

# September Meeting

**When:** 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 9, 2013

**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 September 9

- Announcements
- Presentation by Carol Welder (Crime and Safety Chair) on the upcoming National Night Out
- Presentation by APD
- Voting on change to HPNA bylaws (see page 14)
- Nominations for HPNA officers and Steering Committee positions

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## National Night Out

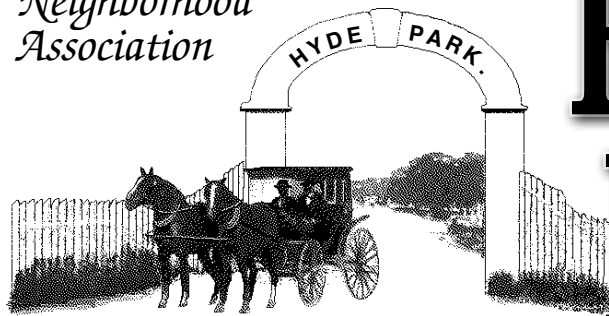
This year's National Night Out (NNO) will take place on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. This offers a great opportunity for neighbors and law enforcement agencies to join forces to promote awareness of crime and drug prevention and strengthen the police-community partnership. NNO is designed to generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and residents are fighting back.

Hosting a NNO party can be easy. Invite your neighbors or your entire block. The goal is to get to know your neighbors and communicate what is happening in your neighborhood. Have punch and cookies, a potluck dinner, an ice cream social, or anything to bring your neighbors together. HPNA will supply the funds for ice cream.

If you are interested in having an NNO party, please register online at: <[www.austintexas.gov/departments/national-night-out](http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/national-night-out)>

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## Exploring Lives

### Interview with Adam Wilson

**E**ditor's note: "Exploring Lives" will serve as a cover term for interviews appearing from time to time in these pages. These interviews will serve to provide neighbors a more in-depth look at the lives and thoughts of those who reside or work in Hyde Park and whose lives are impactful and of interest to the community. In the August issue, Ashley Schweickart, the departed co-president of HPNA, was interviewed. In this issue, the interviewee is Adam Wilson. He is the founding director of the Griffin School, an active Friend of Shipe Park, and a two-year member of the HPNA Nominating Committee.



Adam Wilson

**Pecan Press:** *What originally brought you to Austin?*

**Adam Wilson:** I moved here right after graduating from Vassar in New York State (read, "cold, dreary winters"), and my girlfriend and I were looking for adventure in the Wild West. She was from Dallas and a few of her friends from home had come to UT. We visited for a beautiful week in October 1992, stayed on a couch, saw the Bad Livers at Emo's and Little Sister at the Black Cat, swam Barton Springs, and hiked the greenbelt. We decided this was the best place on earth.

**PP:** *Were there reasons you decided to live in Hyde Park?*

**AW:** After residing in a few other central city neighborhoods, my wife and I choose to settle in Hyde Park. We thought it would be great to live and raise a family in a neighborhood that is full of active people engaged in their community, close to everything, and replete with amenities like a park and pool.

**PP:** *You went to high school at the George School, an illustrious Quaker boarding school in Eastern Pennsylvania. Quaker or Friends schools have an excellent reputation in the East, but are not so well known elsewhere although*

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# From the President's Desk



A new school year has started, Shipe pool is closed for another year, traffic is bad again around the University as the fall semester gets underway, football season is here, and in my opinion the best months weather-wise to live in Austin (October and November) are right around the corner.

In the HPNA calendar, September brings the Nominations Committee together to discuss candidates for the next term of HPNA leadership. At the September general meeting we will be presenting the almost complete slate of nominees for Steering Committee and officer positions, and then we will vote on these nominees at the October general meeting. The September general meeting is also a time for nominations of potential leadership members from the floor. If you are interested in joining the

HPNA leadership group, or would like more information, please contact me at <jawilli@grandecom.net> and I would be happy to discuss open positions and the duties and tasks required of them. Thanks to Kathy Lawrence and Adam Wilson for leading the Nominations Committee this year.

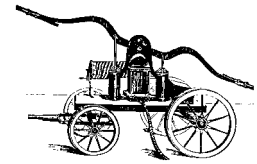
Our new Pecan Press editor, Michael Nill, now has three issues under his belt and has been doing a wonderful job in this position! I think a lot of neighbors forget just how much time and effort goes in to putting these issues together each month. Thanks to Michael for all his hard work, and for staying on top of this very important task for the neighborhood.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 1 (see page 1). Over the years Hyde Park has recognized this event in a variety of ways. This year HPNA will encourage block-by-block gatherings. Our Crime & Safety chairperson, Carol Welder, will be presenting at the September general meeting on the topic and will give some helpful ideas for those interested in hosting a block party. Thanks to Carol for graciously agreeing to return to her former position as chair and for helping to coordinate this event for the neighborhood.

Lastly, we are drawing closer to the date of the Hyde Park Homes Tour on November 10, and it is time to start asking for volunteers. We will primarily need volunteers to serve as docents at the homes during the tour, but many other

volunteer positions are available like ticket sales and house captains. Look for posts on the Yahoo listserv with more information on volunteering, or you can always email me to sign up as a volunteer.

— John Williams  
HPNA President



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# Contact Team Loosens Voting Restrictions

At the July 22 meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (NPCT), members voted by a margin of 11 - 4 to amend the bylaws to make it easier to qualify for voting privileges. As a result, it makes it more likely that individuals will be able to vote on measures that directly affect the Hyde Park neighborhood and their own property.

According to the old bylaws, in order to qualify as a voter, an individual who met certain criteria (HP property owner, HP residential renter, business owner, or designated representative from HPNA) had to attend a total of two-thirds of the Contact Team meetings in the previous 120 days. The voting limitations were put in place when the Contact Team was originally formed in January of 2010 in order to discourage residents from "packing" a meeting at which a controversial vote was to take place. The practical implication of this was that timely issues in which particular residents had an interest would be history by the time they gained the franchise, thus negating their participation as decision-makers altogether.

According to the new bylaws, an otherwise qualified individual who has attended one meeting in the past 9 months may vote on any issue. Attendance at a meeting is defined as being present for at least half of the posted meeting time. Voting privileges establish

one's membership on the team.

This change in the bylaws is a step in the right direction, but it's still not satisfactory. If an issue that affects one's property is on the NPCT agenda, the owner may discuss the issue with the team but will not be allowed to vote unless the owner has attended a meeting in the past 9 months.

As I argued in an article in the April, 2013 issues of the *Pecan Press* ("Hyde Park Neighborhood Contact Team," online at <[www.austinhdepark.org/wp-content/uploads/pp\\_APR\\_13\\_final.pdf](http://www.austinhdepark.org/wp-content/uploads/pp_APR_13_final.pdf)>), the ordinance that created the NPCT is inappropriate for Hyde Park. This dilemma over who can or cannot vote goes to the heart of the flaw in the system. The residents of Hyde Park, who are the constituency of the NPCT, have limited power to impact decisions there. The members of the NPCT self-select according to the bylaws that they decide, and they are free to pursue their own agenda. There is no oversight from residents, city staff, or HPNA.

Given that even with the change in bylaws, most of the qualified stakeholders in the planning area will in practice not be voting on any particular issue, the Contact Team has a duty to engage in ongoing grassroots canvassing to learn neighbors' opinions on the issues the team takes on and to make sure that information about the issues being debated in the Contact Team meetings is widely distributed and available.

Publishing the meeting agenda on the listserv has been valuable; but it needs to be included in the *Pecan Press* as well, where more details on the issues can be discussed in depth. The Hyde Park website could include a more comprehensive description of the Contact Team, with a list of eligible voting members for upcoming meetings so neighbors would know whom to contact regarding any particular issue. Minutes of the meetings should be published both on the listserv and in the *Pecan Press*. The overriding goal of the Contact

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Hyde Park Neighborhood Association Enrollment 2013-14 Membership		HPNA Membership Info
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## Interview with Adam Wilson ...cont'd from page 1

*most are aware that the Obama children attend Sidwell Friends in D.C. Can you briefly explain what are some of the important distinctive features of a Quaker school?*

**AW:** Quakers believe in the inherent goodness of each person, with a religious practice and tradition that reflects that core value. Since their beginnings in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Quakers have been at the forefront of progressive activism and movements for social justice and equality. Within that context, Quaker schools are places where students are treated with deep respect as members of the school community and included in meaningful governance decisions. Quaker education promotes a world-view that appreciates and values diversity and instills a deep sense of civic responsibility in each student. Of course their schools are also known for thoughtful academic programs where dialogue, reflection, and inquiry are fostered in and outside the classroom.

**PP:** *Do you think your experiences there influenced who you are?*

**AW:** My personal high school experience was transformative for me. I had teachers at the George School who deeply inspired me and mentored me through all the challenges and changes in my own teen years. When I was a senior, I became a prefect in the freshmen boy's dorm—an honor and a real experience of leadership for me. That year of chasing down younger students and striving to be a guide and support to them was both humbling and satisfying, and it planted the seeds of my own interest in education and youth empowerment.

Seeking the goodness within each student and each person is something that I continue to strive to do. I would also add that the Quaker practice of sitting in silence “listening for the God within” is an exercise that helps me stay connected to myself in important ways. I'm not sure I could do the work that I do without a practice like this that keeps me grounded and clear.

**PP:** *It's no mean feat to start your own private school. Were there times when the challenges seemed overwhelming?*

**AW:** Looking back, I can say that we had no idea of just how much of a mean feat it would be when we started. The idea for the Griffin School emerged from ongoing discussions I had with a group of fellow high school teachers who were all struggling with the reality that a traditional educational setting does not necessarily meet the needs of students. In starting the school, we were full of passion and energy and didn't think about the possible risks and challenges in any serious way. Only later did we realize just how wrong things could have gone.

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**PP:** How do you counter the views of those who believe that private education somehow weakens public education? How in particular do you see the Griffin School contributing to education in Austin?

**AW:** I certainly don't see us competing with the public school system. Griffin is filling an existing need that the public system is not well equipped to fill. Providing a small school educational experience and integrating academic rigor and creativity are where our strengths lie — there are students who absolutely thrive in this kind of school setting in ways that would not happen in a more traditional high school. I should add that there are students doing well at those schools who would not be a good fit for Griffin. If the goal of education is to help each student grow and achieve to their full potential, we can only be benefited by a diverse set of educational options in our community.

Beyond the formal high school program, Griffin is increasingly serving as a resource for younger children, adults, and families in Central Austin. Examples include summer camp programs, weekend art classes for middle schoolers, evening art classes for adults, and our community gardens.

**PP:** Does the Griffin School incorporate elements of Quaker education?

**AW:** Griffin is a secular school, but, yes, there are elements of its program that are rooted in Quaker values and practices. An example is the committee structure that governs basic functions of the school such as policy-making, discipline, admissions, and activities. Each committee has student and faculty representatives who use a consensus decision-making process. Rather than taking majority-rules votes, the committee members remain in dialogue until there is unanimous agreement about the way to handle a given situation. This can be a time-consuming process; but it is a deeply respectful and thoughtful way to make decisions, and in some ways can be more efficient in the long-term.

**PP:** Since its founding in 1996, the Griffin School has had a number of locations, but recently established a permanent one in the neighborhood. Did you actively seek to be in or near Hyde Park?

**AW:** We definitely wanted to be a central city school in order to have ready access to city resources like libraries, art galleries, museums, and public transportation. And we can do more to engage the world around us in a neighborhood like Hyde Park — we feel we are part of the community rather than separate and apart. I think that is a really healthy dynamic for our students to experience.

**PP:** What are your dreams for the Griffin School 10 years from now?

**AW:** On the near horizon, our goal is to add a new wing to our main building and expand our enrollment to 120 students. There is a whole layer of programmatic development attached to this proj-

ect that I think will benefit our high school and the community around us in significant ways. It's also a significant fundraising effort and design challenge. We certainly want to build something that the neighborhood is proud to have as a part of what makes Hyde Park wonderful.

**PP:** As a Friend of Shipe Park, you have worked to improve the park. Can you talk a little about your involvement in those efforts?

**AW:** Yeah, this is a "small group of thoughtful, committed citizens" that I'm proud to be a part of and that is changing the world in meaningful ways at Shipe Park and in our neighborhood. The group has led park improvement efforts like It's My Park Day and the Shipe Park Mosaic Mural. It has been a hugely satisfying way for me to be involved with my neighbors and connect with other people who are involved in community service at the park and in the neighborhood. I raised my children playing on the playground and swimming in the pool, so I feel like it is the least I can do to invest in maintaining and improving this truly cherished public space that is the center of my sense of community in Hyde Park.

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The editor is very pleased to announce that starting with the next issue, Lizze will join the *Pecan Press* team as the photo editor. Her job will involve selecting and editing submitted photos, as well as taking some photos. Welcome aboard!



**Hyde Park Plaza Update:** With sponsorship from Laura Morrison and Kathie Tovo, City Council on August 8 passed a resolution directing the city manager to prepare a cost estimate and feasible timeline for the project, identify potential sources of funding, and present these items to Council for consideration on or before October 3, 2013. This is a necessary step in the process to move forward with improvements to the area around 43rd and Duval, among which is more outdoor space for neighbors and patrons of local businesses to gather and socialize. The neighborhood associations of Hyde Park and Hancock have voted to support this project. A color rendering of the proposed improvements is available on the HPNA website. —Karen McGraw.



**Golden Opportunity To Serve the Neighborhood:** The *Pecan Press* still needs a distribution coordinator for the southwest quadrant of Hyde Park. This unsung hero receives several boxes of newsletters monthly and delivers copies to the 12 or so individuals who deliver door to door in the area. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Please contact Rimas Remeza at <[rimasx@yahoo.com](mailto:rimasx@yahoo.com)>.



**Tennis Play Day:** This fun, free tennis play event for the entire family will take place at the tennis courts in Shipe Park on Sunday afternoon, September 29 at 2:00 pm. Games will be geared to kids, but adults can play too. We will provide racquets (or participants can bring their own) and balls. Mini courts will be set up on the tennis courts for games and fitness. Wear tennis shoes and a hat and remember the sunscreen. Water and lemonade will be provided. For questions, please email <[cjwelder@msn.com](mailto:cjwelder@msn.com)>.




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**The Future of Shipe Pool:** Austin Parks and Recreation has opened the public input process in its assessment of aquatic resources. Friends of Shipe Park think it's critical for people who want to see Shipe and other neighborhood pools remain open to participate in this process by completing the online survey: <[www.surveymonkey.com/s/COAAquatic-Assessment](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/COAAquatic-Assessment)>. — Adam Wilson



**Keeping Austin Diapered:** 29% of Austin children live in poverty. Diapers are expensive (\$100 monthly on average) and are not covered by federal assistance programs like Women, Children and Infants (WIC) and food stamps. Austin Diaper Bank helps provide diapers to children and seniors in need. Here's what one can do to help: donate diapers (closest drop-off location is Pumpkin Patch on West Anderson Lane), donate funds, volunteer time, or organize a diaper drive at your business, place of worship, or social group. For more information, see the organization's website: <[www.austindiapers.org](http://www.austindiapers.org)>.




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## HP Contact Team... ...cont'd from page 3

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Team should be to continue to foster a more open and inclusive process.

Decisions are being made by the Contact Team that may affect private properties, public spaces, and the continued viability of Hyde Park as a neighborhood. A commitment to accountability and transparency would encourage more neighbor input and participation in the Contact Team's meetings and recommendations. That would be of benefit to us all.

In a future issue: Roles and Responsibilities of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team.

— Larry Gilg

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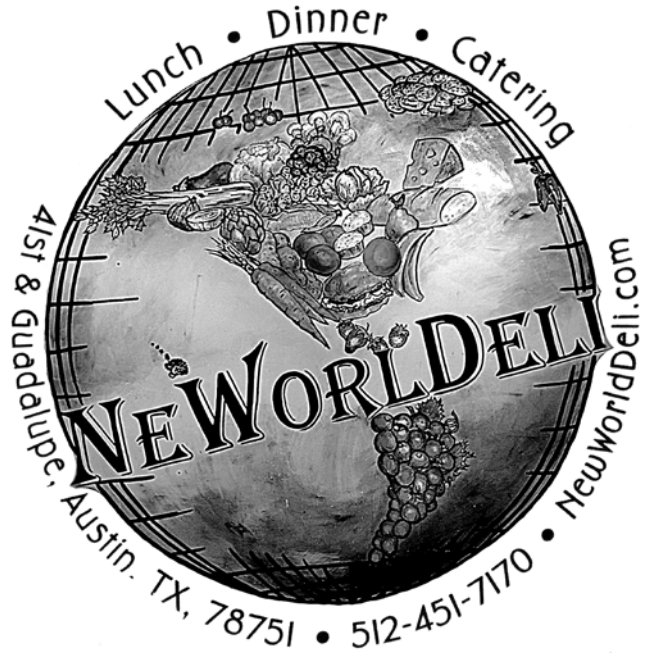
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— Carol Welder  
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## HPNA Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2013

Neighbors gathered at 7 p.m. for the annual Ice Cream Social and monthly meeting of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association. John Williams, president, invited all to enjoy Blue Bell ice cream cups while the business of the day was conducted. Mark Fishman, co-vice president, announced the first item of business: the Great Austin Parks Coalition Resolution. This resolution for increased park funds is being heard and adopted in neighborhoods around the city. Distributed were information packets containing a fact sheet, nationwide statistics, an opinion article from this summer, and a sample letter for citizens to write to City Council members. The city budget will be finalized in September.

Mark introduced Richard Craig of the Pease Park Conservancy. Mr. Craig explained the current situation regarding city parks. Austin ranks in the bottom half for park spending, among about 90 reporting cities. Increased funding is required to maintain parks and eliminate continued deterioration. Unfortunately, the Parks budget has been an easy target for cuts during lean years such as 2011. Among other things, the resolution requests the return of money removed from previous budgets and an 8% increase for swimming pools. After a motion and second were made for adoption, the resolution passed without further discussion.

Candidate Andy Brown was afforded a few moments to address the meeting. He is running for County Judge, a position that has a wide range of responsibilities affecting citizens' daily lives in Travis County. The election is in March.

Next on the agenda were announcements. First was notification that the leadership team will be meeting soon. Anyone may contact John Williams or Kathy Lawrence regarding the slate of officers being prepared for the October vote.

Karen McGraw gave an update on the improvements planned for Hyde Park Plaza. Little progress has occurred of late because of the lack of a cost estimate from the city, without which improvements to the plaza cannot go forward. Karen stated that now is the time to proceed with obtaining the cost estimate. After that, funding possibilities can be explored from various budgets. This item is on the August 8 City Council agenda, and Karen encouraged neighbors to attend the meeting or contact council members requesting that they assist with passing this preliminary step. [See update on this elsewhere in this issue in Around and About the Avenues.]

Lisa Harris reminded neighbors that the rewriting of our local building code has begun. Anyone is welcome to attend the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) workshop August 20 to learn about the code,

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and make comments about the changes that will become law for the city. The ANC announcement follows: "On August 20th there will be a meeting on the Land Development Code (LDC) that will be co-sponsored by ANC and the Neighborhood Adviser at the Austin Energy building, 721 Barton Springs, 6:30-8:15 p.m. The purpose of this special workshop is to help current residents understand how the LDC affects our neighborhoods and lives and to solicit input so community interests can be better represented in the LDC rewrite process. The revised LDC will govern how Austin changes over the next 30 years so come to this workshop to get informed and provide input now!"

The latest Austin Environmental Directory came out last week. This issue has a special focus on water; it includes a fascinating history of water in Austin and a number of other timely articles about our water situation, as well as many other informative articles on clean energy, green building, electric vehicles, local food, environmental groups, and conservation from perennial activist T. Paul Robbins. This magazine is free at locations around town including Fresh Plus, Wheatsville, Whole Foods and Vulcan Video.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m., but neighbors continued to enjoy ice cream and social time for about another half hour.

— Submitted by Mike Pikulski  
& Claire deYoung  
HPNA Co-Secretaries

## Window on Hyde Park:\*



Photo by Lizzie Chen

To help keep Hyde Parkers reading, neighbor Hannah Bronsnick mounted an all-weather bookcase on a tree on the north side of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street between Avenue G and H. This book exchange eliminates the middle man: neighbors drop off books they won't be reading again and take books that interest them. A thank you to Hannah! — John Kerr.

\* "Window on Hyde Park" is the title of a new feature that will appear from time to time in the pages of this publication. This feature will consist of photos that capture something special or endearing about the neighborhood.

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## Touring Hyde Park

In my business, I view a lot of homes in the Austin area. I see houses in neighborhoods with HOA rules on what shades of brown homes can be painted and how often residents must mow their lawns. I see subdivisions where every home was built within 5 years of the rest, where every owner is on the same socio-economic level, and where owners enter their garages from the back or by remote control so they barely have to slow down before entering



4010 Avenue G is one of four craftsman bungalows featured in this year's Homes Tour

their houses. I know people who are concerned that their multi-million dollar home won't sell because the property directly across from their security gate displays a metal chicken. Sure, I am happy to help these people buy and sell their homes; but these experiences always make me appreciate the originality of Hyde Park and why I choose to live here.

Hyde Park is the kind of neighborhood where you will find:

- A great canopy of trees that shade people pushing strollers, walking dogs, riding bikes, and chatting with their neighbors
- A city pool where hundreds contributed to a colorful and creative mural
- A grocery with wooden floors where the proprietor will make you a Queen B sandwich
- Windows suspended from trees
- A museum that was the home/studio of a world-class woman sculptor
- A fence where children leave tokens
- Houses with purple walls or turquoise doors and windows that were designed to be raised to allow fresh air and cross ventilation
- A vegetable garden in a front yard
- A book exchange attached to a tree
- Colorful chickens, both real and metal, and oh, yes, ... old homes.

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The 1894 Oliphant-Walker House at 3900 Avenue C was the home of Anna Walker, president of the Texas Woman Suffrage Association

Your help is needed to make the upcoming 37<sup>th</sup> annual Hyde Park Homes Tour a success. This event is volunteer managed and operated and will take place on Sunday, November 10. All volunteers receive FREE access to the tour, and we can use your assistance and talents. To help with the tour in any way, contact Homes Tour Volunteer Coordinator John Williams at <jawilli@grandecom.net>, 512-350-1094 or contact me at <cgrimes@cbunited.com>, 512-426-3559 (cell/text).

– Carolyn Grimes  
Chair, 2013 Historic Hyde Park  
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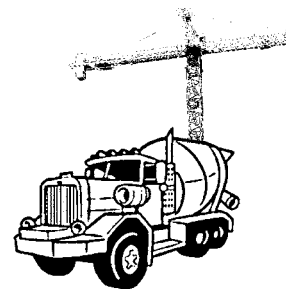


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# Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

At the September 9 general meeting, The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association will vote on proposed changes to the language found in the Development Review Committee portion of its bylaws. As per the bylaws, this proposal, along with background and rationale, was published in the August issue of the *Pecan Press*. For the sake of convenience, the changes themselves are being reprinted below. Those interested in reviewing background information can access the August issue online at <[www.austinhdepark.org](http://www.austinhdepark.org)>.

Proposed additions to bylaws are in quotation marks following existing language in current bylaws:

## Page 3, IX. VOTING, #6:

6. Adoption of any position of HPNA, including all positions to be communicated to any governmental body, "with the exception of specific narrow development cases for which the City of Austin asks the opinion of the HPNA."

## Page 6, XII. REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMITTEES, B. Standing Committees, 1. Development Review Committee:

The committee shall report its recommendations to the Steering Committee and to the general membership of HPNA. "If the City of Austin asks the opinion of the HPNA for a particular development case, the Development Review Committee will present their findings to the Steering Committee, and the Steering Committee can vote "I am in favor" or "I object" on that particular case. The Steering Committee can also vote to have that specific development case presented and voted on at an HPNA General Meeting. All property owners have the right to have their specific development cases presented and voted on at an HPNA General Meeting."



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2<sup>nd</sup> pass

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3<sup>rd</sup> pass

Got it! Whoops—didn't make it to the mouth

4<sup>th</sup> pass

Thing is just thing with a fleck of oatmeal

5<sup>th</sup> pass

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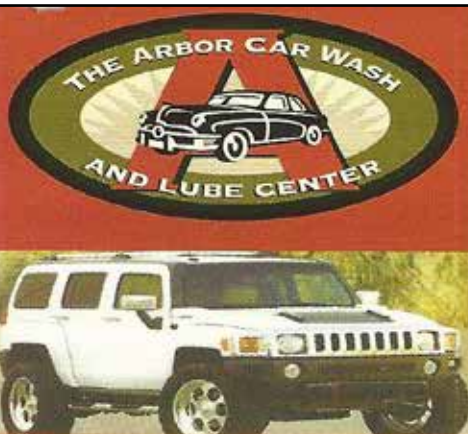
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