \$1500 to \$1700 | Mrs. Saffing(?) \$600 to \$800 |
| Left over for next time (at call) | |
| Membership to Congress | |
| Reception Keep Children | |
| Restroom Buy picture for room | |
| Printing press Student Council(?) | |
| Pre-school organized | |
| Treasurer resigned | |
| Shrubs for school Plants for hall | |
| Pictures for school | |
| Dolls for kinder & | |

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Around & About the Avenues

Bike Lanes on Speedway. Speedway, from 31st Street to 45th Street, is being evaluated by the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) for improvements to enhance the safety and mobility of everyone who uses the street. Speedway is a street that supplies north-south access to central Austin, including to the University of Texas at Austin campus, to Hyde Park, and to several schools and churches. It is an identified bicycle route as designated by City Council Ordinance No. 20141106-118 (The Austin Bicycle Master Plan) and a bus route served by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. On average, 1700 people get on or off a bus on this section of Speedway daily. Proposed improvements include the following:

- Speedway from 31st Street to 38th Street – Installation of physical protection along the existing buffered bike lane.
- Speedway from 38th Street to 45th Street – Scheduled for street maintenance (routine road resurfacing and restriping) by the Public Works Department within the next six months. To enhance mobility in the corridor for both motor vehicles and bicycles, ATD is proposing that the street striping and signage be reconfigured to remove parking from the bicycle lanes and provide protected bike lanes on the east and west sides of the street. Because this project is coordinated with resurfacing, adding these improvements will have little or no impact on project cost and duration. Additionally, approximately nine crosswalks will be upgraded for visibility and crossing distances are proposed to be shortened as a result of adding protected bike lanes. A pedestrian refuge island is proposed between 39th Street and 40th Street.

A public process to gather feedback began on February 17. It included a public meeting held on March 2 and an invitation to present the project to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association on April 3. This process is ongoing and is expected to be completed in early summer. To share feedback or to ask any questions, contact Alison Mills with the Austin Transportation Department at 512-974-7166 or alison.mills@austintexas.gov.



Monthly Calendar May

- 1 — HPNA Meeting
- 4 — DRC Meeting
- 6 — Austin Short Short Fiction Festival at Ney Museum
- 7 — Spring Landscape Tour at Ney Museum
- 8 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 12 — Recycling Pickup
- 20 — Ney Day at the Ney Museum
- 26 — Recycling Pickup

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Pecan Press Deliverers Needed. Delivering the newsletter each month is a great way to connect with neighbors and get some exercise. We currently have a vacant route on the north side of 45th Street (between the 600 and 800 blocks of East 45th) and we are looking for people to take over routes while deliverers are on vacation. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Betsy Clubine at 512-453-7565 or betsyclubine@gmail.com.




Working Towards a Sustainable Waller Creek Ecosystem. Waller Creek is the most urban creek in Austin, with a history as rich as the city we live in. Although highly degraded, it serves as a natural corridor and habitat for 477 documented species – and likely many more. It is also a neighborhood treasure, flowing through Shipe Park and the Ney Museum grounds, where many neighbors walk or meditate along its banks. I count us lucky to have this natural system within our neighborhood, but recognize that it can cause damage from flooding and high bacterial counts. As a Hyde Park neighbor and originator of the Waller Creek Working Group at UT Austin (<http://bit.ly/2laEes9>), I am hoping to work with interested neighbors to gather information – scientific, historical, social, digital, and so forth – to work towards developing a management strategy for a more sustainable creek ecosystem. We will be archiving all information relevant to Waller Creek in the publicly accessible University of Texas Scholar Works (<http://bit.ly/2mpMQA0>). We have also developed a site to share biodiversity images from Waller Creek at iNaturalist (<http://bit.ly/2lap3za>) and uploaded over 3000 images of the creek on Flickr (<http://bit.ly/2mpQo5e>). Please join us in developing this Waller Creek archive to help us understand the environmental stressors and social history of this creek. It's a first step in our journey towards a sustainable and healthier creek, a goal of the Waller Creek Research and Education Center. Stay tuned! - Mary Poteet, UT Department of Geological Sciences



A Note from the Editor. I recently became aware that some emails sent to the pecanpress@austinhypark.org email were never forwarded to my personal email. Until I can resolve the problem, please send your contributions to either lweidlich@mail2sevenses.com or lweidlich@grandecom.net. If a contribution you sent was not published or acknowledged, please resend it. I regret the problem, because the *Pecan Press* welcomes your articles, letters, poems, and other contributions!



Graffiti Patrol at Work. The Hyde Park Graffiti Patrol cleaned up Shipe Park as part of It's My Park! Day on March 4 and performed a cleanup primarily focused on 45th Street and Duval on April 1. Claire DeYoung, George Wyche, Sumit Guha, Jim Ellinger, Kate Musemeche, and Lisa Harris participated in one or both of these efforts. Thanks to these people for their work on behalf of the neighborhood!

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(\$165/family max)

KAMP is a week for children to explore their creativity in music, art, drama, movement and more. Find more details at hpbc.org/kamp

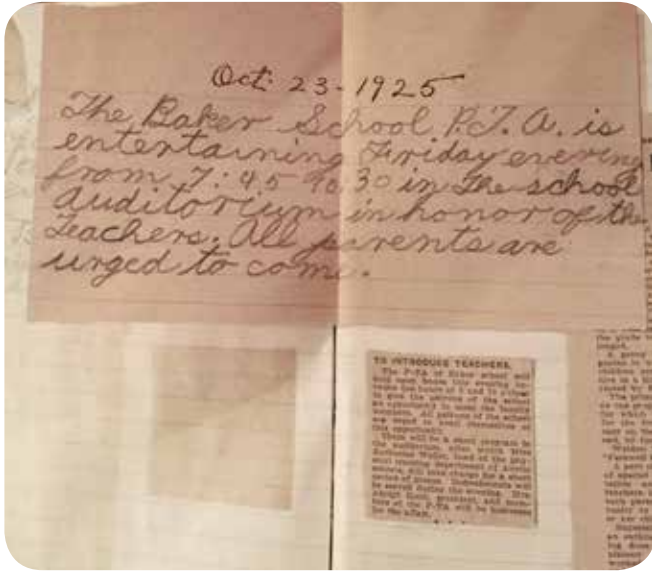
Questions? Contact Bev Allen at ballen@hpbc.org

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October 23, 1925

The Baker School P.T.A. is entertaining Friday evening from 7:45 10:30 in the school auditorium in honor of the Teachers. All parents are urged to come.



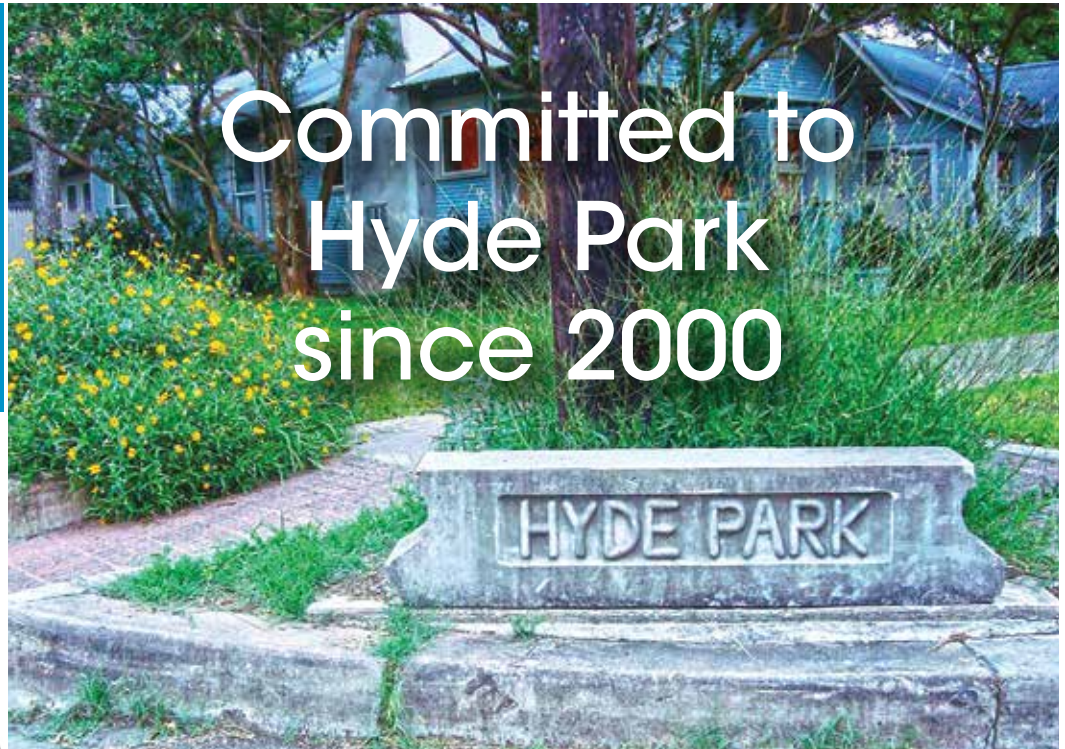
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The Historian's Talk

A document, scrawled in pen on reused paper (typing along the edges of some pages say "Genevieve Koch" and "Lesson Two") and embellished with penciled updates, recounts the history of the Baker School PTA. The fact that it was included in Clotilde's box suggests that Clotilde was the PTA historian. Its opening makes it clear that it was intended as a talk, as does the fact that punctuation is largely absent and capitalization is irregular. There are many misspellings, some perhaps correct for their time, others perhaps the result of the informality of the document. Words are written over other words.

The following transcription corrects misspellings (or outdated spellings), spells out abbreviations, modernizes the punctuation and capitalization, and eliminates the (largely indecipherable) penciled updates except where noted. Where one word was written over another, only one is included. Uncertain and indecipherable words in the penned document are indicated with a question mark in parentheses, but all the words and ampersands are the author's. Crossed out words are the author's crossed out words.

Madam President, Mr. McCallum, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

It is an honor to be chosen to fill any office in Baker PTA but I hardly knew what I was undertaking when I accepted the office of Historian, for you must be accurate and of course, while the minutes record the actual business transacted in the meetings, there is much unwritten history to gather from older members and here is where the historian finds herself in "hot waters" for fear of not consulting ~~the~~ all she should and not unearthing the proper data that is expected of her. So I am asking any member of the present PTA or the old Mother's Club who has information to please give it to me for the history I am writing.

Of course, Madam President, I know you are limiting my time and I will be brief and just sketch through the 16 years this club has existed, but there is much of interest I cannot take time to tell you.

It was 1908 that the first thought of a Mother's Club was presented at a meeting of the old Hyde Park Social or Sewing Circle. This organization seemed to be the center of all social and welfare work of this part of the city. The ladies were discussing the old school building, which was at that time, 1908, a two-story frame building with steps going up on the outside. It stood on the property joining the block where the Specke's house now stands facing Speedway. It seems the women thought the building unsafe and the grounds could (overwritten in pencil by "should") be improved. Miss Lowry, first principal of Baker's school, was present. She spoke up and said "Why don't you change it?"

All asked "How?" and her answer was "Form a Mother's Club." Now there were women in this gathering eager to undertake this work. Two of them, Mr. Buchner & Mrs. J. M. Young, stand out as leaders. All promised that when Miss Lowry issued the call they would come.

So it is to this grand old woman, who taught so many of our children and lots of the grandchildren, we owe the existence of the PTA today. Miss Lowry, with such women as Mrs. Buchner, Mrs. J.M. Young, Mrs. Molesworth, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Border, Mrs. Ramsdell, Mrs. Hodnett, and Mrs. F. T. Ramsey, formed this organization. There are other names, I know, but I do not find them.

These women had vision – vision of what united effort on the part of the mothers could do, and they were not afraid of discouragement and hard work, for the task which confronted them was stupendous, especially in those early days. For woman's place in the sun has grown in 16 ("6" is overwritten in pencil with "7" and "8") years. Club work has come to be a recognized factor in our daily life, while there it was looked on a little bit askew by even women, let alone the men. In fact, you young mothers who step naturally up to take your place on the broad steps we have formed hardly realize how hard and long the pioneers labored to place a good foundation.

The first meeting of women was called Dec 26 -1908 Miss Lowery acting chairman. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Buchner, President; Mrs. F. T. Ramsey, Vice President; Mrs. Wade Border, Treasurer; Mrs. Hodnett, Secretary.

Mrs. Buchner's report says there were 50 women present. But that was merely a great showing at the beginning – as we know now, a number of mothers are always interested but only a few are willing to work hard – so some of the ladies who worked faithfully in the beginning tell me there was only a mere handful who came regularly and did the actual work.

But the first year much was accomplished. The building was braced and made safe. The problem of pure drinking water was solved. At that time the water was kept in buckets swinging from the trees with the old fashioned dippers. Temporary drinking fountains were put in, for they were expecting to secure a new school in the near future.

A piano was bought. I've read in the minutes of a discussion comparing(?) the relative merits of an upright or square piano. This indeed sounds like ancient history. These luxuries for the school were secured by donations and ice cream suppers. Easter egg hunts, etc. There were so few mothers that these entertainments netted only a small sum each time. So the collection of \$200⁰⁰ or more was no easy task.

The second year, Mrs. Buchner still president. The piano was paid for, a library started. A number of books were collected by each member bringing a volume. Some reference

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The 5th Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble

The Fifth Annual Hyde Park Egg Scramble brought unbelievable sunshine to Shipe Park on Saturday, April 15th. This HPNA event, which has quickly become an annual neighborhood tradition, wowed over 400 kids and grown-ups with egg hunts, egg games, food, and fun on a picture-perfect spring morning.



the park before the event! Parents took great photographs of kids picking up as many eggs as they could handle. Finally, the 5- to 8-year-olds hunted eggs on the other side of the creek. For the second year, the Scramble had two games – the egg-on-a-spoon race and the egg toss – with large chocolate bunnies as prizes.

After a quick welcome speech by HPNA co-President Kevin Heyburn, the egg hunt was kicked off by HPNA Past President John Williams. First up were the littlest ones, with the 3- and 4-year-olds quick to follow. The egg hunts were a bit more of a challenge for the younger children this year, because the City of Austin did not mow

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Grande Communications, popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy were free for all! Kids young and old played inside the bouncy house and fought their way through the obstacle course. The Egg Scramble Bunny arrived after the egg hunts and took pictures with kids in the photo booth, provided by Carolyn Grimes of Coldwell Banker United, Realtors.





This year, the Scramble added a craft table to the festivities – bubbles, coloring, and plastic egg crafts. Kids decorated plastic eggs with stickers and made bunnies with plastic eggs and pipe cleaners. Shelley Walters from Trinity United Methodist Church manned a trade-in station where kids could exchange the candy inside their plastic eggs for stickers. Jasper Costello amazed the kids with unique balloon creations while Sparkles Costello decorated faces and arms with paint creations.

Other sponsors for the event included Trinity United Methodist Church, Walgreens, and Bounce Around Austin. We thank all the volunteers from It's My Park Day for keeping Shipe Park looking

so beautiful. Thank you to all of our volunteers: Sarah Cook, Brian Smith, June and Tom Spikes, Danny and Carolyn Bivens, Jennifer Box, Ben Box, Ruta Bertulis, Rachel Kitko, Danielle Liu, Jenny Saniuk, Krista Box, Penny Zielinski, Janice Vanzura, Summer Seibert, Kim Vo, Sharon Brown, Karen Saddeh, Ken Ryall, Sam Fitzgerald, Delphia Vo, Link Pruner, Nels Pruner, and David Conner. Special thanks to committee members co-Chair Tim Luyet, Joanna

Fitzgerald, Jennifer Suehs, Sandy Kearns, and Phyllis Parsegian; to Todd Pruner for providing the PA system; and to John Williams for being MC and putting together the playlist. We could not have pulled off this wonderful event without you.



Finally, thank you to all of our neighbors who came out to enjoy the event. We hope that the Egg Scramble becomes as beloved by the neighborhood as the Fire Station Festival! See you next year on Saturday, March 31, 2018!

– Michelle Rossomando
Egg Scramble Co-Chair



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books were bought. There is recorded(?) in the minutes a donation of 20 volumes by Miss Ethel Baker in memory of her father, whom Baker was named for.

I remember distinctly going with Miss Annie Lee Giles to the old school house, carrying in our arms 15 volumes, the gift of the 15 members of the H.P. RC to Baker's school library.

These mothers worked hard for this library. I suspect some of you boys and girls here tonight, who are mothers and fathers – patrons of Baker's school – remember the pots of chili and soup made by Mrs. Buchner, Mrs. Borden, Mrs. Young & Mrs. Molesworth or the cakes made by Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Bengener, or Mrs. Hofer.

These lunches the mothers sold to the teachers, to pupils, netting a few nickels and dimes ~~which were~~ from feeding the bodies, which were put back into the library to feed the hungry little minds.

Mrs. R. T. Badger was chosen next president after Mrs. Buchner, but on account of ill health, Mrs. Badger never served. Mrs. John Preston was elected and the work of her administration was raising the \$360, the club's part of the amount paid for the sanitary drinking fountains for the new school, the school board paying the rest.

The new school (?) to be ready for occupancy September, 1911. The State Mothers Congress met in Austin 1910 and Baker bore her share of the expense.

In 1910 the records show that the name of club was changed to Parent and Teacher's Club. This showing that closer relation was existing in the workings of parent & teachers.

The new building and the sanitary fountains were ready by September 1911 and Mrs. Lee Clark took up the work as president of Baker Parents & Teachers Club. The objects to work for now were playgrounds, library & restrooms. In the rest room still stands the medicine cabinet given by Mrs. Buchner, who also gave freely of her time to work for Baker.

Mrs. Clark resigned and Mrs. Molesworth finished the term and served the following year.

A circulating library was founded in the 6 & 7 grades.

During Mrs. Molesworth's administration one of the features of entertainment was Better Baby Contest. This indicated that about this time the movement for child welfare was beginning to pick up in Austin. I am sure we have some of these high school lads & lassies arriving now who caused your proud momma's pride or pain on this occasion, for all the mothers could not understand at that time the help of a Better Baby Contest.

In the minutes are recorded references to securing better water for Hyde Park, and other place we read of the club

being instrumental in helping abolish a pool room in Hyde Park across from the school.

Mothers working with zeal to pass school bond issues and many interesting things.

1914, J.A. Warren was elected president and the first year of her administration playground equipment was the work of the club. But the always-present problem of hot lunches for the children made the lunchroom more important. I wish we could tell you all about this lunchroom but that is a history in itself. I can only tell you of its beginning after much (arduous?) work on the part of the mothers, Mr. McCallum & the school board.

Baker opened her lunchroom early in the Fall of 1915. At first the mothers took time serving lunches with a paid cook.

The records show ups & downs, sometimes borrowing from the club treasury to pay lunchroom expenses and sometimes paying back.

But the lunchroom has grown to be a paying proposition and at the last PTA meeting the present lunchroom committee asked to be allowed to use their surplus funds for some memorial to show for their works. This is indeed gratifying and shows how much it counts to undertake and not give up a thing even though discouraged. Say "This effort is not for your child or my child but for all the children who will come later" and this is the true spirit of Mother Club work.

After Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Koch assumed the office. That year was a great success; still there was nothing big accomplished, only the club was growing. The lunchroom was running smoothly. And this year the Sieder's Springs School was organized. The president and a committee attempted to organize a Mothers Club in the school. Two meeting with a small but interested group of women were held. But on account of a contagious eye disease the plan was delayed and the wandering patrons of this school were (?) so the school was abandoned for a while. But this has been one of the works of Bakers social service committee, to help with this work, and much good has been done and now the present committee reports that a club has been formed with 20 present at one meeting.

Mrs. Fasel followed Mrs. Koch. These years great advance in the financial condition of the club, Mrs. Fasil being an untiring worker set a new mark in this line

These were busy years for war work had been added to the PTA work.

At this time Baker numbered among her workers one of the first women to hold a place on Austin School board, Mrs. J. W. (?).

Mrs. Jennings was elected president but moving from this district, Mrs. Robert Winslow assumed the office.

Mrs. Winslow's time was so crowded full of events and happenings it was hard to say just what was the most

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important event. But those who experienced the dreadful siege of flu, sometimes all members of a family ill at once, will never forget the untiring ministrations of our sisters who were able to bring the good hot soup from house to house.

And it was this trying winter that Baker lost two beloved teachers. One we might call the mother of Baker PTA, Miss Mary Lowery, and another we might designate the beloved child of the PTA, our dear Miss Mary Scribble, who learned her first lessons in Baker under Miss Mary Lowery. These two names will always be sacred to Baker parents and children, for it would be difficult to tell how many lives these women have influenced for good.

After Mrs. Winslow came Mrs. Decarl & Mrs. Caller, two beloved presidents who have stepped back into the ranks and are finer, more understanding members for having served so ably.

During these two administrations the east and north (?) curbs on the grounds were made possible, the school board putting in the south curb. Then followed Mrs. Ramsey.

There were many things of importance under these three capable women, their administrations weaving with each other. Baker won the (?) Cup of the Music Memory Contest, 1st under Mrs. Decarl, then Mrs. Caller & finally for keeps under Mrs. Ramsey, and Father's night was established

A petition for more school rooms was presented to the school board during Mrs. Caller's term and it was during Mrs. Ramey's term that a new Baker was assured.



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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2017

The HPNA General Meeting, at the Griffin School, was called to order by co-President Reid Long at 7:10 pm. We welcomed three University of Texas Social Work students who were attending as part of a school project concerning how local organizations operate.

On the agenda:

1. Lynn Wallace presented information about the new senior living facility currently being built at the Triangle.

- It will have three distinct sections: independent living, assisted living, and memory care.
- With a total of 206 units, it will be housed in an eight story building near the southeast corner of the Triangle property.
- Advertised as "5 Star Living," it will have amenities like valet parking and on-site dining options as well as various activity programs.
- Unlike some other facilities of its kind, it is a straight rental agreement, not a buy-in.
- Completion is scheduled for summer of 2018.

Some questions and concerns were brought up by the attendees:

- Though parking will be supplied for residents, what about staff?

It was anticipated that, given the facility's location on multiple transit lines, it should not generate any significant additional pressure on local parking.

- Is there any connection between this facility and the new nearby Rehabilitation Hospital?
There is not.
- What about skilled nursing services?
Such services will not be supplied at the facility.

2. Alison Mills, from the City of Austin Transportation Department, Active Transportation and Street Design division, presented information about the planned bike lane design for Speedway between 38th and 45th Streets. In addition, an initial drawing of the proposal (a long scroll representing Speedway) was presented for the attendees' inspection.

- This is coming up now because the street is scheduled for resurfacing this summer. Streets with traffic volumes under 20,000 vehicles per day are candidates for dedicated bicycle lanes according to federal highway regulations.
- The current plan has a physical separation between the road service and the bike lanes, possibly like the barriers on Hancock Boulevard, but this could change.
- In response to a question about bike lane signals, we learned that while such signals are not generally allowed under federal regulations, there are plans for twelve such locations in Austin under the auspices of a University of Texas study.

Attendees brought up the following issues (some with answers):

- Though not part of this specific planned upgrade, 38th street continues to be an issue, particularly due to its lack of width.
- Overall, bike lane maintenance is an ongoing issue; just a little bit of debris in a bike lane can create a real hazard.
- Speedway residents would be losing parking spaces (in particular, for deliveries and such).
It is planned that this will be solved by moving the bike lane out away from the curb in some selected locations.

Some specific questions were asked and answered:

- Will there be dedicated money for maintaining striping?
This is anticipated. Call 311 if there's a problem; also call 311 for tree trimming issues going forward.
- What's wrong with the current configuration?
Surface problems, parking outside of allowed hours.
- Is this being done because it's a cool new thing?
Really just an opportunity to respond to a need.
- Can electric (assisted) bicycles use the lanes?
Not sure. It is believed that anything that can't exceed 20MPH is probably OK.
- Should we call 311 about trash bins in the bicycle lanes on Shoal Creek Boulevard?
Yes. Absolutely. 311 is how the city knows.
- When will this be?
Tentatively scheduled for mid-July.
- Any plans for the Duval corridor?
It's a priority but resurfacing is not yet specifically scheduled.
- Changes on the Guadalupe (the Drag)?
Not known at this time.

Announcements, led by Kevin Heyburn:

Contact Team-HPNA CodeNEXT Committee had its first meeting. The new City of Austin proposed zoning maps will come out soon. Please be involved if you can. Contact Kevin Heyburn or Reid Long for details.

The Flood Mitigation Committee is gearing up. Contact Kevin or Reid for details. Please participate.

– Artie Gold
HPNA co-Secretary



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I see belief. You see doubt.
I see freedom. You see dependence.
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I love sports. You love sports.

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Crime and Safety Report

The Austin Crime Commission hosted a meeting on April 5, 2017 with neighborhood leaders to discuss public safety and the need for more police officers. In 2016, Austin posted an 11.3% increase in violent crime. This ranked us sixth on the list of cities with the fastest growing crime rates.

In 2012, the at-large Austin City Council commissioned a Police Staffing Study. The study cost \$100,000. It recommended adding between 228 and 257 officers over the following five years. The City has added 190 officers since 2012. In 2016, the new 10-1 Council commissioned another staffing report that cost \$200,000. The Report recommended adding 94 police officers by 2017 and an additional 20 in 2018. The City has added 12 since 2016. The author of the report stated that Austin was the worst-staffed police department he has ever studied.

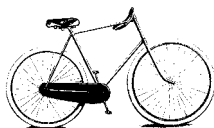
Why has the City ordered two studies within a four year period for \$300,000 and not taken the advice either time? Based upon the two studies and Council decisions, APD is between 38 and 82 officers short. This shortage is reflected in an increase in response times and in violent crime rates. Response times have increased by 15% since 2011, an increase of one minute and 15 seconds per call. This will affect your safety.

Traffic fatalities are also on the rise. Officers are taking calls but they have no time to enforce traffic laws. Officers have little or no time to engage with communities. This directly affects your quality of life.

What can you do? Contact your City Council Member and the Mayor. Public safety must be a priority. Neighborhood associations must speak up because action is more likely when Council hears from its constituents. Budget items are being discussed now and the City Manager will present a budget this summer, so the dialogue must happen between now and June. The budgets for EMS, Fire, and Police are part of the General Fund. The General Fund can be misleading because it contains all departments. The Fire Department provides four firefighters per truck. Police might have only one backup.

As always, stay *aware and alert* to suspicious behavior in and around our neighborhood. If you see something, say something!

– Carol J. Welder
Crime & Safety Co-Chair



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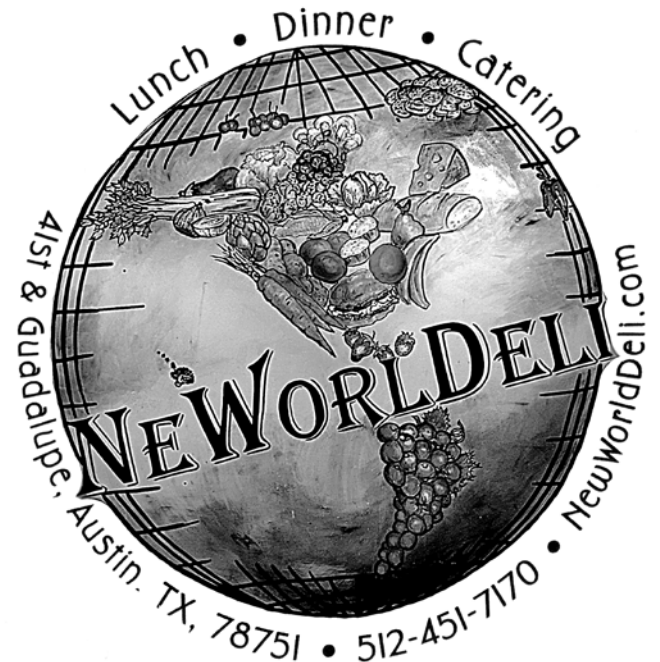
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zones (see “Preamble: A Model Hybrid Zoning Code Based on Austin Places”). Overlay zones provide standards that apply both to transect zones and non-transect zones. The zones implement the Austin Comprehensive Plan by providing a mix of intensity of development and a mix of uses that are compatible with the character of the City’s many neighborhoods, districts and corridors.”

Within a transect zone, function and density range from low to medium density in neighborhoods in the urban core or downtown. Unfortunately, overlays that exist must rely on the existing code. That means we have the old code and the new code. My suspicion is that part of the goal to have neighborhoods like Hyde Park be outside of a transect is to make it easy on city staff to eliminate our protections down the road. That is not the biggest concern. The more frightening problem is that review of permits and site plans is almost entirely left to staff without community notice, review, or input. Under “Code Interpretations” in Section 23-4B-2010 (A), CodeNEXT “authorizes the Planning Director to issue administrative decisions regarding the proper interpretation, meaning, or intent of a site development regulation under (a CodeNEXT provision) or a separately adopted zoning

ordinance....” It also allows for code interpretations from the Planning Director. There are many other instances of staff making final decisions. Given their track record, it is not comforting to rely on them.

Safeguards that are currently in place are not in this code. In this case, staff is allowed to create policy through its expanded decision-making authority. Many hard-fought neighborhood protections are absent or reduced in CodeNEXT. Off-street parking requirements are not increased and if anything lessened. Occupancy limits for non-related individuals in duplexes, which were won at the Planning Commission and City Council, are increased in this model. Opportunities for preservation are not clear. Height restrictions as we know them are drastically changed; for example, an Avenue A house could have a 100 foot structure built behind it on Guadalupe. That dramatically affects the quality of life for those residents. The McMansion ordinance protections are missing.

This will determine the future of Austin. I am in favor of reforming the current land development code but want a code that reflects Austin, its neighborhoods and citizens, and ensures a healthy future. The promise of affordable housing and missing middle housing are not met by this draft. I invite you to check a topic on which you have had an experience with the city – whether it is tree protection, adding a ramp to your home, or another issue regarding development – and check this CodeNEXT manuscript to see if it addresses the issue in a way that makes sense to you. Should a neighborhood look like it was made with the same plan for each house? There is not a mandate for the same plan, but there is a strong bias for multifamily housing and similarity of design. That is what the Opticos website looks like. Consider whether this offers any protection to those Austinites who are the object of gentrification. This proposal makes it easier for developers, for city staff, and for investors and speculators in Austin real estate. In its current form, it does nothing for preservation of character of any part of our city. Forget keeping Austin weird – just keep Austin Austin. Let us get this into the correct formulation for our city.

To get any questions on CodeNEXT answered, they must be submitted online at the link provided above. The only other input being considered is white papers, which must be submitted by June 7.

– *Barbara Gibson, Member of the Joint HPNA-HPNPCT Committee*

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parking along Guadalupe. We will continue to monitor the design and implementation of this project and will report back as necessary. If you have additional questions about the proposal, please feel free to contact us.

Finally, we enjoyed seeing our younger neighbors - Hyde Park's kids and grandkids - participate in the annual Egg Scramble at Shipe Park. This annual tradition has become a wonderful Spring celebration. We want to thank Michelle Rossomando and Tim Luyet, the co-Chairs of the Egg Scramble, and their fellow volunteers for their hard work in putting on this event. As with all of our events, we rely on our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in helping out with the Egg Scramble next year or with any of our other annual events, please contact either of us, and we will direct you to the right person. We look forward to seeing you at the May HPNA meeting.

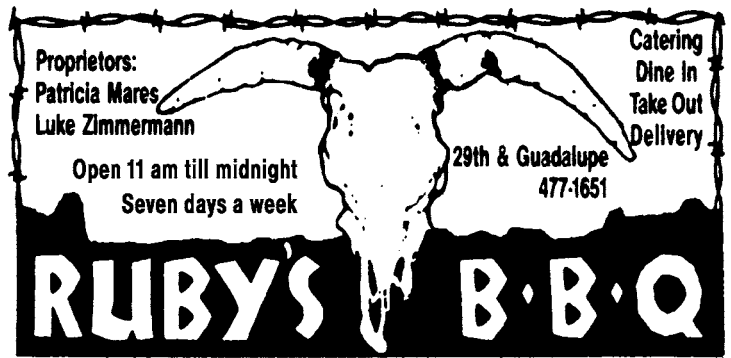
— Kevin Heyburn & Reid Long
HPNA Co-Presidents

News from the Ney...

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from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. This event celebrates National Wildflower Awareness Week and is always a great opportunity to learn about the native landscape.

And the Fifth Annual Ney Day is upon us! On Saturday, May 20, from noon to 5 pm, the Ney will be once again "Celebrating Women in the Arts, Sciences, and Civic Culture!" Live music will include The Hey Lollies Brass Band, Las Tesoros de San Antonio, The Jones Family Singers, Riders Against the Storm, Ruby Fray, and more, with Elizabeth McQueen as the official MC! As in years past, activities will include sculpting and art demos, food trucks, ices, hula hoopers, technology activities, clay crafting, health screenings, bookmaking, and much more. The museum will also host the public opening of two new temporary outdoor sculptures, one by featured artist Renee Nunez and the other, a collaboration between Sara Madandar, Christina Coleman, and Jieun Beth Kim. Both pieces will remain on site for the year. Ney Day is a part of the West Austin Studio Tour and will be produced in collaboration with KUTX Radio, Texas Folklife, and Big Medium and with financial support from the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Austin Parks Foundation. Parking will be available nearby at the Hyde Park Christian Church on 45th Street east of Duval, but biking and walking are strongly encouraged!



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