

HPWBANA Monthly Meeting

September 19, 2011

Highland Park Baptist Church

Presentation:

Local Historic Districts and Landmark Process –
Alyson McGee, City of Austin Historic Preservation Office, and
Jacqui Schraad, Heritage Society of Austin

This was an informational presentation describing the COA historic district process. Alyson described how a historic district is characterized, how it is managed (i.e. no 'controls' over any interiors, etc) and how it typically is initiated. Jacqui Schraad of HAS, noted that to date there has been no activity among the mid-century modern neighborhoods of Austin. Several area residents attended and asked questions of the speakers.

Presentation:

Mount Bonnell Improvements –
Stan Bacon, West Point Society of Central Texas

Stan described the efforts of his group to date to improve Mount Bonnell, showed architect's renderings for proposed improvements, described the Covert family's donation of an improved marker and asked the neighborhood association for a letter endorsing these plans which will be used as a support document for the West Point Society of Central Texas' grant application. Andrea will write the letter on behalf of HPWBANA. He also announced a cleanup day for October 19. Our neighborhood association would like to support this by soliciting volunteers through the website and listserve.

Community Comments:

- Bright Leaf, with its heavily wooded and brushy terrain was discussed in light of recent wildfires
- There is a homeless person, her name is Shelly, living in the quarry area of Perry Park. She frequents the area between Randall's and Russell's. Concerns are, again in light of recent wildfires, that she builds fires in her camp area and smokes.
- Perry Park entrance – Nadene noted that after much work on that area, the entrance is now somewhat spoiled by 3 dumpsters and containerized storage placed there by AISD. Highland Park Elementary PTA has tried to work with it by planning a fence surround but the arrangement of dumpsters, etc now makes that impossible. Apparently AISD has refused to move these. Nadene will bring an outline for a letter to the next board meeting so that the neighborhood association can lend its support in urging AISD to remediate this situation.

Treasurer's Update: Trey reports HPWBANA membership is 216 households with dues receipts of \$5340. Current balance is \$4923.41.

Annual Meeting – October 17, 7pm, Jorge's

Andrea will prepare a "Performance Sheet" of the 2011 board's activities. She will not be present so, as the proposed incoming president, Trey will run the meeting.

This will need to be publicized on the listserve, website and newsletter (?) (Who will do this??)

November newsletter article ideas

Solicit new board members

Committee Updates

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting, held on October 17, 7pm at Jorge's.

September Sign-in Sheet:

Andrea Torres	4601 Highland Terrace
Trey McWhorter	3405 Perry Lane
Becca Cody	4400 Balcones Drive
Kirby Walker	5106 Beverly Skyline
Scott Rogillio	3316 Perry Lane
Donna Edgar	5409 Highland Crest Drive
Lori Martin	5603 Caprice Drive
Kristi Gebbia	1204 San Antonio
John Berry	5000 Beverly Hills Drive
Nancy Woolley	5107 Crestway Dr.
Julian Read	3702 Balcones Drive
Nadene Morning	5001 Beverly Skyline
Alyson McGee	City of Austin/Historic Preservation Office
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