

June Meeting

When: 7:00 pm
Monday, June 6, 2016

Where: Griffin School
5001 Evans Avenue

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for June 6

- Potluck
- Introduction of New Austin Police Liaison
- Discussion: Neighborhood Speed Limits
- Mobility35 Updates
- Discussion: Shipe Pool Redesign

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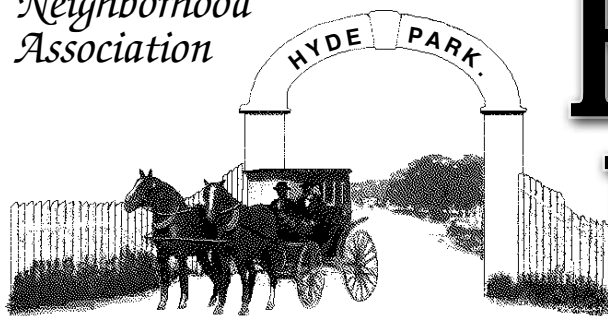
Swim, Picnic, and Watch a Movie under the Stars at Shipe Pool

Come celebrate with your neighbors the arrival of summer and the opening of Shipe Pool! The Eighth Annual Shipe Pool Party and Movie Night will start at 7 pm, Saturday, June 18, in Shipe Park, 4400 Avenue G. Presented by Friends of Shipe Park, the party will include live music by the Lost and Nameless Orchestra, Zippy the Clown, and food vendors with food for kids and adults. This year the movie will be *Babe*, which will begin at dusk – about 8:55 pm – and end at 10:45. You will also be able to learn about plans for the pool's renovation, scheduled for 2018.

Picnic and swim under the stars! There will be extended swimming hours until 9 pm. Music will begin at 7 pm. The sponsor of the movie is Grande Communications; Hyde Park Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the live music. It will be a great evening for inaugurating a new season at our beloved pool. Join the fun!

– Leila Levinson

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Future of Baker School Uncertain

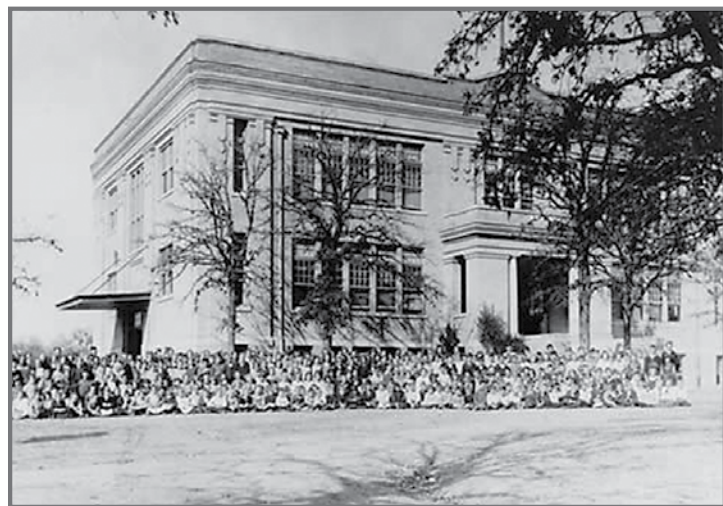
For the second time in five years, AISD is considering ways to generate income from the former Baker School at 3908 Avenue B within the Hyde Park Local Historic District. The Baker School was built in 1911 to replace the elementary school built somewhat hastily on Speedway by

Hyde Park developer Colonel Monroe Shipe as a way to draw families to the neighborhood. (Colonel Shipe also recruited shops along Guadalupe Street as well as numerous churches that still dot the neighborhood as part of his goal to create a total community.)

The Baker School parcel was repurposed from the site of a pavilion on Gem Lake that hosted concerts, dances, and theatrical performances. Nearby were the state fairgrounds that relocated to Dallas in 1884, enabling the platting of Hyde Park in 1891.

Baker School was named for DeWitt Clinton Baker, a Maine transplant and Bowdoin College graduate who helped establish public schools in Austin and probably organized the city's first public library. He authored an early textbook on Texas history, served as school inspector from 1872 to 1877, and died before the age of 50. His residence is a University of Texas sorority house listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Generations of Hyde Park residents attended Baker School, an Art Deco building that was expanded in 1952. It functioned variously as an elementary and junior high school until the early 1980s. In the 1920s, Baker achieved local fame for a string of victories in the city-wide music memory contest, which required students to identify the titles of musical compositions from excerpts. A Facebook page records the recollections of former students who cheered on their Baker Bobcats and recall helping to plant the large lawn.



Undated photo, courtesy of Austin History Center

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From the Desk of the Co-Presidents



On April 9, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, along with city staff and a cheerful group of 30 neighbors, strolled through Hyde Park on a bright and blooming spring day. Along with beautiful gardens and gracious homes, MPT Tovo's tour took in Hyde Park businesses and parks, busy intersections and crowded streets. It was a leisurely walk, with stops along the way for neighbors to discuss their concerns and to ask questions of city staff.

MPT Tovo's visit to Hyde Park was the first in a series of neighborhood tours she plans to make in her city council district. Her visit provided an opportunity for neighbors both to show and to tell her about places that are important to Hyde Park. Those places include the Baker School, which, we noted last month, was placed on a list of properties for which AISD is seeking requests for proposals. Neighbors also talked to MPT Tovo about the renovations to the Shipe Pool and the ongoing maintenance needs of Shipe Park. Neighbors expressed their gratitude to her for fighting hard to preserve the park and the pool, and, at the same time, all agreed that the struggle to improve Shipe is ongoing. Improving the pedestrian facilities around the business center at 43rd and Duval was also discussed. And neighbors expressed their expectation that the City would get Hyde Park's input if the Austin State Hospital is

ever sold and developed. Finally, the recent increase in flooding in the neighborhood was a hot topic during the tour, as neighbors relayed their personal stories and talked about the infrastructure improvements the neighborhood needs to protect their homes.

We are particularly grateful to Sharon Brown, Kathy Lawrence, and Adrian Skinner for helping plan Kathie Tovo's visit. We also thank Sharon, Kathy, and Adrian, along with Tim Vetscher, Karen McGraw, Susan Marshall, and Jack and Jill Nokes, for addressing the group during the tour. We also thank Karen Saadeh and David Mathis for hosting a reception at their home after the tour, and to Quack's Bakery for supplying the wonderful cookies and cupcakes at the reception. And we thank Kathie Tovo, her staff, and the City staff for coming to visit Hyde Park.

We will continue the dialogue with MPT Tovo. Her door is always open. In the new 10-1 system of City government, it is important that we also reach out to Mayor Adler and other members of the City Council when issues affecting Hyde Park are part of the City's agenda. In the near future, we will invite city staff to discuss CodeNEXT at one of our meetings. Perhaps we can also get the Mayor to come to discuss his vision for the City.

The neighborhood's next big event is the Shipe Pool Party on June 18, starting at 6:00 pm. There will be food, live music, and a movie. The event is hosted by the Friends of Shipe Park and we thank that organization for continuing

to protect and preserve this neighborhood gem. The party marks the beginning of the summer and opening of the pool season. We hope that many of you make it out to the party and look forward to seeing you there.

— Kevin Heyburn & Reid Long
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Jim Ellinger and the Flag Day Parade

While most of us settle into our summer routine of enjoying Shipe Pool or finding a hammock under a shade tree with a lemonade or beer, one Hyde Park neighbor, Jim Ellinger, organizes a Flag Day celebration that has become an Austin tradition. For the last few years, this celebration, with a history that could only be written in a city that celebrates such eclectic events as Eeyore's birthday, a kite festival, and two world-class music festivals, has found its home here in Hyde Park. The Flag Day celebration started as an effort to promote



the Wheatsville Co-Op store and garner additional publicity from the local media. During the weeks surrounding Flag Day, the store walls and aisles were lined with 20 or 30 flags of different countries to celebrate the store's association with the International Co-op Association. During the second year, the event was much larger, with almost 100 flags, including numerous antique American flags and flags of many different countries. The event was covered by the *Austin American-Statesman* and several news stations and became an annual event.

After several years, the organizers moved the event to the Ruta Maya coffee shop in Penn Field, where it stayed until about five years ago, when the event was moved to Hyde Park. The operators of the Flag Store at 45th and Duval Street saw a natural synergy between the event and their branding as a store and agreed to be the starting point of a Flag Day parade that terminates at Jim's home off Fairfield Lane. For the last few years, the Flag Day celebration has paraded from the Flag Store up Duval to 48th Street before turning onto Fairfield Lane. The parade is capped off by two laps around the park and traffic circle at Fairfield Lane and Eilers Avenue.

While those participating in the parade are encouraged to bring their own flags or even make their own flags, the organizer, an amateur vexillologist, has a large

collection of flags that he is happy to loan to those who do not have a flag of their own to carry in the parade. Additionally, the organizer also provides bamboo poles for displaying the flags. As an owner of almost 200 flags, including almost 100 standard 3'x5' flags, he has a wide assortment of flags – including many obscure flags, international flags, and multicultural flags – for the members of the parade to borrow.

Jim's large collection of flags arises not only from his love of travel but also from his appreciation of the symbolism of the flag. As Jim notes, flags are unique in that they alter their meanings as times and cultures shift. Furthermore, flags, despite retaining the same images, have different meanings for different people at different times

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Membership Information

- Membership in HPNA is open to all residents 18 years or older residing within the boundaries of Hyde Park or within 300 feet of its boundaries.
- All memberships expire on September 30th of each year.
- New members and members who lapse in dues for over six months are eligible to vote at HPNA meetings 30 days after receipt of dues.
- Membership dues can be paid in several ways: By signing up at an HPNA meeting or event, by mailing in the membership form, or by joining online using PayPal. To pay online, go to www.austinhypark.org and click on the Join Now button. Dues paid online are \$6.

Submission Information

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

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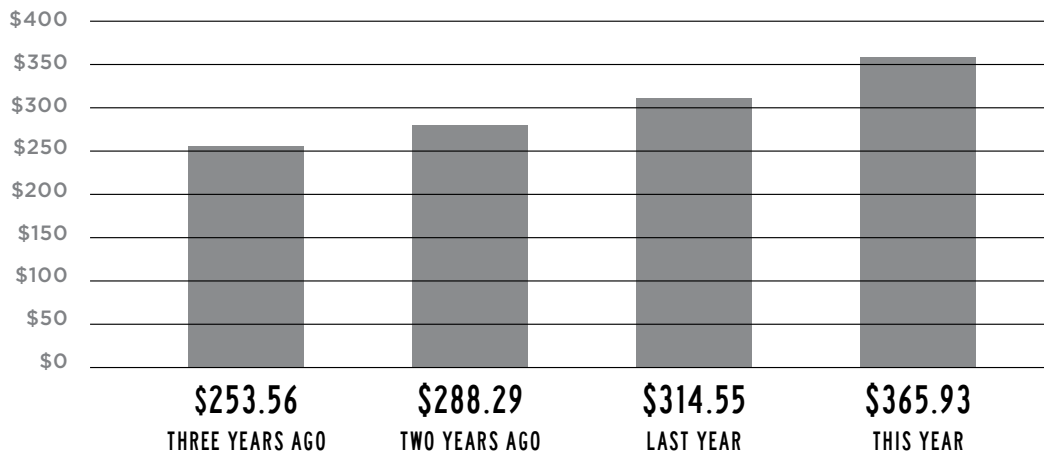
SAM ARCHER

Until the 1880's, the Texas State Fair took place in Hyde Park. More than a century later, that same historic section of the city is once again attracting crowds as one of the most in-demand neighborhoods in all of Austin. I have lived in Hyde Park for 20 years and witnessed the area transform into a beautiful community that has seen a sweeping boost in property values and quality of life over the past decade. Whether you're looking to buy or sell a house here, my expertise and experience regarding the rich history of the homes in this classic Austin neighborhood will help ease the stress of the realty process. Contact me if you have questions or need any help planning your move.

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Around & About the Avenues

Update on the Renaming of Lee Elementary. The final vote for the renaming of Lee Elementary School took place on May 23, too late for the result to get into this issue of the *Pecan Press*. Three names were recommended by the school Campus Advisory Council (CAC): Russell Lee, Bettie Mann, and Wheeler's Grove. These recommendations were based on three community forums and two committee meetings.

- *Russell Lee* was one of America's most important photographers, best known for his work with the Farm Security Administration, documenting poor and working people of all races and ethnicities in Texas and other states. He was a longtime resident of the school's neighborhood and the first professor of photography at the University of Texas. A major collection of his work is archived at the Briscoe Center for American History at UT, including the renowned photo essay, "Study of the Spanish Speaking People of Texas."
- *Bettie Mann* was the first African-American teacher at Lee Elementary School, and her sons were its first African-American students in the 1960s, when Austin schools were beginning to integrate. Starting in 1968, she taught at Lee for 37 years—22 years as a full-time kindergarten teacher and 15 years as a substitute.
- *Wheeler's Grove* was the site of Austin's first Juneteenth celebrations and was a well-known public gathering place for African-Americans from the late 1860s to the early 1900s. The area is now called Eastwoods Park and is located two short blocks from the school. They are connected by Waller Creek, which borders the school playground and flows through the park to the south.



Lifeguard Sponsorship Update. Now in its second year, the HPNA Lifeguard Sponsorship program currently has two young people from the neighborhood who have expressed interest in becoming City of Austin lifeguards for the 2016 summer season. These young adults will be working to complete the city certification course and we'll look forward to officially recognizing them as lifeguards in the July *Pecan Press*.



Shipe Pool Vision Workshop. The second in a series of three meetings devoted to the design and layout of the new Shipe Pool took place at Hancock Recreation Center on May 16. After the presenters from the city and the architectural design firm reviewed the preferences established by the participants at the first meeting and online, they presented three designs and polled the workshop participants for their preferences on those designs. Questions and discussion were intense, focusing on the fact that the designs reduced the size of the lap and recreational pool from 100 to 75 feet. The designers



had operated under a series of constraints: geographical, safety-related, regulatory, and other. The ensuing discussion made it clear that participants were willing to be flexible about some considerations that the designers had taken as requirements. The final meeting, Shipe Pool Open House, should reveal the fruits of that discussion. Plan to attend: Tuesday, June 7, 6:30-8 pm, Griffin School.



Both photos by Lorre Weidlich



DRC Invites New Participants. The HPNA Development Review Committee is an advisory body that helps people who have development projects in Hyde Park to understand the requirements that apply to their projects – city code, NCCDs, LHD – and to understand how to navigate the city process of obtaining permits. When necessary – for example, when a project requires a variance rather than just advice and information – the DRC refers the project on to the Steering Committee and the HPNA membership.

The DRC invites new participants, particularly those with interest or training in architecture, historic preservation, urban or neighborhood planning, and related areas. This is a great way to learn about the zoning and ordinances that shape your neighborhood. If you're interested, contact DRC Chair David Conner at daypaycon@yahoo.com.

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Monthly Calendar

June

- 6 — HPNA Meeting
- 9 — DRC Meeting
- 10 — Recycling Pickup
- 13 — HPNA Steering Committee Meeting
- 14 — Flag Day Parade
- 16 — Meet Her Hands at Ney Museum
- 25 — Recycling Pickup
- 30 — Meet Her Hands at Ney Museum

Hyde Park Poets —

The Air is Fat With Rain

The air is fat with rain
Just waiting
For that one nudge too many
For the atmosphere to hold;
Squeezed out, you could say
Like hand-to-mouthers
When rent is overdue,
“We’ll show you” the raindrops say,
“You’ll be sorry you did not let us stay,”
And down it comes, relentlessly,
Rivulets becoming floods of the
Flashing kind,
Fears of drought are left behind,
With various possessions, now moot,
“I don’t give a hoot,” you say?
The air is fat with rain, today.

— Herzele
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Since the 1980s, AISD has used Baker Center for training, offices, and employee fitness camps. It was reportedly leased as a set for the TV series *Friday Night Lights*. For Hyde Park residents, it is the largest civic space. The building is the neighborhood polling location and children play on its grounds. As one resident noted, the presence of Baker maintains Shipe's original vision of Hyde Park as a total community, containing not only homes but public structures.

AISD first solicited proposals for the Baker property in 2011 to help solve a budget crunch. It received two bids of about \$8 million each but rejected both offers when neither developer specified a use for the building. This time the Austin School Board will seek proposals to sell, lease, swap, or repurpose ten noninstructional or vacant properties as part of its long-range planning process. As one trustee explained it, considering ways to raise revenue is a necessary step before bringing a bond issue before Austin voters. The request for proposals is scheduled to begin at the end of May and will take several months.

Baker Center sits on almost five acres of unzoned state land. This is the same status that led to the current legal dispute over the proposed Grove development project, in which neighborhood residents were cut out of the zoning process. While it is unlikely that Baker will be returned to service as an elementary school, rising enrollments in local middle and high schools might lead to using Baker to ease crowding, according to Susan Moffatt of the city's CodeNEXT Advisory Group. Given its location, it is unlikely that private development of the Baker Center site will add to the stock of affordable housing.

While the Baker Center building is within the Hyde Park Local Historic District, it is neither a landmarked building nor listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is not too early for the neighborhood to consider its historic value and its importance as a civic space and prepare to weigh in as a stakeholder.

— Susan Marshall



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A few months ago, Hyde Park's very own Luke Johnson, age 5, placed two poems he authored in an envelope, sealed and addressed it himself, dropped it in the mailbox, and waited - waited so long he actually forgot he was waiting! Months later, his effort and patience were rewarded when a blue postcard from Spider magazine arrived. It was addressed to Luke and announced that one of his poems would be published in the May/June issue. Wow! He was so happy and excited, he called his Grammie to tell her his poem was selected! And it wasn't just any poem; the magazine said it had to be about dancing. Well, Luke knows a thing about dancing from his family dance parties, and while he's never danced on an airplane or in space, the ideas just came to him. I'm glad they

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did because his words made me smile and laugh at the fun and silly images of a whole airplane full of people dancing, and how about dancing without gravity - wonderful fun! Congratulations and good work, Luke! Thanks for sharing your poem with the neighborhood!

I Love Dancing

I love dancing.
 You can dance
 Whenever you want.
 It's super fun,
 even in space,
 even in an airplane.



— Luke Johnson, age 5
 Austin, Texas

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The number in parenthesis is the number of letters in the answer.

1. Les Sylphides. (6) _____
2. La Boheme and Tosca. (7) _____
3. Ma Vlast. (7) _____
4. Ring Cycle. (6) _____
5. Für Elise (Oh, and some symphonies). (9)

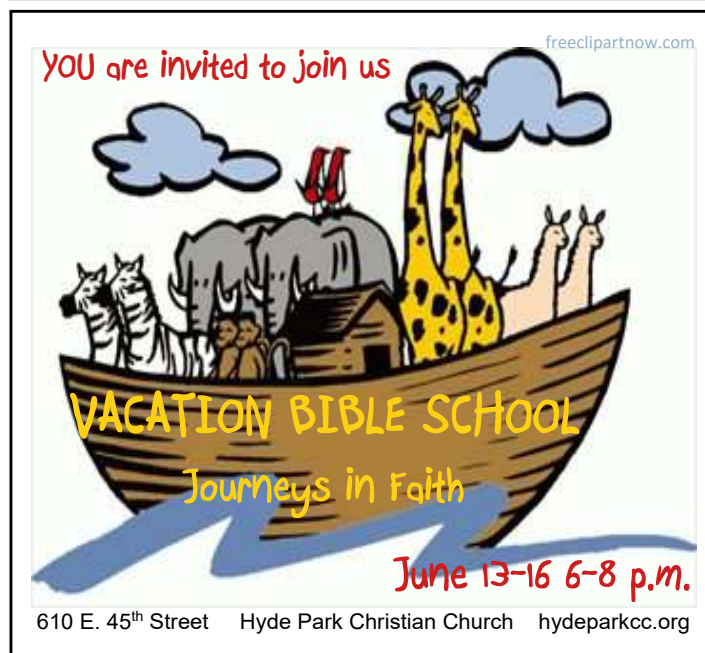
6. Porgy and Bess (8) _____
7. Lone Ranger theme. (7) _____
8. Fantasia (Dance of the Hours). (10)

9. Carmen. (5) _____
10. Water Music and Messiah. (6) _____
11. Violin (and guitar) master. (8)

12. Four Seasons. (7) _____
13. Surprise Symphony. (5) _____
14. Rigoletto, La Traviata (5) _____
15. Finlandia. (8) _____
16. Peer Gynt. (5) _____
17. Rite of Spring. (10) _____
18. Peter and the Wolf. (9) _____
19. Le Mer. (7) _____
20. The Seasons and Raymonda. (8)

21. Hungarian Rhapsodies. (5) _____
22. Hungarian Dances. (6) _____
23. From The New World. (6) _____
24. The one with Mickey Mouse. (5) _____

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News from the Ney

If you haven't noticed, three new things have popped up on the grounds of the Ney Museum. One is the new art installation by Austinite Jenn Hassin, the Ney Museum Featured Artist of the Year. Her piece, entitled "Receptacle," stands amongst the pecan trees between Waller Creek and 45th Street. Unveiled during the West Austin Studio Tour, Receptacle invites visitors to write notes containing messages, thoughts, and dreams onto paper made from clothing, which came from all over Austin. It will then be carefully rolled and placed into the mesh of the wire that surrounds the piece. The messages will thereby become a part of a collective community consciousness of yearning and hope. Jenn's work appears throughout the United States, including at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Her experience in the Navy informs much of her work.

You can meet Jenn and three other artists at a new series of events entitled "Meet Her Hands" that the Museum will launch in June. In this series, individual women artists will be interviewed by other women artists in a discussion about their work, their process, and – their hands. Without hands, these pieces would not be feasible, and process becomes meaningless. The events will take place on the evenings of June 16 and 30 and July 14 and 26. The artists are being confirmed at this time, so check Facebook or the museum's website for specific details.

The museum is also very excited to bring an entirely different kind of program to the site, through its two new Little Free Libraries! In March, the Texas Center for the Book, a part of the Texas State Library and Archives

Commission, teamed with the national Little Free Library program to distribute Little Free Libraries, to promote a love of reading and bring communities together through free book exchanges. Little Free Library announced the donation of 1000 Little Free Libraries for the Lone Star State and the Elisabet Ney Museum received two of them. Look for an interesting variety of children's books, art books, and history books in the Libraries. Feel free to add your own! For more information on stewarding your own Little Free Library, visit www.tsl.texas.gov/centerforthebook.

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Hyde Park Contact Team Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2016, Trinity United Methodist Church

Adrian Skinner called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Skinner welcomed Jennifer Todd, Senior Planner at the City of Austin Planning & Development Review Department, to update the neighborhood about the ongoing CodeNEXT process. Ms. Todd encouraged neighbors to follow the process on the City of Austin website (www.austintexas.gov/codenext) and to give feedback through the City portal (Speak Up Austin, speakupaustin.org/). The City is currently in the code-writing phase. There are three parts: The Natural and Built Environment, Affordability, and Mobility. Neighbors can participate by giving feedback, participating in community walks (recently in Hyde Park), sign up for a regular newsletter through the website, or speak with representatives of the CodeNEXT Citizens Advisory Group. (Susan Moffat of Hyde Park is a member).

Ms. Todd then took questions, many of which focused on the impact of the code on neighborhood plans. Ms. Todd responded that the new code will try to align with neighborhood plans by being sensitive to different lots sizes, development patterns, and so forth and by incorporating where possible the FLUM maps. She assured the neighborhood that if the plan does not align, the City will reach out to neighbors and that neighbors should participate in feedback opportunities in January when the draft code is presented. She left her email (jennifer.todd@austintexas.gov) and invited neighbors to email questions or comments.

The meeting then covered a number of announcements and updates, including the following:

- One Two East: Decisions have been postponed to August, in order to allow time for neighborhood feedback. The Robertson Hill neighborhood has asked for HP Contact Team support. [The CT passed a resolution in support later in the meeting.]
- Lee Elementary renaming process: Currently 8 proposals are up for consideration.
- Huffstickler Green: Kevin Heyburn noted that HPNA was making arrangements for regular ground maintenance (\$40 every 3 weeks or so during summer).
- Sidewalks: It is time to bother the city about applying sidewalk money to neighborhood priorities. Adrian agreed to call and Wanda agreed to attend any meetings.
- Complaints about the overgrown vegetation on Avenue B traffic circles: There are concerns that no one can see through the vegetation, making it dangerous for cars, bikes, and pedestrians. Related to this was a concern about speed along Avenue F and 49th street and around HPBC.
- Complaint about motorcycle groups (maybe 20 people?) going up and down alleys too fast.

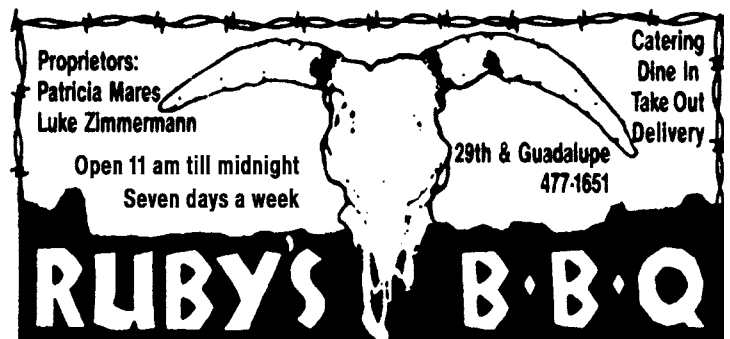
- Request for CT member to volunteer to serve as CT secretary: Please contact Adrian Skinner if you are willing to serve or Mity Myhr if you have questions about the position. Mity was then recognized for her service.

The Contact Team then considered and passed four resolutions, to be forwarded to the City. Three are in support of policies already passed by the City in recent meetings: occupancy limits, short term rentals, and small lot amnesty loophole. One was in support of a resolution, already passed by HPNA, asking the City to respect NCCDs as they relate to the One Two East development in the historic Robertson Hill Neighborhood. These resolutions will be forwarded to City Council members and appropriate members of their staffs.

The next quarterly meeting of the Hyde Park Contact Team will be on July 25, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Trinity Church. All residents, renters and tenants, property owners, and business owners in Hyde Park are encouraged to become members of the Contact Team and participate in discussions. An agenda will be posted two weeks before the meeting.

Corrections or additions to the minutes should be forwarded by email to Mity Myhr, Contact Team Secretary, at myhr_steds@yahoo.com.

– Submitted by Mity Myhr
Contact Team Secretary





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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by co-President Reid Long at the Griffin School, 5001 Evans Avenue.

The first agenda item was Proposition 1 in the May 7 city election. Representatives of both sides were invited, but only the opposition side attended. Former City Council Member Laura Morrison, representing the group Our City, Our Safety, Our Choice, emphasized the public safety issue behind the city's finger-printing requirement, the unprecedented spending by Uber and Lyft to pass Proposition 1, and the allegedly specious claims made by supporters.

The second item was an update on the renovation of the UT Athletic Fields by project director Michael Uyeda of the UT System office, who announced a scheduled completion date of late fall 2016. An earlier plan for a tennis center on the site has been cancelled, which will reduce projected traffic volume. The newly built pavilion will be used for offices and club meetings. The lighting system will reduce spray to adjoining properties. The synthetic fields on the northwest corner of the site are built above detention structures to improve drainage. Overall, no change in water runoff is expected. In response to neighbors' concerns about a change in the fence line along the southern border of the property, Mr. Uyeda explained that the new fence remains within the UT property line. For security reasons, there will be no open gates along the perimeter fence. There will be fewer parking spaces along Guadalupe Street due to new utility structures.

The third agenda item was a presentation by Chris Allen of the Bull Creek Road Coalition (BCRC) concerning the Grove Planned Unit Development (PUD) application. He reported that 21 plaintiffs surrounding the site recently filed a lawsuit against the city over the right to petition concerning the developer's applications for multiple zoning variances. The city denied residents this right because the parcel was unzoned state land. Mr. Allen reported the results of traffic estimates indicating a very large increase in volume that would result if the Grove PUD goes forward as planned and the inadequacy of Bull Creek Road, a two-lane street, to absorb increased traffic flow. He stated that the neighborhood would support a project of half the current planned scale.

Members then considered a supporting resolution that was published in the May issue of the *Pecan Press*. The rationale for the resolution remains unchanged. The resolution passed by a vote of 27 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. The recommended resolution follows.

Be It Resolved that the HPNA urges ARG/Milestone to reduce the mass and scale of office and retail square footage by 50% in order to mitigate its impact on surrounding neighborhoods, while still providing a compact and con-

nected live, work, and play environment that will be an asset to those who live and work in the development as well as those who surround it; and

Urges the Austin City Council to immediately require a supermajority at all three readings for approval of the Grove PUD application or any other PUD application on unzoned land in order to encourage all developers of future projects to enter into earnest negotiations with stakeholders surrounding the development; and

Urges the Austin City Council to expect of ARC/Milestone the highest standards of superiority in every aspect of the Grove PUD application, to build a better PUD.

The fourth agenda item was a status report on the Baker School by Susan Moffatt, member of the CodeNEXT Land Development Code Advisory Group. Baker School is one of 10 properties that AISD has labeled "underused" and AISD is currently soliciting proposals for their sale or repurposing. She reviewed the historical significance of Baker School, which was constructed in 1911 on 4.8 acres of unzoned land. She made the case that Baker School, which currently houses the AISD Professional Development Center, is not underused, and that increased enrollments in local middle and high schools may require its future use for classroom space. The school is within the boundaries of the Hyde Park Local Historic District and was listed in the neighborhood plan as one of five potential properties for landmark status. The process of reviewing proposals will take 3 to 4 months.

The following announcements closed the meeting: HPNA is sponsoring lifeguard training for local youth. Anyone interested should contact HPNA Vice-President Adrian Skinner. The HPNA leaders who organized the neighborhood walk with Kathie Tovo were recognized. Ney Day is May 21 from 12 to 5, with music, food, art, and booths. *As Butterflies*, a musical based on poetry by children interned in Nazi concentration camps, is being staged from May 7 to May 22 at Congregation Beth Israel. The 100% Art Exhibit at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center is ongoing through the month of May. The next Shipe Pool Redesign Meeting is May 16, 6:30 pm, at Hancock Recreation Center. The annual Shipe Pool party is scheduled for Saturday, June 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

– Submitted by Susan Marshall
Co-Secretary, HPNA

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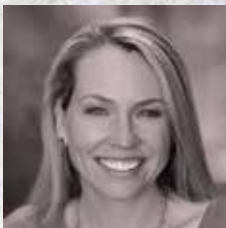
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A Walking Town Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

On April 23, Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo led a walking Town Hall in Hyde Park to learn about the neighborhood's concerns and strengths. With her came her aides Shannon Halley and Joi Harden, City Arborist Michael Embesi, Kevin Shunk from Watershed Protection, Sabrina Vaidurri from Environmental Health, and Mike Schofield and Becky Moriarty from Active Transportation. Co-Presidents Reid Long and Kevin Heyburn, co-Vice Presidents Adrian Skinner and Kathy Lawrence, and Steering Committee member Sharon Brown had mapped out a route. Over thirty Hyde Park residents joined MPT Tovo on the walk. For those unable to walk along but interested in traversing the route on their own, the following paragraphs describe the progress of the tour.



Above: The walkers
Left: Kevin Heyburn & Kathie Tovo on the steps of Baker School



Baker School

The walkers met at Baker School. Kevin Heyburn talked about concern about the future of Baker School, due to the recent announcement by AISD that it will be accepting proposals for the future of ten of its properties. (*Editor's Note:* For a related article, see "Future of Baker School Uncertain" in *Pecan Press*, June 2016, page 1.) From Baker School, the walkers headed west to Avenue A and then north.

Right: Tim Vetscher speaking on Avenue A

All photos by Lorre Weidlich



The Vetscher House on Avenue A

They stopped at the home of Tim Vetscher, where Tim talked about the flooding situation on Avenue A and Kevin Shunk answered questions about flooding control. (*Editor's Note:* For a related article, see "Flooding in Hyde Park" in *Pecan Press*, August 2015, page 1.) From there, it was north and then west to Guadalupe Street.

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Parking Lot of Hyde Park Market

In the parking lot of the Hyde Park Market, Susan Marshall talked about concerns over the future of ASH and its historic structures. (*Editor's Note:* For a related article, see "Around & About the Avenues" in *Pecan Press*, April 2016, page 16.) The group turned east on 43rd Street.

Hyde Park Theatre

In front of Hyde Park Theatre, Adrian Skinner pointed out two things: the commercial establishments that the tour had just passed on Guadalupe and the arts-related establishments in Hyde Park. (*Editor's Note:* For a related article, see "The Arts in Hyde Park: Hyde Park Theater" in *Pecan Press*, June 2015, page 3.) The walkers continued east.

Left top: Susan Marshall at the Hyde Park Market

Left middle: Adrian Skinner outside Hyde Park Theater

Post Office

In front of the post office, Sharon Brown pointed out the diversity in the area, with residential properties, commercial establishments, and governmental institutions. From there, progress was east to Duval.



Right:
Sharon Brown
outside the Hyde
Park Post Office
Left: Karen
McGraw and Kevin
Shunk at 43rd and
Duval



43rd and Duval Streets

On the corner at 43rd and Duval, Karen McGraw talked about the hope of making the intersection more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly with changes to the sidewalks, crosswalks, and alley. Kevin Shunk contributed to the information. (*Editor's Note:* For a related article, see "From the Desk of the Co-Presidents" in *Pecan Press*, May 2016, page 2.) After going back west one block, the group turned north.

Elisabet Ney Museum

In front of the Ney Museum, Kevin Heyburn talked about the importance of the Ney and Director Oliver Franklin's hope to restore the structure behind the museum to use as an educational facility. Group members took photos, using the front of the Ney as a backdrop, before proceeding west through the museum grounds and crossing to Shipe Park. (*Editor's Note:* For related articles, see the "News from the Ney" column in each issue of the *Pecan Press*.)



Shipe Park

Under the heritage tree next to the Shipe Park structure, Jack and Jill Nokes expressed thanks from the neighborhood for the funds dedicated to the pool and talked about the necessity to eventually replace trees in the park, as they come to the ends of their lifespans. From there, the group moved north through the park, crossed 45th Street, went west to Speedway, and headed north. (*Editor's Note:* For related articles, see the notices about the Shipe Pool workshops in "Around & About the Avenues" in *Pecan Press*, May and June, 2016.)



Right top: Kathie Tovo and walkers at Ney Museum
Right middle: Jack and Jill Nokes at Shipe Park

Bridge over Shoal Creek, North of 45th on Speedway

Kathy Lawrence explained the negotiations HPNA had carried on with the property owner at 4500 Speedway, who eventually decided to build an ADU due to the increased entitlements for the property allowed by the North Hyde Park NCCD. Reid Long talked about Shoal Creek, and Sabrina Vaidurri discussed mosquito control.

The tour concluded at the home of Karen Saadeh and Dave Mathis, who hosted a reception for participants.



Left to right: Kathy Lawrence & Reid Long, Sabrina Vaidurri, all at the bridge over Shoal Creek





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Flag Day Parade...

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of their lives. A flag invokes passion, patriotism, history, and politics. These characteristics make flags unique and drive his passion to continue this celebration year after year.

This year, the party after the parade will focus on another Austin institution, the Monk parakeets. An expert on the Monk parakeets will speak about the birds and their habitats in Austin. In addition to the discussion, two 20' towers at Jim's home will be dedicated as parakeet perches to support the parakeet population here in Hyde Park.

This year's parade and party will begin at 6 pm at the Duval Market ("the Flag Store") and proceed up Duval before ending at Jim's house at the corner of Eilers and Fairfield. There are flag-related events for kids and certificates and prizes for different types of flags. All are encouraged to join in for this annual Hyde Park experience.

— Reid Long



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