

October Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, October 2, 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 October 2

- Announcements
- Richard Weiss, President, Weiss Architecture: Presentation on Alamo Drafthouse plans for the Baker School (pending purchase from AISD)
- HPNA Nominating Committee: Vote on slate of new officers and Steering Committee positions
- Brigid Shea, Travis County Commissioner: County Update (rescheduled from September meeting)

See You There!

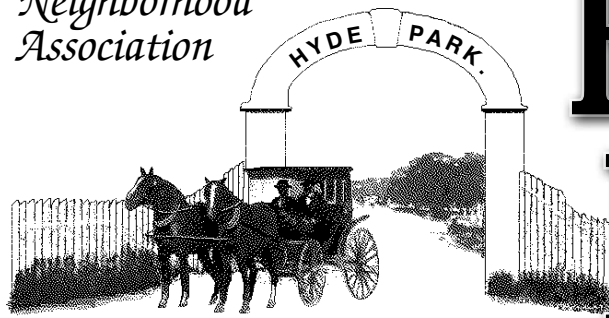
HPNA Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Candidates

The HPNA Nominating Committee would like to express its sincere gratitude on behalf of the neighborhood to the people who are doing the hard work to keep our association running well! The members of the HPNA Steering Committee dedicate their time as volunteers toward maintaining the wonderful character of our neighborhood, investing in community-building efforts, and facilitating the involvement and participation of other neighbors in community events and activities.

In particular, we want to express our deep appreciation to the Steering Committee members who will be rolling off the committee this year but who have generously invested their time, expertise, and energy into efforts that have benefited our community: Joan Burnham, Mark Fishman, Kathy Lawrence, and Paula Rhodes.

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It's Fire Station Festival Time!

Hello, Hyde Park residents! It's time for the 43rd Annual Hyde Park Fire Station Festival, and your dedicated committee has been working tirelessly to pull off the community-building, fire station-appreciating, toe-tapping good time that is the Fire Station Festival! Save Sunday, October 22, from 3:30 to 6 pm, for a Halloween parade and festival that will offer fun for all ages.

Meet at Shipe Park at 3:15 to join the parade of costumed families and pets, the McCallum Drum line, the Fire Station #9 truck, and other memorable neighborhood vehicles. The parade concludes at Fire Station #9 at 43rd Street and Speedway, where the festival begins at 4 pm. The parade is ably facilitated by committee member Judy Gurgiolo.

Younger neighbors will enjoy the Children's Activities area, where games and prizes will create fantastic memories of fun for the kids. This year, we feature a cookie decorating area sponsored by our wonderful neighborhood business, Quack's 43rd Street Bakery. Keep an eye out to decorate a fire truck cookie with a loved one! Tween and Teen neighbors will appreciate Joan Yamini's efforts to keep it cool with flash tattoos, henna, basketball hoops, and more.

Fit neighbors will enjoy the chance to show off their tire-pulling capabilities with an activity led by another great neighborhood business, Dane's Body Shop.

All neighbors will enjoy the live music, treats from local companies, and general festival setup championed by neighbors Jennifer Berbas, Ashley Aarons, Matt Ott, and Mary LaTouf. Also, please thank Matt Ott and Deaton Bednar for their efforts in marketing the event through the flyer, and thanks, as every year, to Anne Marie Grieger, who coordinates the book collection for BookSpring (see related item in "Around & About the Avenues").

Sarah Cook, HPNA Social Chair, has been champion of the entire festival this year! Sarah and the whole committee would like to suggest that you bring your own water bottle this year to reduce the amount of trash and recycling generated at the festival.

To play your part, consider the volunteering opportunities at signup.com/go/Nyspow.

We appreciate financial sponsor Grande Communications, who, with the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, helps defray the cost of the festival each year. Also, thanks go to Hyde Park Baptist Church for adding to a variety of aspects of the festival by providing chairs, Zippy the Clown, numerous volunteers, and large coolers.

See you on October 22 for this wonderful neighborhood tradition!

— Linda van Bavel

From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



As we write this letter, large portions of south Texas – Houston, Beaumont, and Rockport, along with too many other Texas cities – are recovering from the extensive damage left behind by Hurricane Harvey. Many of us have friends and family members who were personally affected by the storm. Both of Kevin’s sisters saw damage to their homes; one sister received up to 4 feet of water in her house.

Harvey and its aftermath have been much in the news for the past month, with a lot of the reporting focused on rescuers from both inside and outside the affected communities helping those in need. As one BBC reporter remarked, in a disaster, “a stranger becomes a friend.” Harvey also generated stories about government at all levels doing great work and performing heroic rescues. How often do we stop and take the time to say thank you and to express our appreciation and support for our own police, fire fighters, first responders, city staff, and elected officials who tirelessly serve our community? We all will depend on them if and when our city faces a disaster. So many private individuals and public servants have stepped up in the past weeks and helped to ease the recovery process after the hurricane. Harvey is a powerful reminder of our role as neighbors and citizens and of our need for government services in a time of crisis.

Harvey also raises questions about some of the decisions Texas and its cities made prior to the storm. For example, Houston’s lax development and zoning decisions are being seen in a different light these past weeks, as people wonder if more could have been done to avoid so much devastation. Some elected officials will be asked to re-think their views about climate change and to look more closely at corporate practices that can pollute the environment. And the recurring urban issues of affordable housing, homelessness, poverty, and economic development will continue to be part of every civic dialogue. Perhaps these issues will carry additional moral weight since Harvey has revealed the dark patches of desperation and inequity that are weakening the civic infrastructure of Houston and other cities. Do we not have the same problems in Austin? We all can be a part of crafting careful and considerate solutions to help those in need in our communities.

HPNA can and does play an active part in the dialogue about Austin’s future. Our goal should be to preserve what is best about Austin, without losing sight of the fact that what negatively impacts one part of the greater Austin community affects every part of the city. We can’t be complacent. We need to advocate for changes that will improve the sustainability, vitality, and safety of our neighborhood, our city, our state, our nation, and our planet. Harvey showed how citizens and their governments can perform at their

best under extremely difficult conditions. Will Harvey also teach us – once the hurricane recovery is over – that we all have much work to do if we want to make Austin the best possible city for everyone who lives here?

– Kevin Heyburn
Reid Long
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Exploring Hyde Park

The Story of the Shipe Park Log Cabin

Everyone is eager for construction to begin on the new Shipe Park pools and bathhouse. Despite some delays related to design adjustments and the permitting process, groundbreaking is still planned for late fall. The Friends of Shipe Park (FOSP) will provide a detailed timeline for construction as soon as the project managers provide the final information.

Meanwhile, FOSP is gearing up for a fund-raising campaign to completely restore the historic log cabin. Although the cabin will be outfitted with new ADA-accessible bathrooms, the budget for the pool renovation will not cover the much needed repair of the cabin's exterior, especially the roof. Hyde Park would hate to see the cabin neglected, while sitting surrounded by a new, fantastic pool complex. To begin a neighborhood conversation on how to restore the cabin, FOSP wanted to share some of the cabin's history with the neighborhood. This information is taken from a thorough assessment of the structure that was prepared by Limbacher and Godfrey Architects, who were part of the design team for the new pool.

The development of Shipe Park began in 1928 as part of a city-wide parks beautification program funded by a large public works bond issue. Within a few months of the bond election, the City Council authorized the purchase of the land from Monroe Shipe at a cost of \$6,500.

Hugo Kuehne, vice chairman of the newly established Parks Board, was among those who took an active role in the design and development of the park. Kuehne founded the School of Architecture at the University of Texas in 1910 and served as a professor until 1915. He continued to practice architecture in Austin until 1961, and he designed a wide range of notable residential, commercial, and public buildings including other shelter houses

at Little Stacy, Pease, Eastwoods, and West Austin Parks. The design of these shelter houses is attributed to Kuehne, based on photographs of them. The photograph shown here is from his personal files and is now archived at the Austin History Center.



Shipe Park Shelter House, shortly after construction (PICA 25574 Austin History Center, Austin Public Library)

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

Submission Information

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

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NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	20	18	19
AVERAGE SALES PRICE	\$564,709	\$532,583	\$615,250
AVERAGE SQ FT	1,508	1,912	1,661
AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$376.77	\$340.44	\$389.16
MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET	37 DAYS	40 DAYS	44 DAYS

All statistics & square footage are from Austin MLS for Single Family Residence taken 08/10/2017 from the Austin MLS. For detailed market information about your home, contact Sam Archer, Broker.



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News from the Ney

It's October! Fall is here!

To celebrate, the Elisabet Ney Museum begins its monthly program series on Saturday, October 14, at 1 pm with its annual Fall Landscape Tour! As always, if you are interested in setting up a native landscape in your yard, this is a great way to learn from the pros. You'll also discover the many species we have here at the Ney. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the Ney team up to bring you this in-depth look at the fall landscape through trained eyes.

Also, the Ney will host the Minor Mishap Marching Band in the Our World Music Festival at the Zilker Hillside Theatre on Sunday, October 22, from 4 to 7 pm. A showcase of music and dance from the many varied cultures in Austin, this free event is produced by the Ney and our various partners in the Museums and Cultural Programs Division of the

City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Additional performers include Mother Falcon, Taiko Drums, and many others. There will also be activities that reflect the global nature of the performances and booths representing each of the sites.

Finally, it is time once again for . . . The fourth First Annual POLKAPOCALYPSE! As you know, this is great fun and it all happens at the Ney. On Sunday, October 29, noon until 5:30, bands from all over Central Texas will participate, with Denton's Brave Combo remaining the perennial headliner. Bring your lederhosen, cowboy hat, and charro outfit because everyone will want to get up and dance to that Krazy Polka beat! There will also be costume contests, activities, food trucks, and more. Opa, vatos!

October Hyde Park Events



National Night Out

Join your neighbors at Towne Park Townhomes for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 3, from 7 to 9 pm, on the grassy lawn off Avenue H between 39th Street and 40th Street. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your favorite potluck dish and a yard chair. Come prepared to enjoy an evening socializing with friends from around the neighborhood.

Monthly Calendar October

- 2 — HPNA Meeting
- 3 — National Night Out
- 9 — Steering Committee Meeting
- 13 — Recycling Pickup
- 14 — Fall Landscape Tour at the Ney
- 21 — Second Annual Compost Art Contest
- 21 — Friends of Shipe Park Movie Night
- 22 — 43rd Annual Fire Station Festival
- 27 — Recycling Pickup
- 29 — Fourth 1st Annual POLKAPOCALYPSE at the Ney
- 29 — Hyde Park Baptist Church Family Fest

Second Annual Compost Art Contest

The Second Annual Compost Art Contest will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 21, from 1 to 4 pm, at 620 Fairfield Lane. This kid-friendly event is free and open to the public. Community and municipal groups will have tables and demonstrations to provide information about composting, gardening, and art. Compost materials will be provided, or you can bring your own. Prizes from local businesses will

be awarded in a variety of classes. Sponsorships and speakers were still being confirmed when this newsletter went to press.

"Make a smiley face out of that carrot peel! Compost art takes food scraps through an intermediate stage between the kitchen and the compost bin. It's a new, creative step in the gardening cycle," says event organizer Cindy Rellin. "With compost we are nourishing the earth! We complete the food cycle, in a creative way, with carrot peels, strawberries, celery sticks, watermelons, and apple cores. And it's on a local scale, right here in Hyde Park." For more information about the event, contact Cindy Rellin at 512-762-2580 or Cindy@CindyRellin.com.

Second Annual Shipe Fright Night Movie in the Park

The Second Annual Shipe Fright Night Movie in the Park will take place on Saturday, October 21, starting at 6 pm. The Friends of Shipe Park, with the sponsorship of Grande Communications, will be presenting *Paranormal*, an animated Halloween film about a kid with special powers. The movie will start at dusk, but come earlier to enjoy the food truck, popcorn, and all-ages costume contest with prizes. Bring a blanket or chair and prepare to enjoy the fun!

Hyde Park Baptist Church Family Fest

The annual Hyde Park Baptist Church Family Fest will take place on October 29, from 5 to 7:30 pm, in the parking lot south of the church (39th and Speedway). Family Fest welcomes hundreds of young families each year. Kids are invited to appear costumed for Halloween; and there will be great rides, games, bounce houses, snacks, and more to enjoy.

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Volunteer Opportunities in the Neighborhood. The HPNA communications team is looking for volunteers! Specifically, we need two people willing to deliver bundles of the *Pecan Press* to volunteers each month and one person interested in updating and continuing to develop the HPNA website. For information, contact Betsy Clubine (betsyclubine@gmail.com, 512-808-9666).



Hyde Park Responds to Harvey. While Hyde Park was far enough inland to avoid the kind of devastation that Hurricane Harvey inflicted on Houston, recent experiences with flooding in our neighborhood did inspire a certain hypervigilance. We thank HPNA co-Vice President Betsy Clubine for checking with The Triangle about the status of its retention pond and serving as the point of contact for anyone who noticed flooding from the Triangle, Reid Long for serving as the point of contact for anyone who noticed flooding from the Intramural Fields, and the HPNA Flooding Committee for monitoring the situation.

We thank the Hyde Park Baptist Church for offering its parking garage as a possible refuge from the storm for Hyde Park residents if the situation ending up requiring it. HPBC also partnered with other churches in Austin to assemble Welcome Kits for people displaced by Hurricane Harvey.



Volunteers Stuff Backpacks for Harvey-Displaced Kids

We also recognize Hyde Parkers Chad and Kori Crow for initiating the 24 BackPacks Project. Chad and Kori realized that kids displaced by Harvey, currently living in evacuation centers in Austin and soon to be enrolled in AISD, would need school supplies, so they got to work. Their announcement of the 24 BackPacks Project led to an outpouring of financial support to buy backpacks and supplies, and they called on friends and neighbors to help assemble the backpacks. Thanks to their efforts, around 1000 displaced school kids will have the pencils, glue, rulers, and other things they need to successfully participate in class in Austin schools.

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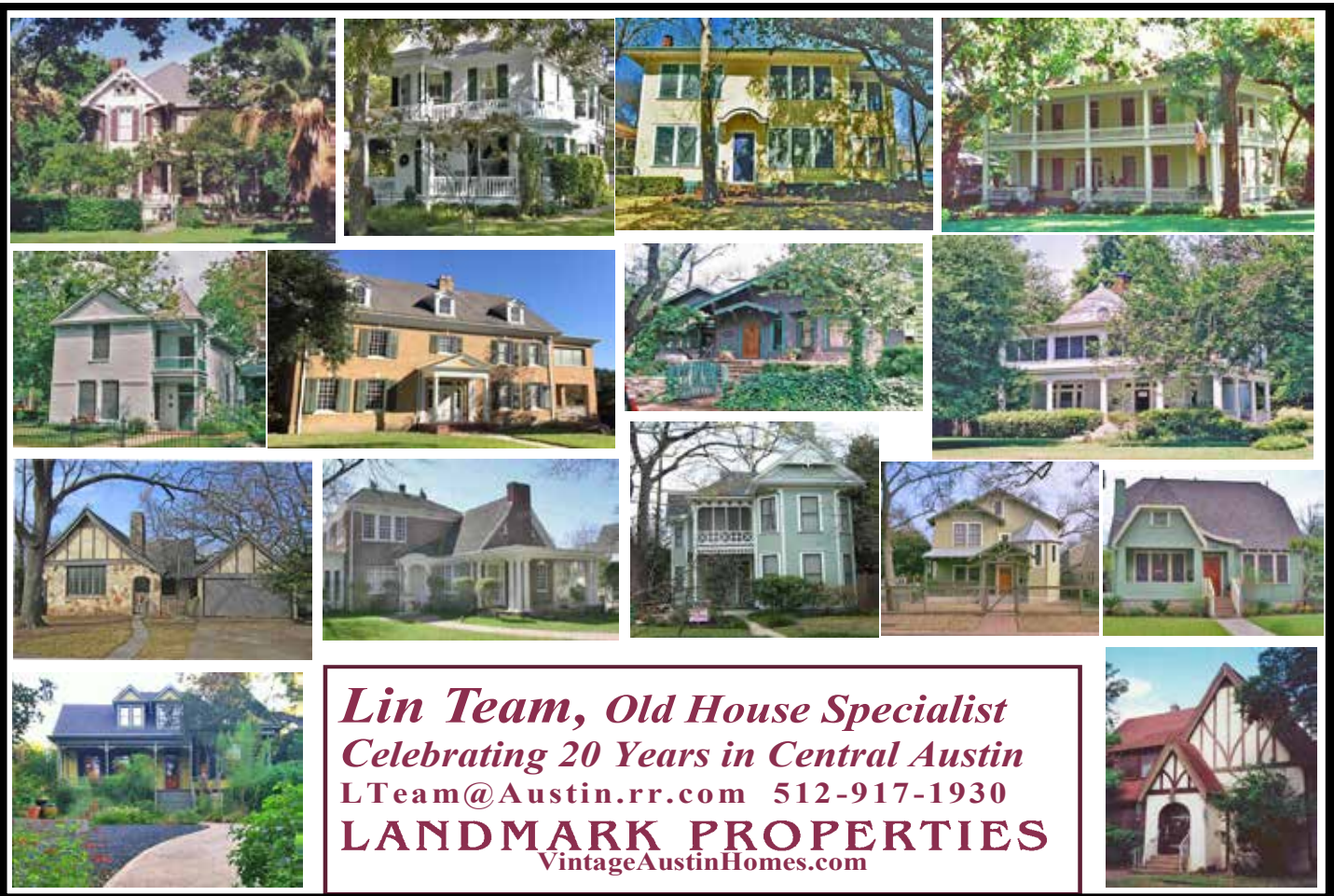
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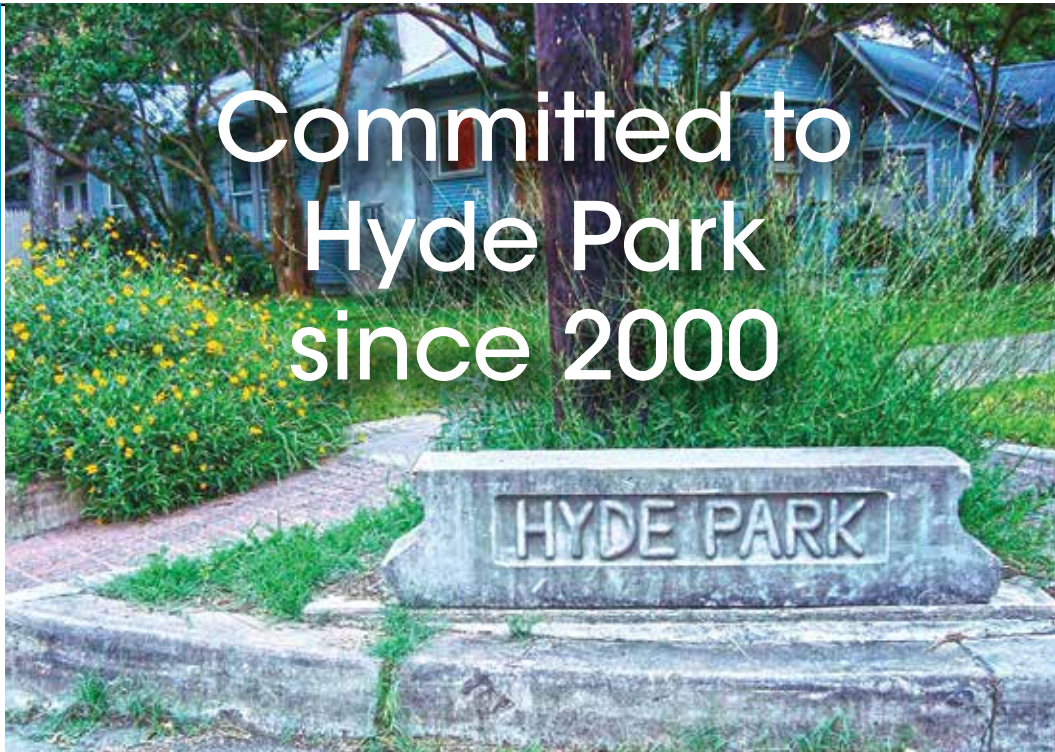
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Changes Coming to ASH. The original 1857 Austin State Hospital building, the focal point of a Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour several years ago, is finally going to be the object of restoration efforts. James Recek, Project Manager with Facilities Maintenance and Construction, the entity that handles renovations and repairs for all state hospitals and state-supported living centers across Texas, reports that money was approved to work on two areas of the structure, the front portico and the west entrance. He is working with Elizabeth Brummett, state coordinator for project review at the Texas Historical Commission, and Austin contractor Braun-Butler Construction.

Work on the portico will begin by scaffolding up its front and sides. That will be followed by lead paint abatement, examination of rotted areas, and repair or replacement as necessary, using materials that match the existing shapes and sizes of the structure. Finally, the portico will be primed and repainted, using colors based on old photos and advice from the Texas Historical Commission.

The west entrance – a stone porch with stone steps and an archway – will be taken apart and documented. Failing that, they will shape new stones to match the current ones to ensure replication of the original structure.



Hyde Park Mother Recognized. On September 1, 2017, the Local Mama Feature on *LiveMom.com* featured Hyde Parker Anne Hebert. Writer Kristin Vanderhey Shaw asked Anne, the mother of two and regular volunteer for Keep Austin Fed, what she liked best about Austin and what she would change if she could, to which Anne replied, “I love its creative and entrepreneurial soul. I would slow down its growth, or at least make sure that the city’s growth preserves its unique character – from its historic and iconic buildings, to its funky neighborhoods to its eclectic mix of people.” Read the entire interview at www.livemom.com/local-mama-feature-anne-hebert/.



Hyde Park Featured on Visit Austin. On August 28, 2017, Visit Austin, the website associated with the Austin Visitor Center, posted the blog feature “Historic Austin: Hyde Park.” Writer Christine Felton described Hyde Park’s origins: “In 1891, Hyde Park was a remote neighborhood from downtown Austin. Streetcar service made it possible for Austin’s first suburbanites to settle in the quiet, rural area. ... Today, Hyde Park is considered part of Central Austin, but its residents continue to take pride in their neighborhood’s unique identity.” Felton called out Elisabet Ney Studio and Museum, Shipe Park, Hancock Golf Course, Avenue B Grocery, Shadow Lawn Historic District, the various restaurants and shops in the 43rd and Duval Street area, and some of the establishments along Guadalupe. To read the entire feature, go to www.austintexas.org/austin-insider-blog/post/historic-austin-hyde-park.

Fire Station Festival Supports BookSpring. Again this year, the Fire Station Festival will support BookSpring by collecting and donating books. The mission of BookSpring is to provide reading experiences, tools, and books to children and their families to encourage children to develop a desire to read and succeed in school and life. New or gently used books for children, infant through young adult, are needed. Bring books for donation to Fresh Plus at 43rd Street and Duval any time between September 17 and October 21, or bring books to the Fire Station Festival on October 22 and place them in the BookSpring donation box. If you have any questions, please contact Anne-Marie Griger at annemariegriger@gmail.com.



MPT Tovo’s Office Comes to the Aid of Hyde Park Bicyclists. In early August, Hyde Park resident Matt Manning reported on NextDoor that bicyclists at the 45th Street and Speedway intersection were being put in danger because a leafy tree branch was blocking the traffic light for drivers going east. A call to 311 did not result in any assistance. Hyde Park resident Sumit Guha recommended contacting the office of District 9 Council Member Kathie Tovo. Just over two weeks later, Matt reported that MPT Tovo’s staff had reached out to him and worked to resolve the problem. In his words, “The offending limb was removed.” He thanked Sumit for the suggestion and MPT Tovo’s staff for the help. We also thank MPT Tovo’s office for watching out for our bicyclists, as well as our pedestrians and drivers.

Unfortunately, despite everyone’s best efforts, approximately a month after Matt’s posting, an accident occurred at the intersection when a driver ran a red light. Hyde Parkers, especially those of you on foot and bicycle, be careful.



APD Seeks Hyde Park Feedback. Officer Chris Renzi, assigned to the Baker sector (which includes Hyde Park), is carrying out a project designed to bridge gaps between APD and the communities it serves. He will be meeting with business leaders, community leaders, and citizens as well as attending community meetings and events. To carry out his project, he is asking citizens to respond openly and honestly to a survey about police effectiveness and interactions of residents with police. The survey asks about satisfaction with the performance of APD in the Hyde Park neighborhood, crime issues in the neighborhood, interactions with patrol officers in the neighborhood, and Community Policing efforts. He is happy to pick up completed surveys from residents. To receive a copy of the survey, contact him at Christopher.renzi@austin-texas.gov.



AISD Bond Issue Open Houses. Austin ISD is hosting a series of informational open houses to educate Austinites about the 2017 bond issue and how it would affect different school campuses.

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Meetings run from 5:30 to 7:30, they are designed in a come-and-go format, and presentations on the bond begin at 5:45 and 6:45. Some of the meetings will be past by the time this newsletter appears, but these will still be upcoming: September 19 – Eastside Memorial EC HS cafeteria, September 21 – Lanier ECHS cafeteria, September 26 – McCallum High School cafeteria, September 18 – Travis ECHS cafeteria, October 3 – Austin High School cafeteria, October 5 – Crockett ECHS cafeteria, October 10 – LBJ ECHS cafeteria, October 12 – Reagan ECHS cafeteria, and October 17 – Rosedale cafeteria (meeting for special campuses).

In addition, there will be a districtwide meeting on October 21, 11 am to 1 pm, with presentations at 11:15 and 12:15, at the Carruth Administration Center Board Room, and it will include interpretation into American Sign Language, Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, and Vietnamese.

All Austinites are welcome at all meetings, regardless of location. All meetings will include child care, light refreshments, and simultaneous Spanish presentations. For additional information, visit AISDFuture.com, email future@austinisd.org, or call 512-414-9595.



Shipe Park Improvement Project Updates. Friends of Shipe Park has continued to work closely with City of Austin staff on the various park improvement projects in process right now. The pool replacement project permit process is slowly moving forward, and although the pace is not what they had hoped for, they can report the staff is continuing to make progress on a new pool for ShipePark. However, there is a possibility that the planned opening of the pool in 2018 will be delayed. The inner workings of this process are complex, and more definite information about the construction process and timeline are pending. With that in mind, they would like to direct questions about this effort to a single point of contact in their group: Jill Nokes is available to follow up about neighbors' questions and concerns and can be reached at jill@jillnokes.com.

Their work on behalf of the park this fall goes beyond the pool replacement. They are working to secure grant funding to do a major renovation of the historic Log Cabin (see the article on page 3). They are also laying the groundwork for an eventual relocation of the big swings to an area that does not negatively impact the heritage post oak tree. All of these efforts are in the works as collaborations between Friends of Shipe Park and the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. Stay tuned for more on all of these projects, and FOSP thanks Hyde Park as always for its engagement and support!



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Reid Long, co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. He mentioned that, in memory of the events of 9/11/2001, it was a National Day of Service, and he thanked all those in attendance for their service to the community.

As is customary at the General Meeting, new attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Officers Renzi and Jiminelli from the Austin Police Department were in attendance. As officers who spend time in Hyde Park, they are interested in how they can better serve the community, particularly as patrol officers. They brought a survey to gather information towards that end.

The co-Presidents followed with introductory remarks:

- Kevin Heyburn mentioned that Tuesday, October 3, will be National Night Out. There will be an informal gathering at Avenue H near 40th Street.
- Reid Long mentioned that AISD is in negotiations with Alamo Draffhouse concerning the Baker School property. The plan is to move their corporate headquarters to about half of the school building, housing non-profit organizations and other community-directed organizations in the other half. In addition, the plan includes a building with apartment or condominium units on the side of the property nearest Guadalupe Street. More to come on this as time moves forward.

Dusty Harshman and Cherylann Campbell then made a presentation as volunteers from AISD Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee (FABPAC) concerning the upcoming AISD bond proposal that will be on this year's ballot. Some major points include the following:

- FABPAC has tried to take a long view of providing the best possible educational opportunities for Austin's children.
- They seek to provide "21st-Century learning spaces without a tax rate increase."
- The core ideals are as follows:
 - Schools should serve as hubs for the community. Future school design and modernization should be done with this in mind.
 - Design for flexibility. Different kinds of activities require different kinds of spaces.
 - Integrate technology into the environment. Make it pervasive but not intrusive.
- Because of the mechanics of school finance in Texas, bond issues are the most efficient way to update school facilities.
- The plan is to be able to modernize across the

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city, especially given that many of our existing schools are older buildings and need considerable work. Schools will be added as needed, as population patterns change over time.

- There is a targeted utilization plan with the intent of examining school enrollments and consolidating schools when that is perceived to be the best option.
- There will be a single bond issue (\$1.05 billion) for 16 new or significantly modernized schools and infrastructure remediation.
- There will be no increase in tax rate.
- There is significant work that needs to be done whether the bond passes or not. This proposition should make it more efficient.

A brief question-and-answer period followed.

Q: Is there a facility renewal model?

A: There will be campus-by-campus decisions, but there are objective criteria: Assess the current conditions and determine its needs.

Q: Is there an online resource showing where the money will be spent from this bond?

A: Not specifically, though the information is available.

Q: What effect will zoning have on the future of the schools?

A: A great one, but just how that will work is unknown.

Q: What is the risk here?

A: It is believed to be low-risk. The assumptions are conservative, assuming a property value rise of approximately 2% per annum. In addition, AISD has a good credit rating, which lessens the cost of money to them.

Q: More info?

A: *AISDFuture.com*.

Adam Wilson then presented the report from the Nominating Committee, on behalf of John Williams, Kathy Lawrence, and Kevin Heyburn.

Deep Appreciation for outgoing Steering Committee members:

- Joan Burnham
- Mark Fishman
- Kathy Lawrence
- Paula Rhodes

Nominated officers:

- President: Reid Long
- Co-Vice President: Sarah Cook
- Co-Treasurer: Lorre Weidlich

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- Co-Vice President Betsy Clubine
- Secretary Susan Marshall
- Co-Treasurer Suzanne Walker

Welcome and appreciation for new volunteer, Bonnie Neel, who will be helping the association in support of the Secretary

Nominated for at-large seats on the Steering Committee:

- Artie Gold
- Lisa Harris
- Kevin Heyburn – Immediate Past President
- Charlie Sawtelle
- Phil Seibert (one year term)

Mid-term and continuing at-large Steering Committee members:

- Karin Wilkins
- Sharon Brown

Adam also presented an update concerning Shipe Park and Pool:

- As we know, the pool did not open this year due to leakage and other issues.
- Construction was supposed to start as soon as the season ended.
- The community went through a reasonable process with the designers; we were able to maintain the overall size of the pool. Unfortunately, this created a need to infringe upon the right-of-way – the utility zone – in order to do the construction, requiring some negotiation between different city departments. The following resulted:
 - Construction has not started.
 - The project will likely not be completed by the beginning of next season.
 - Most likely, it will not open at all next summer.
- In other disappointing news, Friends of Shipe Park submitted a grant proposal for \$100,000 to the Parks Foundation for the repair and renovation of the Log Cabin. They did not receive that grant. They are now applying for a smaller grant (\$50,000) to at least remediate the Log Cabin's condition.
- There will, however, be two It's My Park Days this year as well as a movie in the park around Halloween. Details on both will be forthcoming.

Some announcements followed:

- Kevin Heyburn discussed the upcoming Homes Tour, which will be on November 12. Volunteers are needed both to serve as docents at the various houses on the tour and in a myriad of other functions. Volunteers get a free ticket (the price is going up to \$25 this year) as well as an invitation to the follow-up party.

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The shelter house at Shipe Park is different from the others because of its rustic cedar-log exterior, perhaps inspired by a log cabin that existed on Avenue G at the time of the construction of Shipe Park. The two pens of the dogtrot log cabin flank a central breezeway, which was intended to be used for play and performances. These community activities continue today, when piñatas are hung from the rafters of the breezeway and picnic tables are arranged for birthday parties or when the breezeway serves as a stage for live music at It's My Park Day events.

The log cabin was built in 1930 and was the first of several structures built for play and recreation at Shipe Park. The Recreation Department held organized play programs during the summer months. The adjacent wading pool was opened at the site in 1932 or 1933.

The Shipe Park swimming pool was built in 1934, using \$1,500 of materials and equipment provided by the City of Austin. Labor was provided through the Civil Works Administration, or CWA, one of many relief-era programs available to Austin at the time. The pool opened on May 15, 1934, making it one of the oldest neighborhood pools in Austin.

The major issues of the log cabin are related to the structural degradation of the roof framing and the related deterioration of the wood shingle roof and decking. The log walls show some deterioration due to possible insect boring activity and to rodent damage. The chinking material between the logs is uneven or missing and needs to be replaced using uniform material, according to historic preservation guidelines.

Despite many years of deferred maintenance – one of many unfortunate outcomes of an underfunded Parks and Recreation Department – the Log Cabin is a remarkable and beloved structure unique to Shipe Park. Its preservation and maintenance should be a prime concern for the Hyde Park community.

Want to learn more and get involved? Check the FOSP Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofshipepark/) and the FOSP website (shipepark.org/author/friendsofshipepark/), or contact Jill Nokes at jill@jillnokes.com.

– Jill Nokes



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Slate of Candidates...

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We respectfully submit the following slate of candidates to serve on the HPNA Steering Committee in the coming year:

- President: Reid Long
- Co-Vice President: Sarah Cook
- Co-Treasurer: Lorre Weidlich
- At-Large Member: Artie Gold
- At-Large Member: Charlie Sawtelle
- At-Large Member: Kevin Heyburn (Immediate Past President)
- At-Large Member: Lisa Harris
- At-Large Member: Phil Seibert (one year term)

We are delighted with this group, which balances long-time HPNA leaders with members who will bring new perspectives and new energy to our leadership team. The election for the above candidates will be held at the General Meeting on October 2.

The Nominating Committee would also like to thank Bonnie Neel who, although she lives just outside the boundaries of Hyde Park, has volunteered to support the association and act as our co-Secretary. We are thrilled to have her help and support in the work of the association!

Respectfully submitted,

– Adam Wilson, John Williams, Kathy Lawrence, and Kevin Heyburn
HPNA Nominating Committee



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- Voter registration is important! Are you new in the neighborhood? Register! Change of address? Register!
- The fiscal year for HPNA ends on September 30th. Renew your membership or become a new member!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm by Reid Long.



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