



BLIND SCHOOL ANNEX FOR SALE

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ANNEX

One of the most interesting historical structures in the North University neighborhood -- the Texas School for the Blind Annex -- is now being offered for sale by the General Land Office.

Located on West 38th Street at Cedar Street, the building has a long history of public service. It was constructed in 1902 by the Daughters of the Confederacy as a home for widows of Confederate soldiers. In 1910, the State rented the facility and continued to operate it for the same purpose; in 1911, the Daughters of the Confederacy donated the property and building to the State. It was thus maintained until 1963, when there were only three women remaining.

From 1963 to 1967, MHMR used the facility. The Roadrunners (a service organization) used part of the building during 1970. The State School for the Blind occupied the premises from 1973 to 1982, when the students housed there were moved to the main campus.

A retirement home has been suggested as a suitable use for this facility -- an idea that is strongly endorsed by both NUNA and the immediate neighbors. Converting the building to a retirement home would not only provide a practical application of the facility and simultaneously preserve a building that has long been part of Austin's history, but would also respond to a genuine need of the elderly of this city.

Options are being explored to retain the single-family zoning, as well as to preserve the building by allowing use of the non-conforming structures under the new designation of Group Homes.

All homeowners and residents of the area surrounding the Blind School Annex -- whether members of NUNA or not -- are urged to attend the October 7th General Meeting and the Town Meeting to be held on October 20th. For further information, call Stella Nilsen, 459-5821.

TOWN HALL MEETING

All residents of the North University neighborhood are invited to attend a "Town Hall Meeting" on October 20th to discuss a Preliminary Neighborhood Improvement Plan. The meeting will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the First English Lutheran Church at 30th and Whitis.

Let us have your thoughts on the subject. Do you need street lighting? Sidewalks? More hike trails? A swimming pool?

A forum is planned to develop a broad scope of what the neighborhood really wants in the future.

NEXT NUNA MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 1985

The next regular meeting of the North University Neighborhood Association (NUNA) will be held on October 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at the First English Lutheran Church at 3001 Whitis. (Agenda on page 2.)

October 25, 1985

MEETING AGENDA

- The agenda for the October 7 meeting is --
1. Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD): Opportunities for NUNA
 2. Texas School for the Blind Annex: Prospects for development
 3. NUNA finances: Increasing our resources
 4. Flood Bank: Brief update
 5. Upcoming Neighborhood Town Meeting: Review of
 6. Gateways and Landscape Architecture to enhance NUNA community: Use of

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Dues are \$3.00 per person per year, from April 1, 1985, through March 31, 1986.