

November Meeting

When: 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 5, 2012

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 Nov 5th

Due to a cancellation by the City of Austin speakers scheduled for last September's general meeting the program has been rescheduled for the November meeting.

Carol Haywood
Planning Manager, Comprehensive Division, Planning & Development Review Department

Margaret Valenti
Senior Neighborhood Planner, Contact Team and Education Coordinator, Planning & Development Review Department

"NCCD? LHD? Conditional overlay? What are these? How do they control what happens in the neighborhood?"

"Neighborhood plan? I didn't know we had one! And what's a contact team, anyway?"

To judge by some of the recent debate at neighborhood meetings and on the listserv, there is considerable confusion and misunderstanding about just what organizations and zoning entities operate in Hyde Park, what the relationship is between them, and what legal power they have.

Carol and Margaret will chart a path through the confusion. They will clarify issues like the following:

The neighborhood plan - How did it come about? What legal weight does it carry? What is its relationship to the city plan?

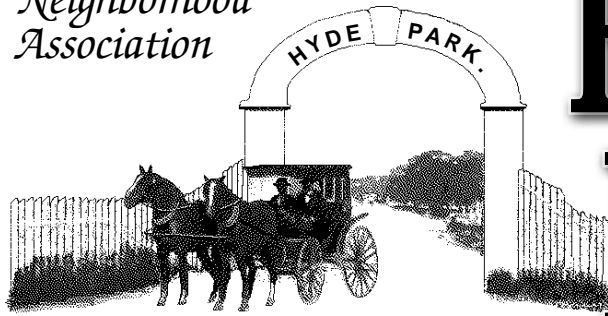
The contact team - What is it? What legal authority does it have?

Zoning ordinances - What's their relationship to the neighborhood plan? Which ones operate in Hyde Park?

The neighborhood association - What is its relationship to all these things? Does it have any legal authority?

All Hyde Park residents are welcome.

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Hyde Park: Reinvented, Rewarding, and Real

November is upon us, and with it, the most important event of the year. No, not the election – the Hyde Park Homes Tour! This year's tour answers the question, What is it like to live in a historic district? Can someone with an artistic, eclectic, or modern bent be comfortable living in Hyde Park?

The 2012 Hyde Park Homes Tour showcases homes that real people reinvented to support and reflect their preferred lifestyles while preserving historic architecture. The reward is multi-faceted: vintage homes, tree-covered yards and streets, and local cafés and businesses. Neighbors benefit from a wide diversity of neighbors who, as real people, become real friends. The Hyde Park historic district is not a museum but a viable, exciting, and–yes–trendy neighborhood community.

This year's tour breaks with the past by trading the heat of June for the pleasantness of November. The seven houses it debuts illustrate how seven individuals and families have adapted vintage

houses to contemporary living and have reinvented Hyde Park as a place to raise children and pursue a variety of up-to-the-minute careers. Those houses are scattered throughout the historic district – Avenue A to Avenue H, 38th Street to 45th Street. As the tour bus winds its way through that district, tourists will learn about its history and its landmarks.

Get a quick preview of the tour from the map and photos on page 3. Contact John Williams at <jawilli@grandecom.net> to volunteer. See you on November 11!

– Lorre Weidlich and David Conner
Hyde Park Homes Tour Co-Chairs
With thanks to Deaton Bednar for her contribution to this article.

38th Fire Station Festival: Bringing the Community Together

On Sunday, October 21st we held the 38th Fire Station Festival. It was a sunny and breezy day. We gathered at Shipe Park and at 4:00 p.m. the parade left Shipe Park for the fire station. Ashley Schweickart, John Williams and I carried the HPNA banner at the front of the parade.

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From the Co-Presidents

Hello Hyde Park! In our first column as Co-Presidents, John and I would like to introduce ourselves!

John Williams has lived in Austin since he was a freshman at UT in 1992. After college, he lived in Hyde Park as both a renter and a homeowner and since 2003 has resided on Avenue F with his wife Michelle. John and Michelle have a six year old boy that started Kindergarten at Lee Elementary this fall and a three year old girl that attends the nearby First English preschool. John first became involved with neighborhood activities by volunteering for the Hyde Park Homes Tour and has been a tour committee member

since 2004. He has recently been a Co-Secretary and a Co-Vice President in HPNA.

I have lived in Austin since June 2009, arriving in the middle of a heat wave! Although I originally hail from Seattle, WA, previous to moving here I spent six years in California. I work for the Texas Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs collaborating on efforts to increase affordable housing opportunities for low income Texans. When not participating in HPNA activities, you can find me spending time with my husband Kyle and our kitten Lee, flexing my amateur film critic skills at a nearby Alamo Drafthouse, and captaining my kickball team The Oven Mitts!

John and I are still brainstorming ways in which we can best serve the neighborhood in our new capacity but we are particularly interested increasing the membership in HPNA, the efficacy of its committees, and the attendance at our monthly general meetings.

In our first column, we would like to sincerely thank the outgoing HPNA Officers and Steering Committee members. Lisa Harris has been a tremendous President devoting countless hours to her fellow neighbors and providing sage advice and ongoing mentorship to John and I. Stan Kozinsky and John Paul Moore have been outstanding Committee members, both providing indispensable wisdom and unwavering commitment to the betterment of Hyde Park. We also want to recognize those Committee members who decided to continue their service to HPNA: Mark Fishman, Lorre Weidlich, Dorothy Richter, Claire de Young, I Jay Aarons, Lynne Hohlfeld, Eric

Stumberg, and Kevin Heyburn. We are all tremendously grateful for your volunteerism!

Additionally, as this article will come out after the 38th Annual Fire Station Festival, we would like to thank Deaton Bednar and her amazing team of neighborhood volunteers, including Linda Van Bavel, Gabi Snyder, Kelly Schaub, Lynne Hohlfeld, Joan Yamini, Liz Lock, Paula Rhodes, Sarah Brooks Aldridge, Sarah Oliva, Nhaila Hendrickse, Mary LaTouf, Linda Baker, and many more. Every year the Fire Station Festival celebrates the partnership between the fire

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station and HPNA, the effectiveness of citizen involvement, and honors those who provide great service within our neighborhood. Here's to many more years of this fun-filled community tradition!

Speaking of community traditions, we want to remind everyone that the Hyde Park Homes Tour is fast approaching on Sunday, November 11th and all are invited! The theme this year is "Hyde Park: Reinvented, Rewarding, and Real." Check out the new Homes Tour website at <www.hydepark-hometour.org>. The website provides pictures of the seven houses on the tour and information on how to buy your ticket. Tickets are \$20 and can be bought online, using PayPal, starting November 1st or on the day of the tour at the Trinity United Methodist Church where the tour starts. Parking is in the church parking lot across the street from the church. Child care will be available at the church.

Finally, the inaugural meeting of the Neighborhood Outreach Committee occurred on October 9th and already members are hard at work creating a new resident welcome packet, learning more about neighbor interests through a neighborhood engagement survey, and more. If you are interested in becoming part of this new Committee or if you'd like to provide feedback on ways to facilitate greater community engagement, please contact Larry Gilg at: <lgilg@grandecom.net>.

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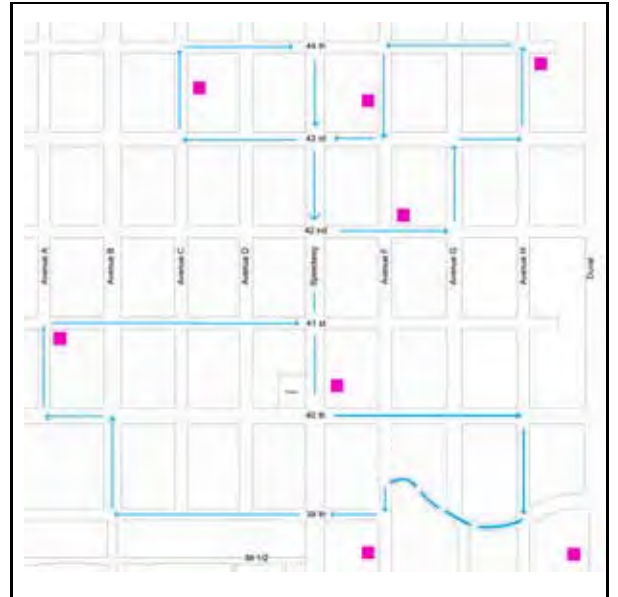


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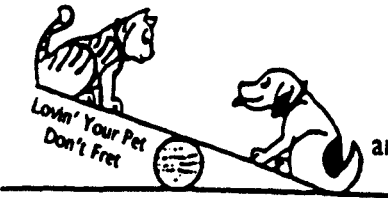
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Fire Station Festival... ...cont'd from page 1

We were followed by a fire truck, neighbors (many costumed; some plain-clothes) and the McCallum High School Drum Line.



The Banner Leads the Parade by Raffi Samona

When paraders arrived at the fire station they were welcomed by the music of Albanie Fellata and her Fellas. When all paraders had arrived I welcomed everyone, let neighbors know about the banner honoring this year's award recipients, the posters that were on display by the membership table and the poster to sign at the table, introduced HPNA's new officers, and handed the microphone to Co-Presidents John Williams and Ashley Schweickart.

John and Ashley introduced John Paul Moore, who, together with Councilmember Laura Morrison, unveiled a plaque honoring Dorothy Richter that has been installed on the wall of Fire Station No. 9. It is on the wall that faces 43rd St. Constable Bruce Elfant had suggested to John Paul Moore and Councilmember Morrison's aide Barbara Rush that we might install such a plaque. John Paul Moore made the arrangements to have the plaque made and quietly contacted neighbors to raise the money to make it and Councilmember Morrison and Barbara Rush were invaluable in helping secure permission for the plaque to be installed on the fire station. More money was raised than was needed to pay for the plaque; the remainder was donated to HPNA for a special Dorothy Richter Neighborhood Improvement Fund.

Dorothy Richter then spoke, followed by Rep. Elliott Naishtat. Sen. Kirk Watson was introduced. He and his wife Liz now live in Hyde Park and they joined HPNA at the festival.

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- Scariest: Vampire Boy Scout by Banjo LeGrand
- Funniest: Safari Family by Perkins & Dano
- Most Creative: Hedwig the Snowy Owl by Chloe Marco
- Pet Prize: Punkie the Pig by Yankee Doodle Pig

The contest winners were photographed, the music resumed, and neighbors enjoyed food, drink, conversation and children's activities. Some neighbors danced.

Austin Independent School District Trustee candidate Gina Hinojosa, Councilmember Bill Spelman and his wife (and our past president) Niyanta Spelman attended the festival. Gina Hinojosa's mother recently moved to Hyde Park.



Punkie the Pig Won the Pet Prize, by Raffi Samona

Eileen and Jim Genevro collected dues from the Watsons and many other new and renewing members at HPNA's membership table. We also had a Fire Station Festival poster for neighbors to sign to send to Hyde Park Neighborhood Association of Kansas City at that table. John Lawyer and Katie Vignery allowed us to tape the posters that Hyde Park Neighborhood Association of Kansas City signed and sent to us to their carport so neighbors could look at them.

The Friends of Shipe Park had a table where neighbors could learn about the mosaic mural and the Friends' other efforts to improve the park. Alison Young and Adam Wilson made sure that neighbors who came by the table knew about the next Shipe Park Mural Project workshop which will be on Sunday November 4th from 12-3 p.m. at the Griffin School Art Building, 5001 Evans Avenue. Neighbors can participate regardless of whether they have any experience making mosaics.

Prior to and during the event neighbors donated books for kindergarten through 6th grade to BeHive which provides after-school care for children.

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HPNA General Meeting Minutes: October 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Harris at 7:07 p.m. Announcements included introductions of individuals running in the November election. Ann Teich is running for AISD Board of Trustees District 3, Mary Ellen Pietruszynski and Gina Hinojosa are both running for the AISD Board of Trustees At Large position, and Bruce Elfant is running for Travis County Tax Assessor.

The first item of business was election of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee. The Nominations Committee put forward the following slate:

Co-Presidents: John Williams & Ashley Schweickart

Vice President: Mark Fishman

Co-Secretaries: Claire de Young & Mike Pikulski

Co-Treasurers: I Jay Aarons & Lynne Hohlfeld

At-Large Steering Committee (full terms): Lorre Weidlich, Eric Stumberg, Kathy Lawrence, & Annette Lucksinger

At-Large Steering Committee (vacant seat): Paul Kamprath

Wanda Penn stated that the bylaws call for proportional turnover of At-Large Steering Committee members, so that 3 of the 6 positions should be filled each year. She asked if we could try to get back to that rotation. Lisa Harris stated that we could elect one of the Committee members slated for a full term for just one year instead. Annette Lucksinger volunteered for a one-year term of service. Given this revision to the slate, the Steering Committee slate was adopted 24-0.

The second item of business was a presentation by Mary Arnett on fighting graffiti. Mary stated that, in her experience, instead of being gang-related, 99% of neighborhood graffiti is simply a nuisance created by taggers who are obsessed with defacing property simply to show off their tags. Ms. Arnett then provided a handout on reporting and removing graffiti. Graffiti is prohibited and punishable under the Texas Penal Code and the City has a Graffiti Abatement Program. Graffiti can be reported simply by dialing 3-1-1. Tips for reporting graffiti are to be very specific and detailed on the location and description of the graffiti and to specify if the tag is on public or private property. Additionally, in order to maintain visibility of graffiti as an ongoing problem, Ms. Arnett encouraged neighbors also to make a police report with APD. Both 3-1-1 and APD will provide case numbers for your report and it typically takes two to three

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weeks to have the graffiti removed. Graffiti removal is undertaken by the Austin Youth Development Program, providing disadvantaged young adults with a job training opportunity. If you have a specific graffiti removal issue, call Graffiti Abatement Supervisor Ruben Jose Sandoval at 512-854-4591. To contact the AYD Program, call Julia Narum at 512-854-3749.

Ms. Arnett explained that neighbors can remove graffiti themselves, utilizing products like Mostenbocker's Graffiti Remover from Lowes. The Graffiti Abatement unit can also provide neighborhoods with supplies, such as neutral paint colors. Just be sure to test out the surface first, to ensure that no damage is caused. Ms. Arnett stated that if neighbors are interested in gathering evidence for APD, be sure to take high resolution pictures of the tag with a date and time stamp. Also, take photos that show the context of the tag, such as a wider view showing the street sign or address where the tag was made.

Finally, Ms. Arnett stated that neighbors can lower the frequency of graffiti in Hyde Park by adopting a zero tolerance policy. She encouraged neighborhood patrols, frequent and fast clean up of new graffiti, and partnering with local businesses to provide clean-up supplies. Neighbors asked the difference between a misdemeanor and a felony and Ms. Arnett stated that it depends on the City's calculation of what it would cost for cleanup and the square footage of the tagged surface. Neighbors agreed that eliminating all of the current graffiti in the neighborhood will make new tags easier to spot and that newer tags are also easier to remove yourself. Lisa Harris also reminded neighbors that the City asks neighbors not to use graffiti removers on reflective surfaces but to leave that to 3-1-1.


The floor was then open for announcements. Mark Fishman stated that the Historic Landmark Commission was holding work sessions to create a standardized historic district sign design for all neighborhoods to use and that he would be attending these sessions to provide input. Lorre Weidlich provided a brief update on the Hyde Park Homes Tour. Lorre stated that the Homes Tour will take place on Sunday, November 11th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme will be "Reinvested, Rewarding, & Real." There are seven houses on the tour this year, none of which have been on the Homes Tour previously. Lorre stated they are still looking for more volunteers, particularly Doctors. Volunteers get a free ticket to the tour and get to attend the after party at New World Deli. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact HPNA Vice President John Williams at: <jawilli@grandecom.net>.

Lisa Harris stated that the Fire Station Festival will take place on October 21st and needs more volunteers. Larry Gilg stated that the inaugural meeting of HPNA's Outreach Committee will be on October

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This study has been approved by The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Review Board.

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9th at 7 p.m. in the Trinity Church. The mission of the Outreach Committee is to increase the visibility of and participation in HPNA, facilitating connections between neighbors. Melissa Ruof invited neighbors to get involved in the Citizens Climate Lobby – interested persons can find out more online or by emailing <austin@citizensclimatelobby.org>. Finally, the membership thanked Lisa Harris for her tenure as President of HPNA.

There being no further business, the official meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

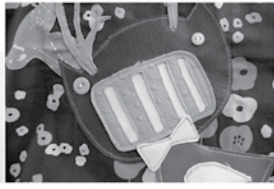
– Ashley Schweickart,
Claire de Young,
HPNA Co-Secretaries

Fire Station Festival... ...cont'd from page 5

Many people pitched in to make this Fire Station Festival even bigger and better than last year's. Several neighbors who live by the Fire Station allowed the festival to spread out a bit into their yards. Deaton Bednar recruited volunteers and oversaw the event. Linda Van Bavel took charge of design and marketing. Lynne Hohlfeld created the environment. Gabi Snyder and Kelly Schaub organized the parade. Joan Yamini and Liz Lock arranged the activities for children and Nhaila Hendrickse put together activities for pre-teens and young teens. Paula Rhodes took charge of the refreshments. Sarah Brooks Aldridge made the signage for the event. Lynda Baker organized the BeHive book drive. Matt Ott designed the Fire Station Festival image for posters and fliers. The Griffin School's Raffi Samano and Azurean Teeple photographed the event. Mary La Touf of Book Austin Music booked the music for us. Realtor and neighbor Carolyn Grimes organized and sponsored the photo booth. Hyde Park Bar & Grill, Dolce Vita, Fresh Plus, and Wheatsville donated food. Montessori Center and Trinity United Methodist Church loaned us tables and chairs. Grande Communications loaned us tents and helped underwrite the event. Walgreens provided supplies for and helped staff the children's activities. And 520 or so neighbors participated in the event! Thanks to everyone who made this a truly great event!

– Lisa Harris

Note: See a photo essay of the 38th Fire Station Festival on page 14 and 15 of this issue.



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I am sure it is no surprise but Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. By this point, early voting and any other forms of voting are unavailable. Tuesday is your last chance to cast a vote, and not just for president but for many other important races and propositions on the ballot. I encourage everyone to look over those down-ballot elections and propositions, do whatever last-minute research that is necessary, and cast an informed vote. Often, it is the local elections and propositions that have a more direct influence on our lives.

Go out and vote early in the morning to be sure that you have cast your ballot and aren't rushed at the end of the day to squeeze it in before polling locations close. Polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as usual but lines always seem to become longer as the day progresses. Many employers are willing to give time off to vote. Arrange your workday schedules with your coworkers and be sure your employer is amenable.

I have just two reminders:

Photo ID is not required on Tuesday since the legislation passed last year is under judicial review but be sure to have proper identification to vote. The most common forms of ID will be your voter registration card or your Texas Driver License although other forms of ID are acceptable.

If you are someone who votes a straight party ticket then don't just click that one box and think that you are done. There are still quite a number of very important propositions on the ballot that require attention and are not party affiliated. Look over the ballot carefully to ensure that you have cast your vote correctly.

More than likely, the last things you will need to find from the websites below will be your polling location and what's on your ballot. Other information is also available. The websites are easy to navigate.

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Dorothy Richter Receives Honorary Plaque

This year's 38th Annual Hyde Park Fire Station Festival recognized the extraordinary contributions of Hyde Park's Mayor For Life with an Austin City Council proclamation making October 21st, 2012 Dorothy Richter Day in Austin and dedication of a commemorative plaque at the Hyde Park Fire Station. City Council Member Laura Morrison, a steadfast champion of Hyde Park at City Hall, presented the proclamation from Council.

Although last October's vote by HPNA members to make Dorothy a member of the association steering committee for life came too soon before the Festival to pay proper tribute to her, this year's event was the natural time and place. And we wanted to do all of this without involving Dorothy, to make it a surprise.

We first considered trying to get the city to name the HP Fire Station for Dorothy, but learned this was against city policy. I believe it was Bruce Elfant and Lisa Harris who came up with the idea of a plaque and councilmember Morrison's policy aide Barbara Rush worked with Asst. Fire Chief Matt Orta to gain the necessary approvals at City Hall.

We all knew Dorothy would be the first to oppose spending HPNA funds for such a tribute, so once we received approval for the plaque the challenge was to raise funds to pay for it. On Saturday morn-

This plaque is but a small tribute to

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October 2012

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ing, September 29th, I emailed about 60 of Dorothy's neighbors and friends across Austin seeking contributions. Fifteen minutes later, former HPNA President Lin Team was the first to respond and by Saturday evening we had raised enough to pay for the plaque. And then the pledges kept on coming. Lin suggested using additional contributions to create the Dorothy Richter Neighborhood Improvement Fund within the HPNA treasury. With the approval of the contributors, we accomplished that goal the day of the festival, with enough money collected to match the cost of the plaque.


Why Dorothy

Together with her late husband and former Texas State Senator Walter Richter, and since his passing, Dorothy Richter has been involved in virtually every effort to protect the fragile human scale historic environment of our neighborhood. From the founding of HPNA and recruitment of its first president; to saving the Fire Station itself; to putting herself between heavy equipment and threatened trees including the pecan tree at the Fire Station; to saving the Oliphant and Woodburn houses from demolition; to staging the first Historic Hyde Park Homes Tour; to creation of the Austin Tree Preservation Ordinance; to creation of the HP Local Historic District, Dorothy has been there for her neighbors. There were far too many accom-

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“Some Animals 1” by der Brat

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Clues: [# in parentheses is # letters in answer words]

1. Like a marsupial giant groundhog. (6) _____
2. Has two front teeth about two feet long. (6) _____
3. Only one who can go from zero to sixty plus. (7) _____
4. Good swimmer; big brain. (7) _____
5. Non-animal one from Detroit can go zero to sixty. (7) _____
6. “Earth pig” from South Africa. (8) _____
7. Cobra-killer – not a bird. (8) _____
8. Web-footed, flat-billed – not a bird. (8) _____
9. Thick-skinned, horn-nose. (10) _____
10. One might be bad gnus. (10) _____
11. Scaly, color-changer. (9) _____
12. Not a great ape, but a great swinger. (6) _____
13. Not a bear up a tree down under. (5) _____
14. May be OCD: wears mask; washes food. (7) _____
15. Head and neck above almost everyone. (7) _____
16. Legend to the contrary, one is not a Norwegian cliff diver. (7) _____
17. About 98% you. (10) _____
18. Groundhog alias. (9) _____
19. Swamp Thing – see you later. (9) _____
20. Antelope: common one is Thompson’s. (7) _____
21. What we often call bison. (7) _____
22. Spiny European with a snout. (8) _____
23. “Horse of the river” (12) _____
24. Actually, it favors termites! (8) _____
25. Bears quadruplets; carries leprosy. (9) _____

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A Sound Statement

To the Austin Music Commission, October 1, 2012

The Presidents of North University, Eastwoods, Hancock, and Hyde Park Neighborhood Associations have joined together to address the increasing intrusion of music from bars and clubs in the Downtown Entertainment District into our neighborhoods. This statement was approved by each of these four neighborhoods.

A Taskforce on Noise was active a few years ago, in which representatives from our neighborhoods participated. Some progress was made, but the increasing number of rooftop venues has created a new and even worse sound distribution phenomenon.

We believe that the City's commitment to increasing population density in the central part of town is threatened by the existence of the levels of sound currently allowed to permeate the area. There are certainly other neighborhoods where this is already a problem, and it will continue to be so until something is done to address the problem. We recommend that the following actions be taken:

1. Revise the sound ordinance to end the long distance trespass of all music, especially the bass and other low frequency sound waves that the current 85db limit fails to stop.

2. Apply the revised ordinance to outdoor and rooftop venues separately from indoor ones, with sound measurements taken at rooftop levels when that is the source of the sound.

3. Require indoor venues to limit passage of sound, upgrading walls, windows, doors and roof materials if necessary and pursue establishment of a rotating loan fund for this purpose.

4. Assign the Music Commission the responsibility to oversee enforcement of the revised ordinance and to pursue penalties for offending venues, including the loss of music licenses as the ultimate penalty after intermediate sanctions.

5. Notify potentially affected neighborhoods of all hearings for new and renewing music venue permits and require a public hearing before issuing any music venue permits.

We believe that these actions would protect the quality of life in Central Austin and enable the music industry to thrive in peace and harmony with the community.

Signed:

*Lin Team, Eastwoods Neighborhood Association
Michael Hirsch, Hancock Neighborhood Association
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plishments to list, but we did our best to boil it down to the text on the plaque.



AFD's Finest Join in Dorothy Richter Tribute--Uniformed members of Hyde Park's AFD Engine Company #9 (from left) Tom Casias, David Sullivan, Don Castro and Matt Moore join City Council Member Laura Morrison, Dorothy Richter, State Senator (and new Hyde Park neighbor) Kirk Watson and State Representative Elliott Naishtat on Dorothy Richter Day in Austin, at the Hyde Park Fire Station Festival October 21, 2012, photo by John Paul Moore

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HP Outreach Committee: Starting Up, Reaching Out

The Hyde Park Outreach Committee held its inaugural meeting on October 9th at Trinity United Methodist Church. The committee was formed to nurture the sense of community of the residents in Hyde Park. After introductions and a discussion of the overall goals for the committee, there was good discussion on several potential projects, focusing primarily on developing a new resident welcome package by the end of the year. Some of the ideas for contents of a welcome basket are:

1-Current issue of *Pecan Press*. 2-Hyde Park Walking Tour brochure. 3-Coupons for local businesses 4-Hyde Park directory; listing businesses, post office, parks, etc. along with description and map. 5-Neighborhood contact information. 6-Develop a Welcome Page on HPNA web site for new residents (*Include links & number to city services, How to access HP listserve*) 7-Develop a 'one page' summary distributed to property managers/leasing agents targeted to new tenants, (*Include basic stuff about Hyde Park and HPNA for newcomers to become involved if they wish*).

Other issues that were discussed at the meeting

- We agreed to begin developing a neighborhood survey to ascertain: (*Residents' views of Hyde Park experience in general. Ways to make Hyde Park more 'neighborly.' Things that keep people from participating in HPNA. Actions to increase participation in HPNA.*)
- The results of the survey will provide guidance to the Outreach Committee (and perhaps other HPNA committees as well)
- We plan to work with the HPNA membership chairs for ideas on increasing membership
- We tabled work on an appreciation party for Pecan Press delivery network person (or volunteers, in general), tool sharing, and other ideas
- We agreed to meet again in two weeks--tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 25th. (The time, date and agenda will be finalized this week)

We welcome your ideas and, if possible, join us for the next meeting.

— Larry Gilg, Hyde Park Outreach Committee Chair

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- 5-MUSTANG; 6-AARDVARK; 7-MONGOOSE;
- 8-PLATYPUS; 9-RHINOCEROS; 10-WILDEBEEST;
- 11-CHAMELEON; 12-GIBBON; 13-KOALA; 14-RACCOON;
- 15-GIRAFFE; 16-LEMMING; 17-CHIMPANZEE;
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