

June Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 2, 2014

Where: The Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for June 2

- ◆ **Announcements**
- ◆ **Resolution to the City of Austin regarding permitting errors related to the Adams House**
 - ⊕ *Presentation of resolution from HPNA Steering Committee*
 - ⊕ *Possible revisions to the resolution and voting by membership*
 - ⊕ *Timing and method of delivery of the resolution to various city offices*
- ◆ **Secondary dwelling units and infill tools: Continuing the conversation**

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A Better Use for Hancock Green Space

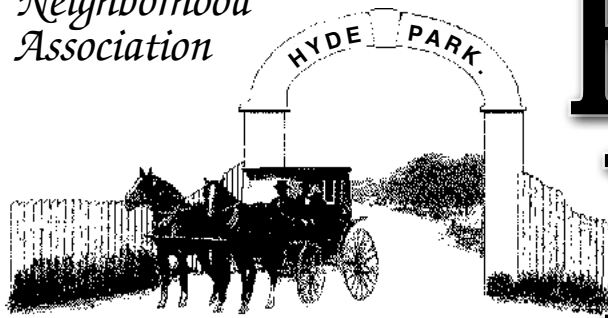
Today, like just about any other beautiful spring day, I witnessed 23 parents and about the same number of children at the soccer field which is crammed into the northeast corner of the large tract of land known as the Hancock Golf Course. Playing golf: less than a dozen people. These numbers are typical of many days throughout the year: two to four times the soccer players as golfers on 10% of the land for soccer and 90% for golf.

Sometimes I see young adults in what appear to be pickup soccer games. I think this is an unauthorized use of the field, which contributes to the premature seasonal destruction of the turf. Yet the parents of the pickup players pay the same taxes for this land as do the golfers, as do you and I. They no doubt feel entitled to their public land.

I've long considered Hancock to be a jewel in the neighborhood

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District 9 Candidates Speak at HPNA Forum



District 9 candidates address questions in front of a large turnout of neighbors.
Photo by Adam Wilson

At its May meeting, HPNA hosted a discussion between District 9 council candidates Kathie Tovo and Chris Riley. Erin McGann, a more recently announced candidate for District 9, and any other candidate who emerges will be invited to a similar HPNA forum at a later date to be determined. Official filing for candidates does not start until July 21.

The discussion consisted of opening remarks, questions crafted by the HPNA Steering Committee and submitted to the candidates beforehand, questions from the audience, and closing remarks.

Candidates' answers are excerpted below. The questions are italicized. Because of space considerations, I elected to concentrate on the questions crafted by the Steering Committee. Those interested in hearing the entire discussion can contact

me for the audio file (lweidlich@mail-2sevenseas.com) – Lorre Weidlich.

Please share your thoughts regarding the role of the city manager in the new 10-1 form of city governance. Does a strong city manager enhance or limit single district council members in providing constituent services? How could the relationship between the city manager and council members be improved?

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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



Austin is in the early stages of a highly significant election campaign – the first one under the 10-1 system – and, as part of the new District 9, Hyde Park is certainly invested in the outcome. Our May meeting, featuring two declared District 9 candidates, Kathie Tovo and Chris Riley, was well attended and highly informative. We want to thank Adrian Skinner for his work organizing the program.

In future meetings, look forward to hearing from the candidates for Austin mayor as well as from anyone else who declares candidacy for the District 9 City Council seat. Our vice presidents are committed to providing programs that inform our membership about the events that are shaping our city and our neighborhood.

Between the political campaigns, issues on the horizon, and

the Texas climate, it's going to be a long, hot summer. Transportation, in the form of a light rail initiative, is likely to be on the ballot in November. Although occupancy limits are now in effect for the next two years, other issues related to densification have arisen in the neighborhood. We're all going to need that ice cream social in August to cool down!

We have several people to thank for recent neighborhood

social events. Michelle Rossomondo and Tim Luyet have established the Egg Scramble as a regular, recurring Hyde Park event, much to the joy of all the children in the 'hood and much to the satisfaction of the beloved Bunny, who has pledged to appear annually. I. Jay Aarons has offered his garage as a storage space for Fire Station Festival supplies, to the cheers of the Festival team. Hyde Park is fortunate to have committed volunteers who carry out the activities that make it a community.

– Kevin Heyburn & Lorre Weidlich, HPNA Co-Presidents

Letters Dept.

More Concern about Occupancy Limits

Dear Mr. Editor,

Erika Kinder's article in the May issue ["Occupancy Limits: A Divergent View"] moved me so much that I wanted to write you. My significant other and I live in Hyde Park in one of the duplexes that Erika speaks of—we're both working professionals who inhabit a duplex with a kindly middle-aged married couple. We love living here and love our neighbors.

We also don't fit into the idea of college students living together in a stealth dorm. I suspect that the majority of us are not rowdy college students. I laud Erika for speaking for many of us who live in duplexes, who don't have crazy parties, who hang out with their neighbors and feel like they are a part of the Hyde Park community.

I too, fear that we will eventually be forced out of Hyde Park. It hurts to think that the community that we bought sno-cones from, the community we talk to when we go on our walks through the neighborhood will eventually tell us that we are no longer welcome here. Thank you, Erika, for your amazing job summarizing my feelings on occupancy limits.

— Chelsea Hostetter

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The Proposal for Secondary Dwelling Units on Small Lots: A Report from the Contact Team Meeting

On April 28, The Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (HPNPCT) held an open forum for neighbors to consider an amendment to the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan that would allow secondary dwelling units on residential lots of 5750 sq. ft. or more. For most of Hyde Park today, the minimum lot size for a secondary dwelling unit is 7000 sq. ft.

The HPNPCT is a group of individuals designated to be the stewards or advocates of their adopted neighborhood plan. They work with city staff towards the implementation of their recommendations, review and initiate plan amendments, serve as community points of contact, and work on behalf of other neighborhood stakeholders. A contact team is different from a neighborhood association. The latter generally takes on a wider range of neighborhood issues, while the former focuses on implementing the neighborhood plan.

The recent meeting was the first step in determining whether stakeholders in Hyde Park support the idea of allowing secondary dwelling units (SDUs) on lots smaller than now allowed, and the issues that might stand in

the way of this being adopted by neighbors. After introductory remarks from Pete Gilcrease, Contact Team chair, there were presentations and remarks from Michael Gatto, Larry Gilg, and Bill Spelman. Time was then allotted for questions and expressions of concern from among the 75 attendees.

Michael Gatto, an architect with the Austin Community Design and Development Center, is a principal in the Alley Flats Initiative (AFI) in Austin, a collaborative project of The Austin Community Design and Development Center, The University of Texas Center for Sustainable Development, and The Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation. The long-term objective of the Alley Flat Initiative is to create an adaptive and self-perpetuating delivery system for sustainable and affordable housing in Austin. The "delivery system" would include not only efficient housing designs constructed with sustainable technologies, but also innovative methods of financing and home ownership that benefit all neighborhoods in Austin. Michael presented information on several housing types built as secondary dwelling units in the past several years and discussed issues with site development regulations, funding models and demographics that illustrate how affordable housing units in Austin have been forced to the margins of the city since 1998. Michael's presentation can be downloaded from the Contact Team Yahoo group website <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/HydeParkContactTeam/files/>.

This was followed by my presentation on the specific proposal up for discussion at the meeting, with some

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13 — Recycling Collection

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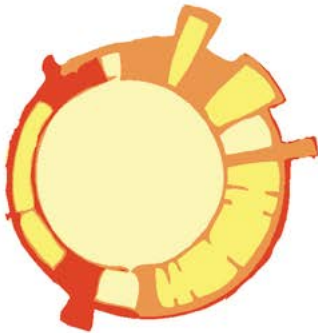
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Councilmember Chris Riley (CR): One of my frustrations is that the City Council in its current at-large system has not really done that well in regard to city services. When I was growing up, Jake Pickle was always a mentor. One thing that he was known for was his great constituent services. This council has had a harder time doing that. I'm hopeful with this new 10-1 system that there will be a councilmember to go to, someone whom you know. This council member needs to be responsive, needs to go to the city manager, and needs to know that he is going to get a good response.

I think that the city manager needs to be proactive about providing information to the council. We've had some issues with that over the way things have been working. The manager needs to be responsive when the council acts; we need to get a good and timely response.

The last thing I'll say is that the manager needs to be open to change, especially at this time as we enter a new system. Our citizens have clearly indicated that they want a change in the way our city government is handled. Our manager frankly has not been that open to change in the past. Staff don't feel free to speak up. We need to get better about embracing change, both within city staff and in regard to changes requested by council members.

Council Member Kathie Tovo (KT): A lot of our job really is constituent services. One of the things my staff spends a lot of time doing is responding to various queries that come in. It is really important to have a city manager whose staff understands that they need to work with us a little more directly.

The question asks about a strong city manager form of government and some people have asked about whether it would be appropriate to consider at this point a strong mayor form of government. I really support the balance as it currently exists; but there is at times a tension between the city manager and the administrative functions of the city and the council and its policies. Our city manager has several times said he has not worked in a city where the council brought forth so many initiatives and that just shocked me. Part of how we respond to our constituents' needs is by introducing initiatives or responding with new programs or other kinds of resources that we feel are appropriate. He indicated to me that in the previous cities those kinds of things really came through the staff or it came through more of a committee function.

I feel that our elected officials need to be accountable to the people. They need to be able to respond to the needs that they see in the community. [She discussed two examples: cemetery cleanup and a safer housing initiative.] In the new system, I think the current balance we have works but we have to elect council members who are going to stand up and say, My constituents want this to be a public discussion and we are going to put it on the agenda.

A recent neighborhood poll revealed that two issues that concern Hyde Park residents the most are neighborhood preservation and development. Other central Austin neighborhoods have also indicated that these issues are a

concern in District 9. Older, affordable single-family homes continue to be lost as developers replace them with poorly formed new houses, super duplexes, and other structures that are out of character in our neighborhoods. What have you done during your career as a council member to preserve the character of central Austin neighborhoods? What do you plan to do if elected as the District 9 representative?

KT: I got involved in local issues through my neighborhood association (Bouldin Creek). We had tremendous development pressures. There was a lot of discussion within the neighborhood about how we could preserve the character of that 'hood. Long before I was on council, neighborhood preservation was a focus of mine. I was involved as a citizen down at city hall advocating for the McMansion ordinance, and a lot of other zoning and land use issues, and also as a planning commissioner.

As a council member, I have stood with neighborhoods time and time again on controversial zoning cases that I thought really threatened neighborhood preservation and character. [She discussed two examples: the rezoning of property in the Allendale-Brentwood area for Little Woodrows and an amendment to the downtown Austin plan.] Austin will grow but it is up to us to decide how it does and make sure it happens in accord with our community values.

CR: I was president of the neighborhood association downtown for five years. I was appointed to the Planning Commission; I served there for six years including two years as its chair. When it comes to neighborhood preservation, even going beyond zoning cases, I have always strived to be accessible and responsive to neighborhoods. There are so many issues about neighborhoods that go well beyond any particular zoning case. There are issues about noise that come up; there are issues about parking. [He gave examples of issues for which he sponsored resolutions: relocation of billboards, noise from refrigerator trucks, notification of a contact team whenever fee in lieu was approved instead of a sidewalk being built, and extension of the life of demolition permits.]

One area that has been a particular interest of mine is dealing with parking issues and that continues to be a big problem, especially in areas that are close to a commercial corridor. I sponsored the ordinance implementing a parking benefits district program that's now in place in places like West Campus. Now, as a result of that program, they are generating hundreds of thousands of dollars per year that they are putting toward creating a better sidewalk network.

The cost of living, and housing in particular, continues to rise in Austin. It seems that our secret is out – Austin is a great place to live – yet affordability continues to be a challenge in the face of rising demand for centrally located housing. Please share your views on housing affordability and what you would do as the district representative to address the imbalance between supply and demand,

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create affordable housing opportunities for low income households, and help prevent current residents from being taxed out of their homes. What is your approach to balance affordability with preservation of neighborhood character?

CR: This is a huge issue and at the top of our list. A lot of it came up in the context of the occupancy limits ordinance that we put in place. I was a co-sponsor of that item. We needed to put that in place but it really wasn't going to address the underlying problem. The underlying problem is that there is a huge pressure, development pressure, on the area. A lot of people want to live around here and they want to live in places that are fairly close to the university and the central city, and they are willing to live in fairly small units. We are going to see those pressures manifest in other sorts of ways.

And in order to really address the problem we have got to make meaningful progress towards the goals that are set out there in our comprehensive plan. It envisions a variety of housing options available all across the city to meet the changing needs and preferences of our ever-growing and changing population. We've got a lot of great single-family housing; we've got some medium size apartment buildings; we've got some high rises in West Campus and downtown, but there's not a lot in between. Other cities have a broad spectrum of what they call the missing middle type of housing options that include things like row houses and triplexes and 4-plexes. That's the sort of thing that we're going to have to get better at allowing here in Austin. I've been sponsoring efforts to make more housing options available all across the city [He discussed micro-units as an option.]

One option I think we should be considering is easing up on some of the parking requirements. If someone is willing to live in a smaller unit and give up their car, that option ought to be available to them at least in some place like a transit corridor. [He discussed other examples of housing options that included not owning a car.]

West Campus has been kind of a laboratory for a lot of creative affordable housing options. [He discussed the fee in lieu program used in West Campus.] We've had a lot of success with other affordability programs elsewhere.

KT: On council, I've been very supportive of our affordable housing efforts. When the bond failed in 2012, I advocated that we find some money within our surplus of that year to provide some matching money for some of the projects that wouldn't have happened otherwise. A few meetings ago I sponsored a resolution to look at several tracts of publicly owned land and to look at them across a variety of criteria to see which might be available for the development of family-friendly housing. One of the criteria I identified had to do with our schools. One of the ways that the city can really work with school districts to try to effect changes is to look at the areas of town where we have those under-enrolled schools, which are primarily in the central city, and try to put some family-friendly housing in there.

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One of the frustrations for me was watching the council not use the tools that we had in our toolbox. [She discussed two examples: the downtown density bonus program and how developers ask for rezoning instead of using that program and the planned unit development program, which requires a community benefit, one of which is affordable housing.] We have tremendous development taking place throughout our community and it's appropriate to ask, as people are asking, if developers are coming forward and asking to build a higher building, a bigger building, and that's compatible and appropriate given their context, we should be asking for them to help us meet this huge gap in housing in our community.

Then I want to address the parts of the question that talked about current residents being taxed out of their homes. In the last budget cycle, we did a lot of work to try to keep that tax rate level. It wasn't easy and it took several of us really combing through that budget identifying places for cuts. There are other things we need to keep our eye on such as utility rates. I fought back against the huge Austin Energy rate increase. We do invest as a city in incentives for businesses. At a time when lots of businesses are coming to Austin without those, I think we need to seriously reevaluate whether or not to support them and provide public resources in the form of incentives. I certainly have supported some incentives, but the last few, I haven't, because I think we are at a point in Austin where we're experiencing such growth—it's such an appealing place to come—that we don't need to provide those.



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preliminary data on the number of lots and population of Hyde Park. This presentation is also online on the website cited just above.

The number of new residents that this proposal will realistically bring to the neighborhood is about the same as the population decline in Hyde Park from 2000 to 2010. Developed by Hyde Park Residents, the Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) is an overlay to the city's zoning code that provides specific land use regulations for Hyde Park. The NCCDs currently allow SDUs on lots as small as 5900 sq. ft. in certain areas of the neighborhood. This proposal would require an amendment to the NCCDs to allow SDUs on all lots greater than 5750 sq. ft. Among the reasons for making this proposal are the following:

- Create new housing units while respecting the look and scale of the single-family neighborhood
- Make more efficient, low impact and sustainable use of land and infrastructure
- Provide a mix of housing that responds to changing family needs and smaller households
- Serve as a means for residents, particularly seniors, single parents, and families with grown children, to remain in their homes and maintain connections to the security, companionship and resources that they have developed in the neighborhood
- Provide a means for adult children to give care and support to a parent in a semi-independent living arrangement
- Help ensure that Hyde Park remains a walkable community, with neighborhood businesses, churches, public services and civic organizations that can rely on neighbors' patronage for their viability.

City of Austin Councilmember Bill Spelman was the final presenter and reinforced some of the statistics that were presented earlier about the growth of Austin and the resulting housing needs. He emphasized the necessity for getting input from a broad group of stakeholders and to make sure we work to address concerns that arise.

Following these comments, we opened the floor to questions and concerns. Among the concerns raised at the meeting were

- Fear that developers will demo existing homes and build a "stealth dorm" on the site
- The property tax increase on residential lots with the addition of an SDU is too high to make the finances work
- It not clear that this addresses the affordable housing issue
- Traffic and parking in Hyde Park will get worse
- The number of new units that could be built is nowhere near the number needed
- The city should focus on more housing options in transit-oriented developments with much higher

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- density along corridors outside the neighborhood
- UT should provide housing for its students
- Previous attempts to work with UT have not produced good outcomes.

The Contact Team plans to follow up with a questionnaire for those who attended the meeting to determine the level of support for the proposal, and to make sure concerns are noted and addressed. An expanded questionnaire will be posted on SurveyMonkey (<https://surveymonkey.com/s/secondarydwellingunits/>) from June 15 to July 15. Please let me know if I've missed something in this report (lgilg@grandecom.net).

— Larry Gilg

Editor's Note: For a related article, see "Infill in Hyde Park" on p. 11.

Hyde Park Poets —

Summer Night Hill

We found some high hills
 With golden grass fields
 And their shafts all bent down
 In waves where the wind willed,
 And overhead shone a fine moon,
 So full and wide
 That you could see the moonlight
 Right through your closed eyes.

We slept without shelter,
 Through that soft summer night;
 Tall grass our bedding
 As we laid out of sight.
 Then the does came out
 And danced around us,
 Jumped over me too,
 As we laid as still as prairie driftwood
 And drank in this view.
 No sweeter vision was I ever to see,
 Than that lunar-lit Eden,
 With grasses like seas.

Seek as I have, try as I may
 To live again the magic
 I found and lost that day.
 For when you're sixteen
 You drink awfully deep
 Of all experience that seems played out
 Upon precipices so steep.

You can't touch the beauty.
 It blows away like sand.
 When you try to explain,
 It slips through your hands.
 It's forty years now,
 But I still dream;
 I wander those hills
 And drink from that stream.

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AVERAGE SOLD \$/SQ FT	\$263.06	\$289.17	9.93%
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Infill in Hyde Park: Some Cautionary Considerations

The infill option of allowing secondary dwelling units on lots smaller than what is now legally allowed has been raised in several issues of the *Pecan Press* and at Contact Team meetings. It's important to think carefully about what's been presented and to ask serious questions.

According to The January 27, 2014 Contact Team minutes, Councilmember Riley referred to options that Hyde Park currently has in place, specifically higher density corridors along outside edges of neighborhoods, so that pressure can be lessened on the interior of the neighborhoods. The same density choice is in the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan approved by City Council, number 8 of the Top 10 Priorities: Develop a corridor plan through future Smart Growth corridor planning effort for the Guadalupe corridor.

Would secondary dwellings on smaller lots deter stealth dorms/super duplexes?

Now that City Council passed reduced occupancy limits, the primary way to discourage stealth dorms is for the city to enforce limits, thereby making such structures less profitable in the future. Fortunately, the original part of Hyde Park is a Local Historic District. The part of Hyde Park north of 45th street is not so protected, which means demolitions are easier to do in that area. Therefore, it could be economically viable for a developer to buy a small lot, demo the existing structure, and build a sizeable house with a garage apartment for multiple renters with multiple cars in each.

How would second dwellings offer affordability?

Affordability relates to rent and to the construction of the second dwelling. At the April 28 Contact Team meeting, architect Michael Gatto estimated that a 1-bedroom/1-bath apartment in Hyde Park would rent for \$1200 to \$1500 per month. For whom is that affordable?

Mr. Gatto also estimated the minimum construction cost for that apartment to be \$100,000. The increase in homeowners' taxes would reduce any profit from rent.

If this cost in relation to potential rent doesn't result in a beneficial bottom line estimate, Mr. Gatto suggested a deal with a financial entity that would lease the second dwelling portion of the lot and split the rent by some percentage over 30 to 40 years. That definitely would require expert advice to understand.

Who could potentially benefit from the secondary dwelling units on smaller lots?

Here are some possibilities: homeowners on lots less than 7000 sq. ft., commercial short-term rental owners with small lots on which to build more such units, developers who buy houses on small lots and add a secondary dwelling, and the financial entity mentioned in the previous question.

What would change as a result of secondary dwelling units on smaller lots?

Here are a few ideas: additional housing in Hyde Park, more cars parked in the neighborhood, some on

very narrow streets; more impervious cover, even if it is within the legal amount; and, most important, unanticipated events when the five-year assistance is over or if the houses are sold. In addition, since many trees grow at the back of lots, some would be removed to make space for secondary dwellings and parking areas off of alleys. I'm guessing all of us have noticed, when turning off streets that border our neighborhood, that it is immediately cooler as we drive on our shady streets.

Is it reasonable to trust the city to apply building codes correctly and to enforce codes for affordable rent, impervious cover, and numbers of cars and residents?

When representatives from Austin's permitting and code enforcement staff gave a brief talk at a HPNA meeting several months ago, one of them said frankly that they have a huge turnover in their staff, which means they cannot do everything the city needs. Many neighbors are aware of serious problems for homeowners and neighbors that this situation has caused.

What is the City Housing Authority's plan for the \$65 million bond for affordable housing?

How can we get the city to require affordable housing in all new apartment construction?

Councilmember Tovo at the HPNA meeting on May 5 commented that she supports requiring developers to include affordable units when they build new apartment buildings.

We've been offered statistics on local and national trends and anecdotes from other cities that are worth noting. Most important is that we preserve the character, beauty, trees, safety, and treasures of Hyde Park — the reasons we live here. For most of us, our home is the biggest investment we'll ever make and we must think carefully about any permanent changes that might jeopardize what we and others value in Hyde Park. I look forward to more conversations with more neighborhood stakeholders regarding this infill option of secondary dwelling units on small lots.

— Sharon Brown

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A Better Use for Hancock Green Space...

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crown—but it's a crown scant few of us ever touch. We can't even set foot on the course without violating the rules: golfers only. I wonder why we are paying for such a huge park-like setting that loses money every year as a golf course when we are so starved for any kind of parkland in this area. I do believe it's time for the neighborhood associations of Hyde Park and Hancock to take another look at this issue.

I love history and I love the idea of having the oldest public golf course in Texas. What I love even more, however, is beautiful parkland available to all people within walking distance. Have you ever been to Central Park? Have you seen how many people flock to its various settings? We have such a possibility right here in our midst. I struggle to understand our protective love affair with the sacred cow called Hancock, which runs in complete contradiction to so many of our other values: unpolluted waters, equal access to all taxpayers, natural open spaces, and family-centered parkland.

I propose we ask the city to sell or lease a small corner of Hancock for development and use those funds to develop the entire grounds into a proper park for all citizens. Let's admit defeat: virtually no one plays golf there and it's costing us to prop up that myth. Let's convert that defeat into a success: change a losing operation for a dozen golfers into an inner city park for hundreds to enjoy every day.

— Paul Carapetyan



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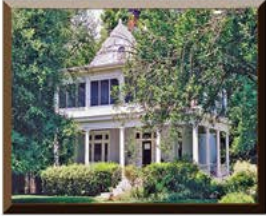


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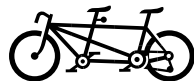
Lorre Weidlich called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. The first order of business was the election to fill a vacant seat on the HPNA Steering Committee. Debbie Wallenstein ran without opposition and was confirmed unanimously by those in attendance. Debbie becomes the newest member of the Steering Committee. She and her husband, Travis Turner, live in a bungalow they restored on East 49th Street. Their house was originally built in 1930 on a site near what is now the Austin Convention Center but was moved to its present location in 1953 and used as a rental house. Debbie loves living in Hyde Park, appreciates the unique culture of the neighborhood, and looks forward to participating on the Steering Committee.

Attention then turned to the focus of the May meeting: an opportunity to learn more about the views of Kathie Tovo and Chris Riley, candidates for City Council District 9. Please see "District 9 Candidates Speak" on p. 1 for their responses to Hyde Park neighborhood questions. You may also visit their respective websites: <https://www.facebook.com/kathieforaustin> and <http://www.chrisforaustin.com>.

Following the candidate forum, Kevin Heyburn announced the Steering Committee meeting for May would take place at Trinity United Methodist on Monday the 12th at 7 p.m.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Candidates Tovo and Riley remained after the meeting to speak further with Hyde Park neighbors.

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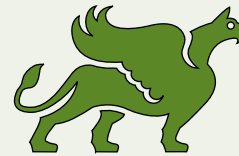
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