

May Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2, 2011

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church
4001 Speedway

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

HPNA General Meeting Agenda for May 2nd

- ❖ Gary W. Schatz, Assistant Director of Traffic Management for COA Transportation Dept., will speak about the upcoming closure of Bruning Avenue between E. 51st and E. 53rd streets
- ❖ Resolution on the closure of Bruning Avenue (vote will be taken)
- ❖ Resolution on the possible sale of Baker school (vote will be taken)
- ❖ Resolution on the City's Historic Landmark program (vote may be taken)
- ❖ Homes Tour update, call for volunteers
- ❖ NOTE: There will be a meeting with our Northfield/North Loop neighbors at Trinity Church prior to the General Meeting at 6:00 pm to discuss the Bruning Avenue closure. If you have any interest in this issue please be there to discuss it with our neighbors.

2011 Hyde Park Homes Tour: Planning in Progress

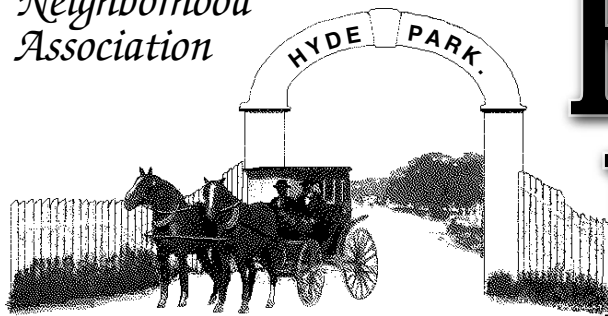
The 2011 Hyde Park Homes Tour is approaching soon! It is scheduled for Fathers' Day weekend June 18-19th, 2011.

The theme this year is "*Back to Hometown Austin: Hyde Park.*" The theme reflects Hyde Park's daily life in the earlier years: work, schools, churches. Home selection consists of houses from late 1800's to mid 1930's.

Trinity Methodist Church will be assisting in the tour this year. Parking and child care services at the church are planned. Also, the ticket price through PayPal will be \$15.00 which is good for both days.

The price for tickets purchased on the day of the tour will be as follows: for Saturday the price

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Clean Sweep 2011 in Hyde Park

On April 9th ten volunteers helped me clean the creek between 45th St. and 51st St. We started at the easy access point near 47th St. and worked our way towards 45th St. and 51st St. A nice breeze and plenty of shade created pretty good conditions for our effort.

We filled 13 trash bags and also hauled out some large items that didn't fit in trash bags. The large items included five tires, a carpet, a large plastic tarp and a long bent-up pipe. When we moved the

Thanks to UT's Liberal Arts Honors Service Organization for sending us the largest contingent of volunteers! Thanks also to all other volunteers! Some came from as far away as Round Rock! A UT groundskeeper also assisted by carrying some of the filled trash bags from the part of Intramural Fields near 51st Street back to the other end of the field.

Unfortunately, I didn't think to take any pictures until our volunteers had dispersed, but I did take a picture of the trash we hauled out of the creek and a picture of part of the volunteer party at Waterloo Park.

— Lisa Harris



Pile of trash removed from neighborhood creek.
Photo by Lisa Harris

carpet we accidentally evicted some field mice. We heard and saw lots of birds, and the volunteers particularly enjoyed seeing some of our neighborhood's wild parakeets.



Volunteer appreciation party in Waterloo Park following Clean Sweep.
Photo by Lisa Harris

From the President's Desk:

There is quite a lot going on in our neck of the woods these days. At this point in time, Bruning Avenue is still scheduled to be closed at 51st Street and at 53rd Street. We have been informed that Austin Independent School District has put Baker School on the market. And various taxing entities are reconsidering whether to grant historic tax exemptions. We will vote on resolutions on all three of these issues at the May general meeting. (The resolutions are printed in this issue.) Gary Schatz, Assistant Director for Traffic Management for the city will attend the first portion of our meeting and answer questions. Neighbors from Northfield are also interested in meeting with us about Bruning, but unfortunately Northfield Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting is at the same time and on the same day as ours. Provided we can get the room at Trinity at 6 PM on May 2nd we are scheduling meeting with Northfield from 6-6:30 PM. Unfortunately, I have not yet been able to confirm that the room will be available at that time, but as soon as I know for sure I will put an announcement about it on the HPNA website.

There are also some changes happening on state land near us. On April 20th Central Texas Rehabilitation Hospital broke ground on the new facility they are building on the Triangle near 45th and

Guadalupe. On April 15th the General Land Office held a meeting on a proposed new Zingers store at the 38th Street PUD (Central Market area.) HPNA, Heritage Neighborhood Association and Rosedale Neighborhood Association share a vote on the committee reviewing the site plan. Laurie Limbacher of Heritage is voting on behalf of our three associations. Our own Alan Marburger has agreed to assist her as needed. We expect to run a report from Laurie Limbacher on the 38th Street PUD meetings in a later issue.

Thanks to former president Bob Breeze, who has agreed to coordinate HPNA efforts on issues relating to Bruning and 51st Street, and to Robin Burch, who offered to serve as beautification chair. We are still looking for a new membership chair. If you are willing to serve as membership chair or as a member of the membership committee please let me know. Many hands make light work, and your service will be greatly appreciated.

The Transportation Department has plans to install new equipment on 51st Street that is capable of running multiple intersections at the same time. The intent is that the signalization for the 51st/Clarkson and 51st/Airport intersections work together so traffic moves smoothly. Unfortunately, installation has been de-

layed due to a programming error that would result in all the signals going to flashing red on a regular basis. That would worsen rather than improve traffic on that stretch of 51st Street. The city's engineers will continue to test the equipment in the laboratory until they are confident that it will function properly.

Finally, don't forget that we have city elections this month. The election is on May 14th, and early

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voting runs from May 2nd through May 10th. You can watch statements from all Place 1 candidates, all Place 3 candidates and all but one Place 4 candidate on the City's website: <www.ci.austin.tx.us/news/2011/election_2011.htm>

Also, on that page you can also watch the candidate forum that the League of Women Voters of the Austin Area (LWVAA) moderated for the City's Ethics Review Commission. All Place 1 candidates, all Place 3 candidates and two out of three Place 4 candidates participated in that forum as well.

The *Austin American-Statesman* is publishing the League's Voter's guide this spring. Watch for it in the Sunday newspaper immediately before early voting begins. The guide will also be available on the LWVAA website. I'll put an announcement about it with a link on the HPNA website when it is up.

— Lisa Harris
 HPNA President
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Conversing Across Our "Fences"

What I do like about all of this conversing about 51st at Airport, at Duval, and the temporary closure of Bruning is that it is a very good learning curve about conversations across our fences—across our shared boundaries.

How do you see us (Hancock, Hyde Park, Highland, Northfield and Ridgetop neighbors) gearing up for the quality of communications which are needed before Airport Boulevard Redevelopment finally gets rolling?

Our Northfield and Ridgetop joint Planning Team has begun to discuss meeting with the Planning Team members of HPNA, Hancock, Highland, and Skyview. Sebastian Wren (Northfield) and I (Ridgetop) are serving on the Airport Blvd Advisory Group.

I would love for us to begin developing effective strategies for enhanced participation in shaping and notification about changes which will inevitably come. These changes could include guidance for the consultant group (still awaiting contract to be finalized), agreeing to ground rules for engagement, even brain storming for added passage east and west across Airport.

— Martha Ward
 NLNPT/Ridgetop Neighborhood/ABR Advisory Group

Martha Pennock: 1910-2011

Martha Koch Pennock, long-time resident of Hyde Park, passed away on February 18th after a brief illness. She and her husband Lewis built their Avenue G home in 1950, completing the landscaping themselves. A member of the Violet Crown Garden Club, her love of plants continued all her life and was reflected in her beautiful yard. She volunteered for several local organizations, including the American Red Cross, Austin State School and the Food Bank. She was also active in her church, the Frist United Methodist Church.

Survivors include son Lewis and daughter Martha, their children and grandchildren.

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Notebook

May 2011

by Constable Bruce Elfant

On Saturday May 14, Austin voters will have the opportunity to choose among 11 candidates who are vying for three positions on the Austin City Council. Shortly after the election the next City Council will begin a process similar to what our state leaders are currently going through. While our population and needs for emergency services, roads, water, libraries, parks, environmental protection, et cetera continue to increase, property and sales tax revenues have decreased as have federal and state funds for local services. We know there will not be nearly enough revenue to fully fund many important services, and the newly elected council members will have to determine which services to fund and whether to raise taxes.

Yes, this is an important election, but if past elections are an indicator, more people will fly flags on July Fourth than will cast votes on May 14th. While flying the American Flag is a powerful symbol of support for our nation, it is my belief that voting is far more important and essential if we wish to preserve the representative form of democracy which we claim to cherish. The Austin Community College Center for Public Policy and Political Studies recently published a report of voter turnout in Austin City Council elections. They found that in 1971, 57% of registered voters participated in that year's city council election. By 1981 turnout had dropped to 38%. In 1991, only 23% voted. The number fell to fourteen percent in 2001, and by 2008 voter turnout dropped to an all time low of 8%.

If you believe that 8% of voters, who may not share your point of view, should not exclusively determine Austin's future, I strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to read about the candidates and vote for those who best represent your point of view. The Austin League of Women Voters publishes a Voters' Guide that is available at public libraries and online at lwvaustin.org. The *Austin American-Statesman* and *Chronicle* also publish council election articles and candidate endorsements. Many neighborhood and other organizations also host candidate forums throughout Austin.

Early voting begins April 27th and extends through May 5th at 20 locations throughout Austin. Early voting and election-day voting locations are available at the Travis County Clerk's website, <www.co.travis.tx.us/county_clerk>. They will also be published in the *American Statesman*.

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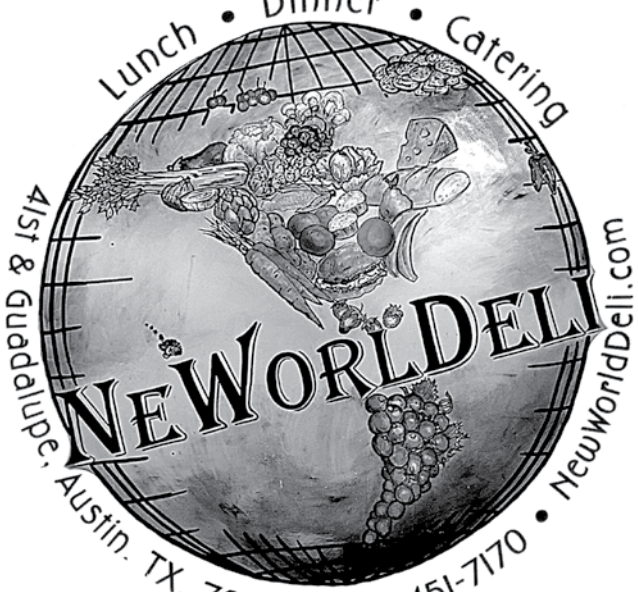
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Proposed Bruning Avenue Closure Resolution:

Whereas, recent changes in traffic control devices on 51st Street at Duval and at Clarkson have caused traffic congestion and related problems on 51st Street that are unacceptable to Hyde Park Neighborhood Association;

Whereas, Bruning Avenue, which has long been an important route from Hyde Park to Airport Boulevard, has increased in importance as 51st Street has become more difficult to navigate,

Whereas, numerous residents of Hyde Park utilize Bruning on a regular basis and would be greatly impacted by its closure;

Whereas, the future growth of traffic through this corridor, including the planned redevelopment of Airport Boulevard and continued growth of Mueller (with a potential rail stop and general population growth) will require that Bruning remain open to through traffic;

Whereas, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association recognizes that neighbors in Northfield have legitimate concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing Bruning;

Be it resolved that Hyde Park Neighborhood Association opposes any effort to close Bruning Avenue to through traffic.

Be it further resolved that Hyde Park Neighborhood Association opposes even a temporary closure of Bruning Avenue to through traffic.

Be it further resolved that Hyde Park Neighborhood Association supports traffic calming measures on Bruning short of closing the street entirely and stands ready to work with Northfield Neighborhood Association and North Loop Planning Team to come up with an alternative traffic calming solution.

Proposed Baker School Resolution:

Whereas, Austin Independent School District (AISD) has put Baker School up for sale;

Whereas, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan, adopted in 2000 by the Austin City Council, contains the following recommendations in Chapter 6:

- Preserve Baker School and encourage its return to use for public academic purposes and community uses. (p. 47)
- The Yarborough Library serves the Hyde Park area. Future joint reuse of Baker School or other civic buildings should be investigated for a public reading room and/or library book drop-off bin. (p. 47)
- Baker School was Hyde Park's original 1st through 8th grade school. It was converted from Community College use to office facilities for

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AISD in 1998. HPNA (Hyde Park Neighborhood Association) opposed this change and requested that the school be returned to service as a school. During the recent past, while the school has served needs other than those of neighborhood school, the facility has not provided for community use beyond serving as a voting location.

- Return Baker School to uses for children. It is the wish of the neighborhood that the school return to use as both a school for area children and as a focus of community activity including after school care and other child care and community activities such as Parks & Recreation’s summer teen program (in the summer of 1997 and 1998 this programs utilized the gym and grounds), community meetings, and access to the gym for recreation. (p. 48)

Whereas, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan includes a recommendation that the Baker School (1911) be considered for historic landmark status; (p. 17)

Whereas, Baker School is listed as a contributing structure in the recently designated Hyde Park Local Historic District;

Whereas, this year is Baker School’s Centennial;

Whereas, the Baker School tract is all that remains in public hands of what was originally a big park occupying the southwest corner of Hyde Park;

Whereas, Hyde Park continues to see an influx of families desiring to locate in the central city;

Be it resolved, that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association calls for the Baker School tract to remain public.

Be it further resolved, that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association calls on Austin Independent School District to take Baker School off the market and instead lease the property for an appropriate civic or office use.

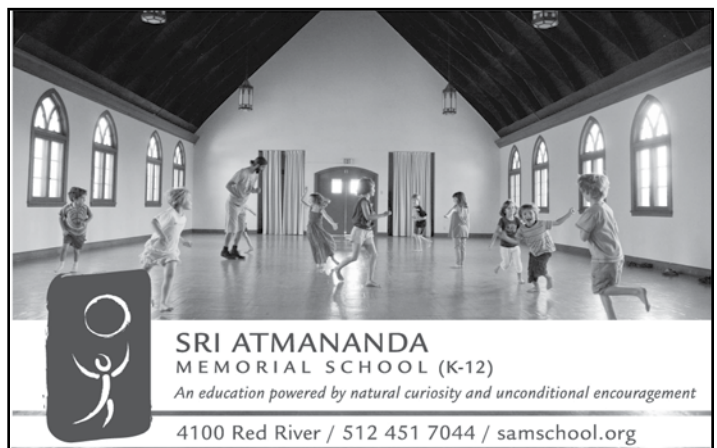
Be it further resolved, that if finances require AISD to sell the Baker School Hyde Park Neighborhood Association calls on AISD to sell the school to another public entity.

Proposed Resolution on the City’s Historic Landmark Program:

Whereas, historic Hyde Park survives and thrives today as one of the city’s most densely populated and economically diverse neighborhoods as a direct result of landmark tax incentives enacted in the 1970s as the primary public policy tool of Austin’s preservation program and;

Whereas, before these incentives, Hyde Park’s housing stock, both grand Victorian anchor homes and surrounding working class bungalows,

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was dilapidated and neglected and in danger of disappearing and;

Whereas, the restoration and annual maintenance standards of the 25 or so Historic landmarks in Hyde Park, so designated going back to 1974, set the bar and opened the way for revitalization of our historic neighborhood, and;

Whereas, thirty-five years of the Annual Hyde Park Historic Homes tour, operated without cost to taxpayers, has attracted many visitors and shown homeowners and prospective buyers what they could achieve in restoring surrounding homes, and;

Whereas, these landmark incentives represent an agreement between homeowners and government, whereby families invested their savings and efforts over many years, agreeing to maintain their homes to preservation standards in exchange for property tax incentives, and;

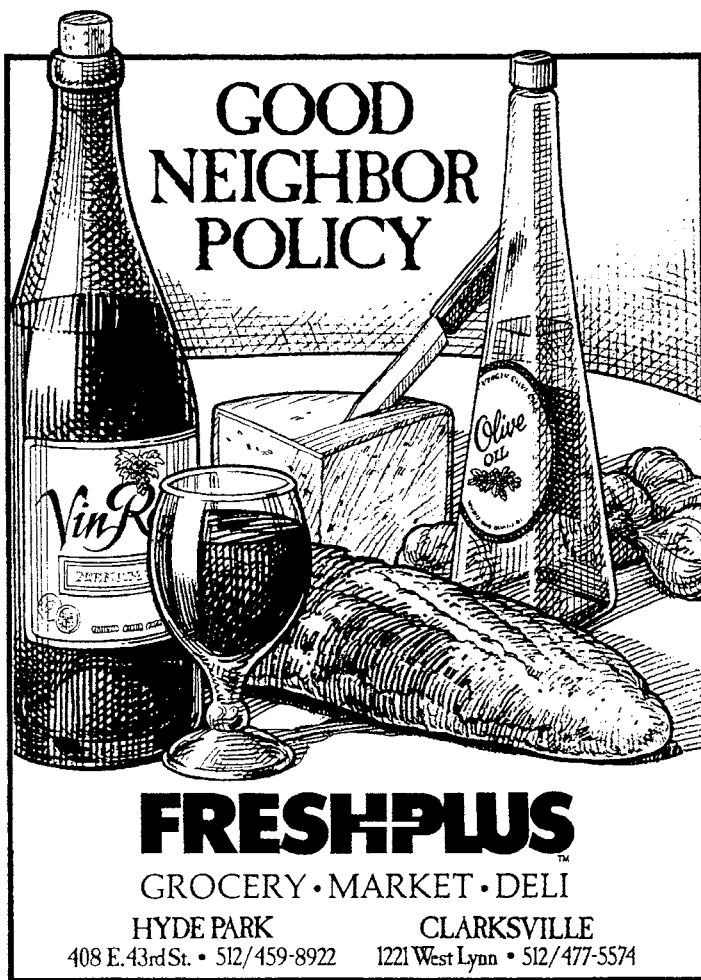
Whereas, these families made lifetime investments based on this agreement, now threatened with precipitous and short-sighted curtailment that violate a public trust and threaten long term affordability and preservation of central Austin's most treasured and visited historic areas, and;

Whereas, proposed further curtailment of these incentives has thus far failed to address the contributions landmarks and surrounding restored neighborhoods make to a uniquely Austin quality of life that continues to attract new residents and jobs. Nor has it adequately considered nor recognized the economic benefits now reaped by Austin from skilled local restoration jobs and new dollars flowing from heritage tourism, reliably estimated at \$140 million annually, and;

Whereas, the Heritage Society of Austin has offered a more thoughtful set of proposals worthy of full consideration, broadening the range of incentives to continue preservation efforts while containing future loss of tax revenue;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association calls upon the leadership of the City of Austin, Travis County, Austin Community College and Austin Independent School District to slow an apparent rush to judgement long enough to gather the economic data necessary to make informed decisions and;

Further, be it resolved that these governmental bodies should involve a broad range of stakeholders, including those with recognized preservation and economic expertise, in a more careful, deliberate study of any further changes in these incentives, and their potential effect on neighborhood survival, sustainability and the long term economic well being of all of Austin and Travis County.



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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: March 2011

Note: This report didn't make it to the editor's desk in time for inclusion in last month's issue. This should help explain the double-helping of meeting minutes this month.

The March general meeting contained a lot of "in our last episode...", as ongoing issues took up much of the agenda.

President Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

The first item, complaints about **noise filtering up from downtown nightclubs**, had to be postponed until a future meeting. The City's person in charge of noise ordinance enforcement is occupied by SXSW duties and could not attend.

Co-Vice President Cynthia Lyon advised that neighbors will be hearing music from locations on North Loop until 9:00 or 10:00 in the evenings during SXSW. These are permitted events. Most of the SXSW-related events on North Loop will be held in the daytime.

Schools, and particularly **Baker School**, were taken up next. Cynthia reported that AISD does have the possibility of selling, leasing, or mothballing the school on the table as a cost-reduction measure. Also, although Lee and Ridgetop Elementaries are not being considered for closure or merging, it's important for the neighborhood to engage the AISD board now, to help guide thought about the future of those schools as well as Baker. Susan Moffat has suggested that interested neighbors might form a "friends of Baker School," and/or work to find a lessee for Baker to keep it in an academic/civic function. Cynthia pointed out that selling the school would be disastrous, since the district could never afford to purchase new land for downtown schools. Superintendent Carstarphen is on record as opposing property sales for this reason.

The discussion generated a number of suggestions for possible re-uses that would keep Baker as a school property, from vocational learning programs to leasing the school to private or charter schools who lack some of the facilities Baker has.

Karen McGraw suggested the neighborhood might spearhead a 100th-birthday celebration for Baker, as was done at Fulmore Junior High a few years ago. This could bring the school back to the public's attention and help push for its re-activation as a school. Karen also noted that if the Baker property were sold, it would fall under zoning with a fifty-foot or more commercial height limit similar to that on Guadalupe, so the neighborhood will have to be aware and be ready to push back on unfriendly redevelopment proposals.

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Valerie Mansbendel House 3820 Avenue F

Last year's Hyde Park Homes Tour featured the home of renowned Swiss Woodcarver Peter Mansbendel, on the corner of Avenue F and 39th Street. That same craftsmanship is evident in this house Mansbendel built next door in 1934 as a wedding present for his daughter Valerie and her husband William T. Williams.

The bride's grandparents, Adele and Monroe Shipe, lived a block away at Avenue G and 39th Street. Shipe had developed Hyde Park in 1891 as the first planned development in Austin and he named this particular area "Shadow Lawn," as marked by still-present concrete benches.

The interior of the home is enhanced by Peter Mansbendel's design and carvings. The beamed living room ceiling rises fifteen feet high and the dining room beams are carved and painted in floral designs.

Perhaps the most unique features of the home are the portraits of Valerie and Bill that Mansbendel carved into the stone façade.

The house is for sale for the first time outside the family. It has three bedrooms, two baths, formal living and dining rooms and a family room. It needs some updating and repairs, but the Hyde Park Historic District benefit includes eligibility for a property tax freeze for seven years at the pre-rehab value.

The property is priced at \$499,000.

Brent Adair took the floor next, to talk about the **new traffic signals in North Hyde Park** and proposed closure of Bruning Street. The signals were installed at Clarkson in an effort to prevent cars from stopping on the railroad track, and the City believes this effort has been largely successful. A second traffic controller is on order for that light. In the meantime, the City will continue to monitor and tune signaling. Installation of lights at 51st and Duval were triggered by the number of accidents recorded there in recent months. It was more or less an automatic authorization due to the accidents and the traffic volume.

The Bruning closure proposal is to close the street at the Duval and North Loop ends only, leaving other streets open to provide access to those living on the street. The Northfield and Ridgetop neighborhood associations have had closure of Bruning as one of the goals in their planning documents for several years. They were surprised to discover that no one had notified HPNA the closure was being put forward.

The Public Works department will hold a public meeting on the proposed closure on Thursday, March 10th at the Travis County elections training center. This is the only public meeting that will be held.

Crime & Safety chair Heather Freeman reported that an **arrest has been made in the tire slashing case**, and the suspect will be charged with at least four felony counts. The suspect is in jail, and police expect him to remain there pending trial. No further slashings have been reported since mid-January. (UPDATE: a copy-cat slasher has appeared in recent days. Please call APD and report any incidents. They can't stop what they don't know about.) Trial was set for March 21st, but has been postponed to an indefinite date. The detective assigned to the case worked closely with the Assistant District Attorney to prepare for the trial, and the District Attorney expects to ask for a sentence of 20 years without parole. The Assistant District Attorney is also preparing a community impact statement documenting damage over time in the neighborhood.

Heather noted that **graffiti** has been on the rise recently, and needs to be reported to 311 for cleanup when it is observed. This is a difficult issue to address procedurally, as the detective who was formerly working on graffiti has been reassigned to other duties. Heather suggested forming a neighborhood graffiti task force, and preparing flyers with information on what to do for door-to-door distribution. Wanda Penn suggested searching the *Austin American-Statesman* archives around 1995, for a story about an area near Burnet Road that successfully fought graffiti vandalism.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.



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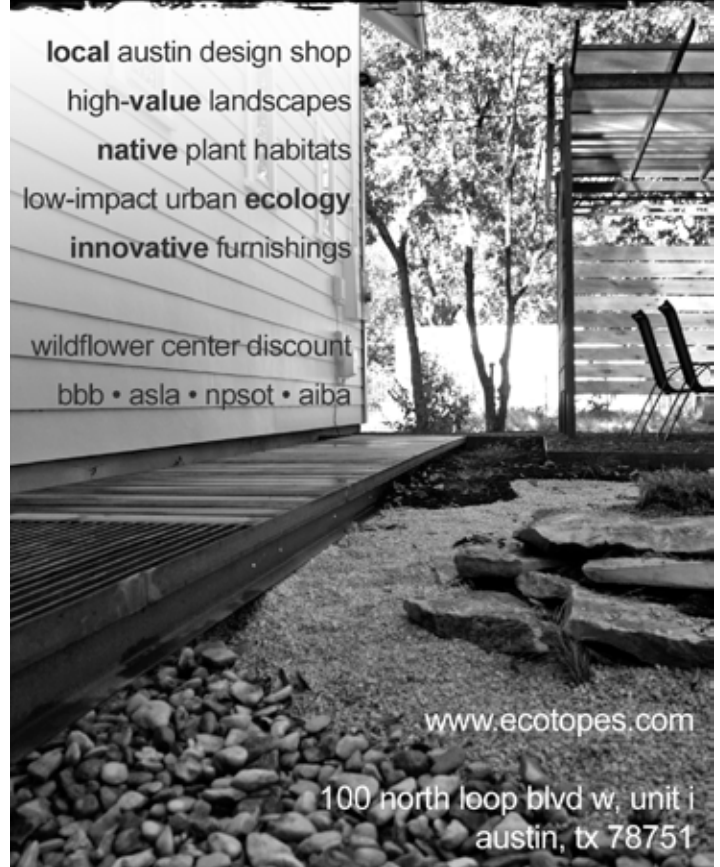
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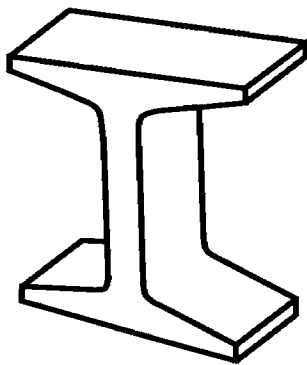
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Celebrating a milestone in the ongoing tire slasher Codysey, funding for public art at Shipe pool, and the proposed closure of Bruning Street made up the majority of April’s general meeting.

President Lisa Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Lisa thanked everyone who had assisted catching the **Hyde Park tire slasher**, and presented certificates of appreciation to those most actively involved.

- Heather Dozier, Crime and Safety Chair
 - Teresa Griffin, Task Force Co-Founder
 - George Wyche, Task Force Surveillance Committee
 - Carol Welder, past Crime and Safety Chair
 - Assistant District Attorney Claire Dawson-Brown
 - Mary Arnett, Citizen Led Austin Safety Partnership Vice President
 - Jack Darby, Krimelabb and Citizen Led Austin Safety Partnership
 - Mike Levy, Vice Chair of Austin’s Public Safety Commission
 - Commander John Romoser, APD
 - Lieutenant Troy Officer, APD
 - Officer Joshua Metteauer, APD
 - Sergeant Bill Warren, APD
 - Detective Eric Hoduski, APD
 - District Representative Officer Rolando Gutierrez, APD
 - Lee Sparks, our flyer printer (*who donated the flyers*)
- Refreshments were served after the presentation.*

Russell Smith, executive director of **Austin Child Guidance Center**, provided a short presentation on the center’s programs and services. The center, located at 45th and Lamar, has been in existence since 1951, providing mental health services for children and their families. Clients range in age from as young as three or four years up to 17. Mr. Smith remarked that half of all mental illness begins to present before age 14, and without treatment, children with mental illness are likely to end up in the juvenile justice system. Funding for the program comes from many sources, including grants, donations, Medicaid, CHiP, and private insurance, with a sliding scale available for low-income families.

Mark Fishman, steering committee member and a member of the Friends of Shipe Park, introduced Adam Wilson of The Griffin School to talk about the **proposed mural project at the Shipe Pool** pump house.

Adam gave an overview of the mural project, its scope and its funding to date, including a grant from the Austin Parks Foundation and a private challenge grant. He said that money already raised is enough to complete a little more than half of the total

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About three dozen Hyde Park yards were raked and I was one of the lucky ones, for both the raking and the cookies. The rakers arrived with equipment and bags for the leaves. My yard benefitted from their energy and attention along with lots of good conversation.

A big *Thank You* to the Hyde Park Baptist Acteens for all the raking and for the bags of delicious cookies wrapped in ribbon.

— Mary Lou Seraifne

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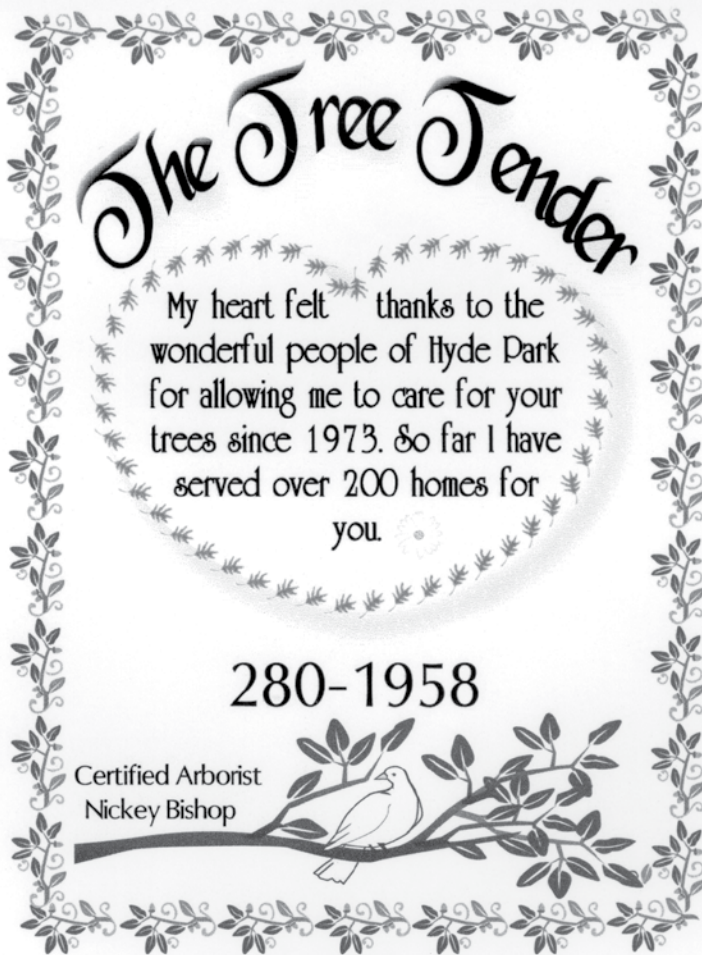
project vision, and the designers have taken a phased approach so the scope can be increased if more funding becomes available. He noted that donations of materials (glass, china, or other components) will be solicited from neighbors at a later date, for those who wish to contribute them to the project.

Mark Fishman moved that HPNA contribute \$5,000 toward to cost of the project, seconded by Deaton Bednar. The ensuing discussion ranged over a need to make sure HPNA's own funding sources are in order, especially the homes tour, before committing to expenditure, mention that since the tire slasher expenditure had not been spent that money was now freed up for other purposes, and sentiments that the mural would help the aesthetics of the pump house, which is very plain. The question of compensation for the artist/designer/supervisors also arose. Mr. Wilson said they would be compensated for roughly 400 hours, and they expected to donate 400 hours more of their own time to the project, independent of volunteer labor, as the project stands.

At the end of discussion Sam Waring called for the question, seconded by Doris Coward. The motion passed on a show of hands.

Jeff Coffey, a North Hyde Park neighbor, rose to give an update on the **proposed closure of Bruning street**. There has been little further motion since the March meeting. The City wants to do the street closure as soon as Ridgetop Elementary closes for the summer in early June. Hyde Park neighbors are still expressing surprise and dismay at the way the closure was handled, and feel their input has been shut out in favor of Northfield and Ridgetop neighborhoods. Lisa advised that Gary Schatz of the Public Works Department and representatives of Northfield and Ridgetop associations have offered to meet with HPNA regarding this issue.

The president adjourned the meeting at 8:49 PM.



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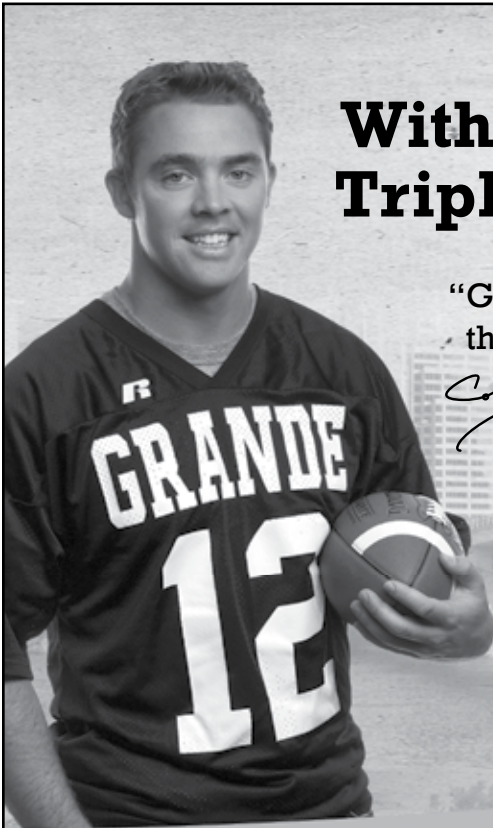
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