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HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN! PLASMA CENTER AT 35TH AND GUADALUPE CLOSES!

Nobody in the neighborhood was real happy when it all ended in January 1990. After almost a year of zoning battles the Austin Plasma Center seemed like it was there to stay. Well you can never know what might happen, so get up and hoop and holler: the Austin Plasma Center--or whatever *you* may call it--has ended operations at 35th and Guadalupe!

According to leasing agents familiar with the situation, the Louisiana doctor who owns the plasma center recently bought Alpha Plasma Center (on 29th, just east of Guadalupe). The two operations were then merged and they closed shop at 35th and Guadalupe.

Good News? You bet! It'll mean there will be one less plasma center, and one less magnet for crime, loitering, and vagrants, to plague our neighborhood. Although the fight of two years ago seemingly ended in disappointment, it still achieved a very important objective. As a part of the effort at that time, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring a conditional use permit for any future plasma center locations which will go a long way in protecting all neighborhoods from the impact of these operations in the future.

So how about that... One down... One to go!

Next
Neighborhood Meeting

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

First English Lutheran Church
Whitis at 30th Street

Ice Cream Social!
Come One! Come All!

DEVELOPMENT AT AUSTIN STATE SCHOOL STARTS--STALLS

What started several years ago as an initiative to take stock of surplus state land in the hope of producing additional revenue has finally proceeded to the point where we may soon see groundbreaking of a private development along the south edge of the Austin State School. There have been a series of announcements (you may have noticed various articles in the Statesman) during the past year reflecting further progress in the process of developing the site.

BACKGROUND

Having identified a 40 acre parcel of land at the Austin State School (at the southern end of the site, along 38th St. between Lamar and Guadalupe) that could be leased to private developers, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the General Land Office first had to establish zoning for the site--in effect it had never been zoned. A team of development specialists was brought in to start the development process and work with area neighborhood groups--including NUNA--to develop a planned unit development (PUD) ordinance for the site. What was eventually agreed to by the neighborhood associations and adopted by City Council in spring of 1989 set forth a mixed use development in a campus setting with various commercial, retail, residential, medical, and landscape components. Critical concerns over drainage and traffic impact as well as the overall character of the development (urban and park-like versus suburban with 'strip center' features) were also addressed. And with the PUD established the drive was on to bring in the private groups to execute the plan.

SUMMER 1991

A development partnership including H.E.B., Pat Oles (owner of 26 Doors Center), and Sam Barshop (chairman of La Quinta Inns) began initial work on the project. A site plan review committee consisting of Joyce Brown, Rosedale Neighborhood Association, Natalie de Blois, Heritage Neighborhood Association, Rick Iverson, North University Neighborhood Association, and Alan Marburger, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, along with representatives from the General Land Office and MHMR was also established.

PLANNING STALLS

The initial site plan from the development group included a retail phase with a 120, 000 square foot center including an H.E.B. 'superstore' and a 650 space

parking lot more suited for a suburban site has already drawn criticism for falling outside the bounds of the PUD. Earlier this month, the neighborhood representatives of the site plan review committee addressed this apparent discarding of the plans laid out in the PUD and the concept for the development that won neighborhood approval with General Land Office Commissioner Gary Mauro. Planning has apparently come to an abrupt halt, but whether the development group has really gone back to the drawing board is not clear.

The neighborhood association is assured of knowing what is going on in the project, but only time will tell as to what happens next. Expect reports in future issues of the newsletter as well as discussion at future neighborhood meetings. Contact Rick Iverson (451-1011) or any neighborhood association officer for further information.

August Crime Report

A recent initiative of the Austin Police Department has resulted in monthly crime reports now being provided to the neighborhood association on an ongoing basis. Plans are to print tallies of these reports along with special notices when appropriate in each newsletter so that we're all more aware of criminal activity in the neighborhood. During the month of August, reported crimes in the the neighborhood include:

Rape	1
Armed Robbery	1
Assault	5
Residential Burglary	10
Auto Theft	1
Auto Burglary	13
Other Thefts	17

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Dead Rainbows--Oil on the Water

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Imagine an idyllic scene of your choosing. The only requirement is that it be peaceful and contain a lake which, like a mirror, reflects the opposite shore. Only you notice the reflection is a different color than the scenery across the lake. A glistening sheen of dirty colors like dead rainbows covers the surface of the lake. Someone must have changed their oil again and not recycled it.

Rainfall run off produces shock effects on receiving waters as various substances, some toxic, are abruptly mixed into our water supplies. By one estimate, there are times when 40 % of the pollution in our nation's water is old motor oil, containing lead and trace amounts of other toxic metals plus a variety of hydrocarbons, many of which are toxic to aquatic life even in low concentrations.

To put the problem into perspective, a single pint of oil can create a glistening slick the size of a football field. A single quart is enough to pollute 250,000 gallons of water. One part oil to one million parts water is detectable to taste and smell. A little oil goes a long way! Average estimates indicate 240 million gallons of used crankcase oil make it into the nation's lakes, rivers, and streams each year. That's more than twenty-two times more oil than the Exxon Valdez spilled in Alaska. The nation was outraged by one tanker spill, yet we lamely accept the willful disposal of many times that much each year.

It is estimated that about half of all automobile owners change their own oil and there is no reason they should

not. If you're one them, please take your used oil to a gas station or recycling facility. Some auto parts stores will accept used oil too. You can purchase sturdy containers to store used oil from three or four changes to make it more convenient. If you have someone change your oil for you, make sure they recycle the used oil or take it to someone who does. In case you're wondering, most used oil can be recycled as ship or industrial boiler fuel or one of many lubricating oils.

The exciting thing is how easily we can help solve the problem, even if current pollution levels may sound discouraging. It is proven that the contribution of each individual person can produce noticeable results. If you and your neighbors do nothing more during the next few months than ensure your used motor oil is recycled, you will make a major difference in the quality of your water.



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CALENDAR

Neighborhood Meeting and Ice Cream Social	October 7
Steering Committee Meeting	November 4
Neighborhood Meeting	December 2
Steering Committee Meeting	January 6
Neighborhood Meeting	February 3
Steering Committee Meeting	March 2
Neighborhood Meeting and Election of Officers	April 6

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