

HIGHLAND PARK WEST BALCONES AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Committee Highlights for Year 2006

Beautification & Parks Committee:

- The Beautification Committee started the year by receiving a Keep Austin Beautiful Award for improvement efforts improving six public green spaces in our neighborhood.
- Perry Park was a major focus of the committee as 5 new benches were installed in the park. A grant from Austin Parks Foundation was matched with over 400 hours of volunteer work in the park and a HPWBANA donation. The park also benefited with non-native plant removal efforts and restoration of the nature trail.
- The neighbors of Highland Terrace and Perry Lane were supported in their transformation of a concrete median into a green landscape. Funding and donations for the project came from many neighbors, a Keep Austin Beautiful Neighborhood Grant, and the HPWBANA.
- HPWBANA participated on the Highland Park PTA Track Committee which is coordinating a permanent repair of the Perry Park running track. A contribution from our reserve funds was made towards the project.
- The committee is currently working with PARD for a large scale tree planting in Perry Park (February).

Communications Committee – Newsletter/Listserv/Website:

- The HPWBANA News went out monthly to all 1800 homes and businesses in our area.
- The www.hpwbana.org website and the hpwbana yahoo listserv kept residents informed about issues.

Crime and Safety Committee:

- HPWBANA teamed up with our business sponsor, Southwest Human Development, to adopt the Capital Metro bus stop closest to the Highland Park West Center on Hancock Dr.

Events Committee:

- The Spring Egg Hunt at Perry Park was a great success with over 150 residents attending.
- The 4th of July Independence Day celebration is always popular with over 250 people attending.
- The HPWBANA Annual Meeting was paired with our first ever Movies in the Perry Park event.

Membership – Businesses Committee:

- Eleven businesses supported the neighborhood by signing on as 2006 Business Sponsors.

Membership – Resident Committee:

- The resident membership drive was a success with over 80 new member households joining this year.

Planning and Zoning:

- The committee demonstrated a strong voice in citywide discussions to influence City Council to address the neighborhood problem of high residency use of single family homes.
- The committee also coordinated the Program Meeting: Deed Restriction Violations & City Code Enforcement Issues to inform residents about this complex topic.

Traffic and Transportation Committee:

- Committee members who live close to MoPAC acted as a focal point for MoNAC issues and sound wall issues that affect the neighborhood.

Our Business Sponsors: Athens Group, Austin Junior League, Balcones Exxon Automotive,
Cathy Munson Studio and Gallery, Chez Zee Bakery Café, Crenshaw Athletic Club,
Michael's Hair Company, Mortgage Acceptance Corporation, Randalls Food Market,
Russell's Bakery and Coffee Bar, Southwest Human Development