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Neighborhood Fight Against Plasma Center Not Over

Saying nothing about the weather, the neighborhood has experienced a long hot summer, and even now in early fall it is not quite over. Although the Austin Plasma Center is now open for business at 3423 Guadalupe, the circumstances allowing it to open and what the future may hold are quite complex. Here's the story.

Back in June the City's Board of Adjustment ruled on the question of whether or not the plasma center fit the zoning classification that was made in conjunction with the issuance of a building permit. With some 50 neighborhood residents in attendance at the hearing, the Board ruled that this classification was in order. The building permit, which had been on hold, was put back in force.

The neighborhood association immediately filed an appeal to have the decision reconsidered. A second hearing was set for July 10, at which time the Board would first have to decide to reopen the case. At that hearing there were not enough votes to reopen the matter and no further action was taken that night. However, in the days that followed enough Board members reconsidered and the matter was to be reopened.

But before a hearing date could be set, the owner of the building that the plasma center was to lease filed suit against the City and requested and received a temporary restraining order preventing the Board of Adjustment from taking any further action. At a subsequent court hearing in August this suit was heard and a temporary injunction was issued. The final outcome of the building owner's suit is hard to call, but will not be forthcoming until after additional hearings set for January 1990.

While all of this was going on the City Council was at work on an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would restrict the location of commercial plasma centers in and around neighborhoods, schools, and parks. On August 3 the Council adopted this amendment. Of course, the new restrictions will not impact the present situation, but in the future this measure will go a long way in protecting our neighborhood.

Next
Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, October 2nd
Starts at 7:00 p.m.

First English Lutheran Church
Whitis at 30th Street

Come join the Amy's
Ice Cream Social

It would seem the neighborhood is back at square one, but that is really not the case. First, a giant leap has been taken with passage of the zoning amendment. The neighborhood will certainly be safeguarded in the future, but because the writing is already on the wall the impact might very well be more immediate. Second, by rising in opposition the neighborhood has reasserted itself in these types of issues. Finally, the case that the neighborhood was ready to make before the center relocated is still in order and will eventually be heard. The predictions that were made about the impact of the center have already been confirmed, and, quite clearly, this will only strengthen the case.

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October Neighborhood Meeting Agenda: Ice Cream

Fall activities of the neighborhood association get kicked off on October 2 with a neighborhood meeting and ice cream social. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the First English Lutheran Church, Whitits at 30th .

Obviously, there is business at hand: the latest update of the plasma center matter, a good amount of neighborhood business, and ice cream. Conventional wisdom would dictate that an ice cream social be held in late July, but more refreshing thinking--taking into account hot Texas summers--scheduled the annual neighborhood event for early fall. Hope to see you there!

Update On Neighborhood Projects

During the first week in September, crews from the City's Watershed Maintenance Division got underway on a project to prevent bank erosion on Hemphill Branch near 30th Street. According to Russell Skeen, project supervisor, it is hoped that the improvements will prevent foundation problems at Fire Station No. 3, which backs up on the creek. The work will include placing gabions--those rock filled wire cages--along approximately 250 feet of the east bank. Originally, it was expected to take about 15 working days to accomplish the work, with completion by early October.

And noting the obvious, work on the street lighting in the Hemphill Park area was completed in late June. As of last weekend all 28 of the new fixtures were burning brightly--25% brighter infact, owing to design updates. A hearty thank you to Rick Iverson and Jerry Roemisch for seeing the project through.



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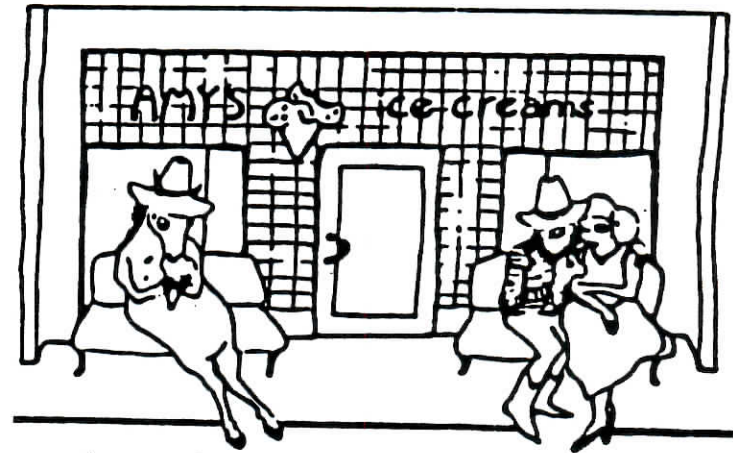
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Kirby Hall Receives Historic Designation

Kirby Hall, 306 W. 29th Street, recently received designation as a historic landmark by the City of Austin. In conjunction with the unveiling of a historic plaque, a commemoration has been planned on Sunday, October 15, at 4:00 p.m. A special performance by the Austin Boys Choir and home baked pies will crown the event, and invited guests include City Councilman Sally Shipman, members of the City Historical Commission, and Rick Iverson, neighborhood association president. Additionally, all members of the neighborhood association are invited to join in on this very special occasion for Kirby Hall School. Please RSVP (474-1770).



AMY'S ICE CREAMS
3403 Guadalupe

Halloween Haunts at Robert E. Lee Elementary School

Word has it that the spookiest fun to be had come Halloween will be found at the annual Robert E. Lee Elementary School Halloween Carnival. Bring the whole family for a night of ghosts and goblins, delicious treats, a haunted house, incredible tricks, a silent auction, and more things to do than a ghoul in a house full of mortals. Costumes are the order of the evening when the carnival gets started on Friday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. The school is located at 3308 Hampton Road. Contact Ruth Davies (479-8993) for more information.

A Big Longhorn Welcome

... Jammed full shuttle buses racing up and down Speedway ... the roar of the crowd at Memorial Stadium can just be heard ... sure signs that fall classes are underway at the University.

The neighborhood association and your next door neighbors here in the North University Neighborhood want to extend a 'big Longhorn welcome' to all UT students calling these parts home. We sure hope that this newsletter serves as both a welcome and an introduction to the neighborhood. We invite you to come out and join us in neighborhood activities and feel free to get involved with the neighborhood association. Hook 'em.

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Calendar

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| Neighborhood Meeting | October 2 |
| Kirby Hall Historic
Commemoration | October 15 |
| Robert E. Lee Elementary
School Halloween Carnival | October 27 |
| Steering Committee Meeting | November 6 |
| Neighborhood Meeting | December 4 |
| Steering Committee Meeting | January 8 |
| Neighborhood Meeting | February 5 |

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