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Neighborhood Association Shifts Into High Gear at April Meeting

A busy evening is expected next week at the April Neighborhood Meeting with several important issues requiring attention. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, at the First English Lutheran Church, 3001 Whitis, and starts at 7:00 p.m..

Leading off the agenda will be a report on the proposed Seton PUD and the initial presentation before the Planning Commission. The neighborhood association has already voted to oppose the proposal, but the effort to voice this opposition in the City's development review process is just starting and the latest details will be reported at the meeting.

Planning efforts on Capital Metro's Light Rail 'Starter Line' continue to progress toward a referendum in November. Neighborhood association representatives have been closely following this work and will distribute project brochures and drafts of some planning documents at the meeting. In addition, a conceptualization of the design of the line in our neighborhood and the changes that would be made to Guadalupe as a part of it will be presented.

Also to be considered is a proposition to join with other neighborhood groups in the area to boycott the HEB/Austin State Hospital retail development. Going back to last year when the neighborhoods were bushwhacked in the final authorization of the development an idea was hatched to in some way publicize these circumstances and stage a protest at the time the center opened for business. The time is now to begin such an effort.

Lastly, the annual election of officers for the neighborhood association will be held. A slate of officers has been filled, but all positions will be open for nominations from the floor. Check the back page for the listing of the proposed slate.

Next Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, April 5
Starts at 7:00 p.m.

First English Lutheran Church
Whitis at 30th Street

Round Up for 1993 Neighborhood Association Dues Begins Now

Neighborhood association dues for 1993 are being collected now. Take the time to fill out the form on the back page, include \$3.00 per person, and bring it along to the April Neighborhood Meeting or drop it in the mail. Dues can be paid at any time during the year, but make a point to do it soon.

Your membership in the neighborhood association is important and we've got a deal for you no matter what! If you are new to the neighborhood: Welcome! Take the opportunity to join now! If you are a long time member: Take the time to renew now! If you haven't paid in years: Just pay dues for 1993 and you are up to date and a member in good standing once again. Lastly, if you need any information on membership feel free to contact Stella Nilsen (459-5821).

Report on Light Rail Planning

Progress continues to be made toward a November election on Capital Metro's Light Rail 'Starter Line'. If this trend continues, the next few months will see the completion of a number of important steps by the Capital Metro Board, including a formal resolution to hold a referendum on whether to authorize bond financing of the project. The bonds would be financed from existing revenues, but such authorization is critical in securing federal funds earmarked for mass transit that could provide half of the \$200 million cost of the project.

On the neighborhood level, efforts by Capital Metro planning staff and community development consultants are about wrapped up for this stage in the process. The final workshop meeting with these professionals will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hyde Park Methodist Church, 4001 Speedway. At this meeting it is expected that the final drafts of reports on existing land uses along the North Guadalupe St. Corridor as well as neighborhood concerns about many aspects of the project will be presented. Formal review of this work--public hearings--is still to come, but this last workshop meeting offers an informal opportunity to learn about the project and provide input directly to the planners.

The important thing for the neighborhood association to do continues to be participation in the planning process and keeping up to date with the actions taken by Capital Metro. At each Neighborhood Meeting leading up to the anticipated election in November we'll be passing along or presenting detailed information on the project and getting neighborhood feedback to advance as planning continues. In the next newsletter: an overall update on the project and a report on the completion of additional planning efforts expected in May.

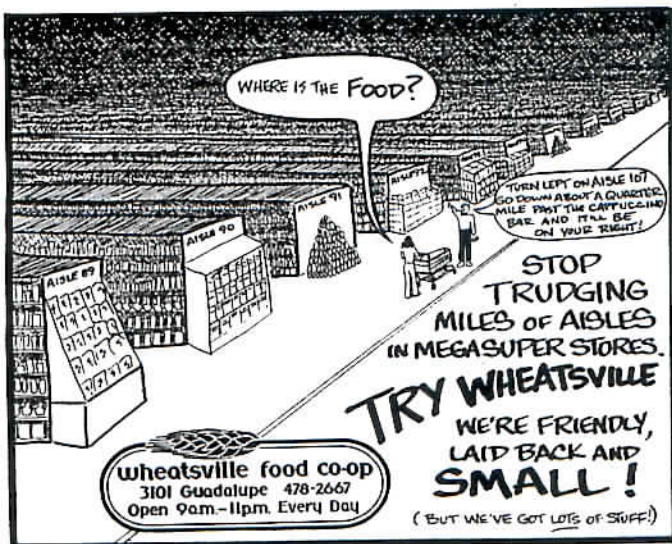
--Will Bozeman, Doug Martin

Neighborhood News Notes

* On the crime front, there may be another tire slasher at work. In late February about a dozen tires were slashed or punctured in the vicinity of 38th and Tom Green. Although APD has had unmarked patrol cars at work, any suspicious activity along these lines should be reported at once. Just to note, the tire slashings that occurred in Hyde Park a while back resulted in almost 350 tires destroyed before a suspect was arrested--caught red handed as it turned out.

* From Jim Ellinger at Wheatsville Food Coop we get news of big plans for Earth Day Austin '93 to be held at Waterloo Park on Sunday, April 25th, from noon till 6:00 p.m.. Music is planned. In fact, an attempt will be made to qualify for *Guinness Book of Records* "World's Cleanest Concert". In addition, there will be exhibits and workshops presented by a variety of organizations, and speeches by Gary Mauro, Bruce Todd, and Max Nofziger, just to name a few. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call the Earth Day Hotline (326-8582).

* The Distribution Department of the NUNA News is looking for a few good neighbors to help distribute the newsletter every other month! The Quadrant Leaders with the help of just a few others have been carrying a heavy load and it would be a big help to have a few more hands. If you would be willing to distribute the newsletter on your street or block during the next year we would sure like to sign you up. For more information contact your Quadrant Leader or Will Bozeman (478-1750). Be sure to ask about our great benefits package!



An advertisement for Property Management of Texas. It features a drawing of a building with "FOR SALE" signs. Text includes: "See Us Year-Round for Sales and Leasing", "Count on PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS", "The leader in campus condos with the most complete inventory of efficiencies, 1BR, 2Br, 3BR in all your favorite condos.", "ASK ABOUT OUR UT SPECIAL DISCOUNT", "PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS", "704 West 24th Street", and "476-2673".

Planning Commission to Review Seton PUD in April

After a series of postponements, the proposed Seton Medical Center Planned Unit Development is set to be presented to the Planning Commission on Tuesday, April 6. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at City Council Chambers, 307 W. 2nd St.. A large turnout of residents from the neighborhoods surrounding Seton is expected and this will make an important statement about the opposition to the proposal. North University neighbors are encouraged to join in this show of strength. For more details on the Planning Commission meeting attend the April Neighborhood Meeting or contact any neighborhood association officer. If you could use a ride to the meeting contact Rick Iverson (451-1011).

Although a final version of the expansion plans has been unveiled the real problem with the proposed PUD remains unchanged. By allowing development in excess of what the existing zoning allows, this project would lead to an overdeveloped site and generate more traffic than the adjoining streets and area thoroughfares can handle. The PUD leaves a great deal of leeway for future expansion--in excess of the announced plans--almost a blank check. Planning Commission review may extend through several meetings--the April 6 meeting is the most important--and the proposal would then be forwarded to City Council, possibly in May.

Proposed Park Improvements Have Tails Wagging With Approval and Anticipation

"I hear they're going to build a big dog house in the park," said Charlie, the Poodle. "Not a dog house," replied Jocko, the Cockapoo, "a gazebo." "What's a gazebo?" asked Tyler, the miniature Pug. "I'm not sure," said Jocko. "Well," said Tyler, "I hope it's not too big or I won't be able to use it."

Charlie, Jocko, and Tyler are members of Dog Club, a group of canines who meet each evening in Adams Park to exercise their owners. All of the members are a little bit apprehensive about the proposed park improvements, but all are hopeful that the gazebo, paths, and landscaping will not interfere with their use of the park.

Mattie Adams, whose grandparents gave the park to the City, met with the neighborhood association last November to describe the proposed improvements. Jay Powell, an Austin architect, accompanied Ms. Adams and showed a drawing of the gazebo and landscaping. The project is now being reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The plan includes a gazebo located at the foot of the hill below the northeast corner of Kirby Hall School, facing 30th St.. Paths begin at the gazebo and loop around the perimeter of the park. Flowers will be planted around the gazebo, but no trees will be removed. Also noted was the eroding south bank of Hemphill Branch, just downstream from the 30th St. bridge, and the 'swamp' on the south side of the park owing from runoff from the Scottish Rite Dormitory tract. Both problems need attention, and the hope was expressed that the improvement project could provide a vehicle for corrective action.

Back in the park Dog Club is breaking up, but not before Riley, the Spaniel, takes a dip in the 'swamp'. As he hurries home Jocko remarks to his owner that fencing off the 'swamp' would be a real improvement.

--Seth Searcy

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CALENDAR

Neighborhood Meeting and Election of Officers	April 5
Light Rail Planning Workshop	April 14
Austin Clean Sweep	April 17
City Election	May 1
Steering Committee Meeting	May 3
Neighborhood Meeting	June 7
Steering Committee Meeting	July 5
Neighborhood Meeting	August 2
Steering Committee Meeting	Sept. 7

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