

August Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 2, 2010

Where: New Location
Austin Groups for the Elderly
cafeteria
3710 Cedar Street

Who: YOU and your neighbors

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for August 2nd



Ice Cream Social at AGE (Austin Groups for the Elderly cafeteria)

See You There!

The Local Historic District Corner

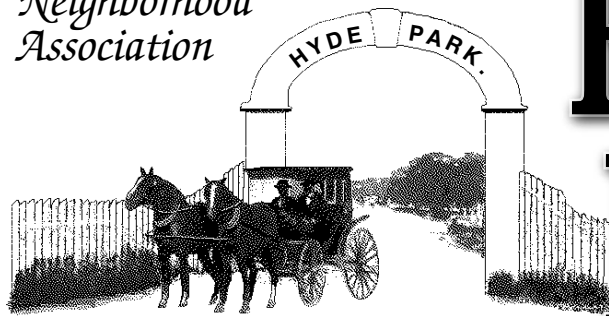
Our city-sponsored meeting designed to encourage input into our Design Standards took place as scheduled on July 8. Approximately a dozen people attended, including myself, HPNA President David Conner, and Terri Myers of Preservation Central. Susan Kirby, of the Historic Preservation Office, with the help of Jerry Rusthoven and Steve Sadowsky, conducted the meeting. Many of the neighbors attending brought questions about the meaning of specific provisions in the Design Standards; others brought general concerns about Local Historic Districts.

We became aware of the need to clarify certain issues in the Design Standards and reconsider others. In addition, city staff told us that we need to make some changes in wording to make the Design Standards legally airtight. We hoped to have a follow up meeting with city staff to clarify required changes, but as of this writing, that meeting has not taken place. Given the time spent on drafting our Design Standards, we do not take changes lightly. Only with a clearly defined mandate from the city will we make them.

By the time you read this column, we will also have appeared before the

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes July 12, 2010, 7 p.m.

1. Tire Slashing Update: John Lipscombe, Assistant County Attorney, on Prosecution

John Lipscombe tried cases in the Criminal Division for 19 years before moving to Administration last year. His office has walk-in service where they will discuss your concern with you and determine if it should be taken to the police. He can also check to see where particular individuals are in the system if called. His cell is 826-5517. Police also call his office at all times day and night with questions.

The conversation quickly moved toward the local tire slashings and included the following:

- If you do have a punctured tire, take pictures. When the tire is replaced, have the shop cut out the puncture area. Tag the back of the photos with your contact information, what happened, when, which tire on car, location when discovered, etc. Call 974-5000 and ask for Sgt. Robert McGowan to report the incident and ask that an officer come by to pick up the evidence and place it in the case file. (An instrument was confiscated last week which can be compared to the puncture.) Doing this can help build circumstantial evidence and it can be presented as evidence in court.

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person on his property any more, police will then have the owner sign a document and will officially issue a criminal trespass warning to the person. This will allow them to pick up the person at a later date should he again trespass.

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- Should this ever go to trial and you have provided evidence, you will be asked to be a witness stating what you saw regarding your slashed tire. The Prosecutor's office will talk to you before the trial.

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From the President's Desk:

Hello, but Not Good Bye!

Hello Neighbors, on behalf of the Steering Committee, we appreciate everyone who worked so diligently with the Hyde Park Local Historic District application. This is neighborhood history in the making.

Speaking of the Steering Committee, it is about that time again that a new Steering Committee will be forthcoming. I have served two years as President of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association and my presidency this time around will be coming to an end. However, I am happy to announce that Lisa Harris will be accepting a nomination for President. She is currently a Co-Vice President along with Cynthia Lyons

and both have done a wonderful job. We will also be looking for other steering committee members and officers such as Recording Secretary. The Nominating Committee will be gathering names, so if you are interested, please let us know.

I will continue to be a Steering Committee member and will also continue as Committee Chair of the Development Review Committee. I will also be the 2011 Homes Tour Committee Chair. Next year's Homes Tour will be the 35th anniversary, and I plan to go back to the "neighborhood's family roots" in the theme. More to come!

— David Conner
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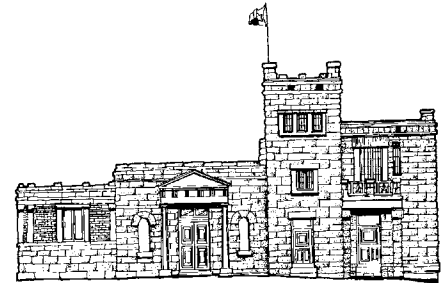
LHD Corner...

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Historic Landmark Commission. You can look forward to that story in next month's column.

— Lorre Weidlich
 Chair, Hyde Park Local
 Historic District

Writer's note: This column will appear regularly while the Local Historic District project is underway. If you have any questions or concerns about local historic districts that you would like addressed, please get in touch: <lweidlich@mail2sevenses.com> or 300-2228.



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2. Update on Hyde Park Local Historic District

There was a city-sponsored meeting last week where people from Hyde Park came to offer their input and ask questions about the Design Standards. The meeting was run by the Historic Preservation staff. The next step is for the Preservation Office and City Attorney to review the wording to make sure it is legally defensible. They will then meet with members of HPNA to review the changes they suggest. The final document will note any areas where the City and Hyde Park do not agree.

Late this month, that version will go before the Historic Landmark Commission for discussion. This schedule could be pushed back, depending on staff availability to work on the document before then.

3. Update on Caswell/Ridgetop Local Historic District

A poll has been taken regarding a possible Caswell/Ridgetop Local Historic District and someone has come forward to help lead this effort. More meetings are planned.

4. Possible new use of Triangle property at 45th and Guadalupe

HPNA is leaning toward supporting a proposed use at this location. No action will be taken unless and until the property is sold.

5. Review of Homes Tour

The actual numbers are still out, but we did make a profit. David Conner has agreed to chair the Tour next year.

— Wanda Penn

(Editor's note: Many thanks to Wanda for providing minutes of the July HPNA meeting.)

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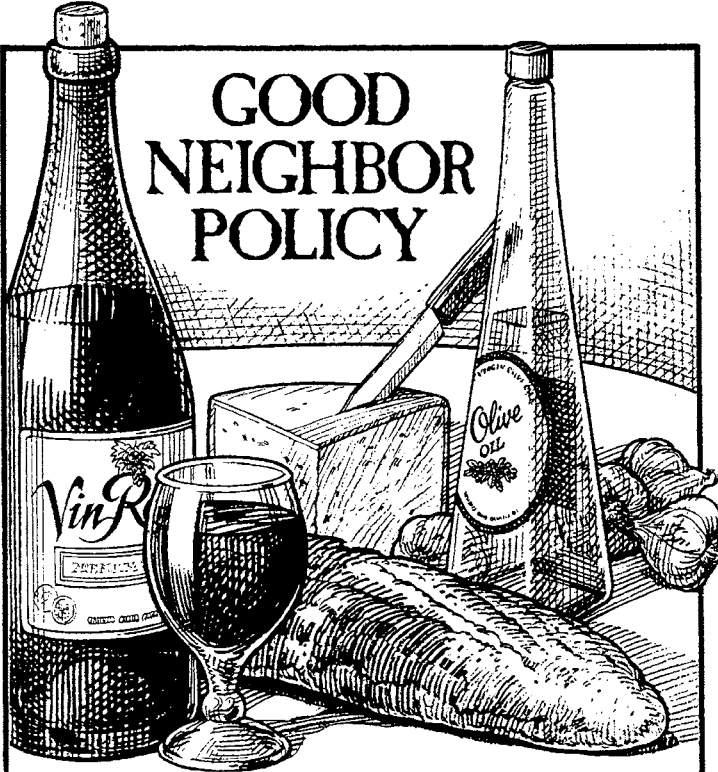
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by Carol Welder

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Meanwhile, the Hyde Park neighborhood has been assigned a new District Representative. His name is Josh Metteauer. His phone number is 974-8124 and email is <Joshua.metteauer@ci.austin.tx.us>. Please join the yahoo group for crime information in our area: <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/centralwestdr/>>.

Mark Your Calendars:

October 5th – National Night Out (plans TBD)
 October 12th – APD Commander’s Forum at
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- Avoid being outside during peak mosquito activity times of dusk and dawn.
- Prune areas with thick vegetation to reduce hiding areas for the mosquitoes. These areas could also be treated with a pesticide.
- Make sure window and door screens are in good repair.
- Use fans to keep air moving.
- Use repellent with active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
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— Nancy Taylor Day
July 12, 2010



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fruitless or the core of your being
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if the title is a ruse, and know
now that it was, to draw you
into a blissful place, nothing
secure or lifelong but blissful
You wonder
if the poet is mad, has lost all
footing on a polished-granite crag,
fallen to her death in a miasmic
marsh of quick sand, snakes
You wonder
where you are headed, following these
black scrawls on fresh bond, sensing
a breeze across wild grasses, hearing
an echo, no mountains but an echo
You wonder
for a moment, and then, in your center
from which all being comes, you feel
and hear and weep with joy, the
perfect marriage of lyric and tune
You wonder
no more, the melody that encircles
your brain and flashes of words, the
ones that ripple your skin each time,
that cause your pulse to calm or race
You wonder
if you are alone in hearing and feeling
of knowing this perfect marriage that
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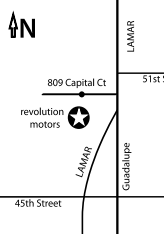


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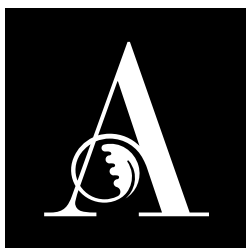


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