



NEIGHBORHOOD "SUPERZONING"

WHAT COULD BE AROUND THE CORNER

Based upon the response from the North University Town Meeting held on October 22, the neighborhood planning project is nearing completion. This project, tentatively entitled "The NUNA Revitalization Plan," will be submitted to the City Council as part of Austin's city-wide planning process.

The NUNA Revitalization Plan may also provide the foundation for possible "superzoning" that could shape long-term neighborhood growth. The basis for superzoning would be the City's Neighborhood Combining Conservation District (NCCD) Ordinance. Superzoning can preserve historical and environmental features of the North University area. It would put additional teeth into current zoning by establishing a comprehensive plan for neighborhood improvements. Such improvements may focus on the following issues:

1. Increasing single family occupancy within the North University area.
2. Controlling speed and traffic flow along 34th, 38th, Duval and Speedway.
3. Planning and funding landscape architecture to enhance the quality of living within the area.
4. Improved street lighting around Hemphill Park and at selected neighborhood sites.
5. Sidewalk and street improvements, including increased bike lanes and additional parking restrictions.

NEXT NUNA MEETING: DECEMBER 2ND

The next regular meeting of the North University Neighborhood Association (NUNA) will be held on December 2nd at 7:00 PM. All NUNA residents -- whether members or not -- are invited to attend and participate in the discussions. NUNA President Roemisch has prepared a significant agenda of current issues:

1. NUNA Revitalization Plan -- Review of the Neighborhood Town Meeting results
2. Superzoning -- Possible impact for our neighborhood
3. Increasing the impact of NUNA News
4. Update on Blind School Annex bidding
5. Encouraging small neighborhood businesses
6. New neighborhood Montessori School

NUNA members will be asked to vote on ratification of Neighborhood Plan.

At First English Lutheran Church, 30th & Whitis.

6. Develop strong working relationships with businesses that provide needed services.
7. Identify and protect more historical buildings and environmentally sensitive areas.
8. Establish "gateways" that signal entry into a distinctive neighborhood setting.
9. Possible "downzoning." or rollback zoning of areas incompatible with existing neighborhood standards.

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Superzoning (continued)

Austin's Office of Land Development is currently doing the necessary research for superzoning Fairview Estates, located just south of the downtown area. After the Fairview Estates project is completed, the North University and Hyde Park areas could be prime sites for superzoning consideration.

Superzoning has had dramatic impact on neighborhoods in Dallas, San Francisco and Denver. It places heavy emphasis upon historical conditions, existing uses and neighborhood objectives. With enthusiastic neighborhood input, superzoning can ease some of the development-related headaches that have plagued NUNA residents for the last five years. The overall quality of life can be improved and a unique part of Austin can be protected. Additional discussion of superzoning will take place at the December 2nd NUNA meeting.

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ANNEX

The State of Texas General Land Office met on November 18, 1985, to open bids for the purchase of the School for the Blind Annex property on 38th and Cedar Streets. Although approximately fifty bid packages had been requested by interested parties, no bids were submitted. NUNA will continue to follow the General Land Office's actions in this matter so that the neighborhood will be aware of any future impact on the area.

The northwest quadrant leader, Stella Nilsen, can be contacted for further information on the Annex, at 459-5821.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NUNA meetings are held bimonthly on the first Monday of the month at the English Lutheran Church at 30th and Whitis, from 7 - 9 PM.

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