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# NUNA TO VOTE ON BOYCOTT OF H.E.B.

AFTER YEARS OF NEGOTIATION OVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AT THE AUSTIN STATE HOSPITAL, THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE MEMBERSHIP TO CONSIDER A BOYCOTT OF H.E.B. AND THE OTHER RETAILERS IN THE CENTRAL PARK SHOPPING CENTER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION ALONG LAMAR JUST NORTH OF 38TH STREET. NUNA HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE PLANNING OF THIS PROJECT SINCE 1988, BUT AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT WITH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION HAVE ONLY BEEN IGNORED. THE BOYCOTT PROPOSITION AS WELL AS PLANS TO CARRY IT OUT WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE JUNE 7TH NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING. YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER ARE WELCOME--CONTACT ANY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICER FOR MORE INFORMATION--AND YOUR PRESENCE AT THE JUNE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING IS KEY--PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND.

**Next Neighborhood Meeting:  
Monday, June 7th**

Starts at 7:00 p.m.--Finished *before* 9:00 p.m.  
First English Lutheran Church--Whitis at 30th Street

## Report on Light Rail Planning

It is still in the cards for the Capital Metro Board of Directors to make a decision on when to hold a bond election for the Light Rail Project at their June meeting. However, there is increasing indications that instead of being held this November, the election will not be held until at least the spring of 1994. However, there has still been progress during the last month. The latest community planning program was concluded and a number of draft financial and technical reports were released. This work will be reviewed and finalized by the Board by July. Looking past the election decision in June, the federal draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will hopefully be released in October and following that there will be public input on the so called Locally Preferred Alternative for the project. This process will ultimately decide in the form of a final version of the EIS what transit option to pursue with respect to Light Rail: a 'no build' option, an expanded bus system, or the 'Starter Line' project of a city wide Light Rail System along with reconfiguration of the existing bus system.

The strategy of the neighborhood association continues to be one of monitoring this process, but things are gearing up for more involvement. Discussion is planned at the June Neighborhood Meeting and could lead to taking a position on the project later this year in conjunction with the EIS process. The neighborhood association continues to amass a lot of information on the project and the many complex issues it involves--available at Neighborhood Meetings and in future newsletters--and will need to continue to do so. Participation in the community planning workshops was generally successful. As the final report on this effort is prepared by Capital Metro staff and consultants, most of the concerns that can be advanced about the project at this stage have been. There are some shortcomings--complete opposition to the project or the Guadalupe

alignment was out of order--but a strong foundation to protect neighborhood interests is in place if the project is approved and formal planning begins under Federal Transit Administration guidelines.

Finally, circumstances in just the past few weeks--public and private statements from Board members, and some hints from the political landscape--prove that the Light Rail Project is fragile and is by no means a 'done deal'. Board action in the next two months will be especially telling and by the next newsletter more should be known about the EIS process and the possibility of other planning activities to be held during the fall.

--Will Bozeman, Doug Martin

## A Successful Clean Sweep

Several neighbors devoted a recent Saturday morning to pick up trash in Hemphill and Adams Parks, including Hemphill Branch of Waller Creek as it winds from 33rd Street to the Presbyterian Seminary. The pick up was part of Keep Austin Beautiful's Operation Clean Sweep, an annual, volunteer clean up of Town Lake and urban creeks, in which NUNA has participated since its inception.

Despite their few numbers, your neighbors filled 25 jumbo trash bags with everything from the usual styrofoam cups and plastic sheeting to a concrete filled tire and two steel poles. Thanks for a job well done to Leoda Anderson, Barbara and Jerry Buttrey, Rick Iverson, Jack Keever, John Patterson, Martha Peine, Seth Searcy, and Diane Van Helden.

--Seth Searcy

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## Neighborhood Crime Report

Owing to delays in receiving several reports for last year and a lack of space in April's newsletter, the final report for 1992 has just now been put together. What a shock! Excluding public intoxication, criminal mischief, and a few other miscellaneous offenses, there were 445 reported crimes within the boundaries of our neighborhood last year. A quick glance at the printout revealed few if any arrests and the numbers confirmed it: 26 total arrests, occurring in only about 6% of the reported incidents. Obviously, more prevention is needed by all residents in our neighborhood, but so to is more action from APD. Whether this amount of crime is high or low compared other neighborhoods, the bottomline in the arrest rate is abysmal. For the record (arrests associated with an incident appear in parentheses alongside):

	Jan. -Mar.	Apr. -June	July -Sept.	Oct. -Dec.	1992 Total
Rape	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)
Robbery	1	1	0	0	2(0)
Assaults	12(2)	1(1)	5(3)	14(1)	32(7)
Res. Burglary	14(3)	27(1)	16(2)	21	78(6)
Auto Theft	9	9	2	3(1)	23(1)
Auto Burglary	23	46	32(1)	24	125(1)
Other Thefts	36(2)	39(1)	46(1)	52(1)	173(5)
Peeping Tom	1	2(2)	1(1)	7(3)	11(5)

Total Reported Incidents(Arrests): 445(26)

-Based on information provided by Austin Police Dept.

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## Neighborhood News Notes

\* Here at the NUNA NEWS there is always surprise about what the *Statesman* reports is going on in our neighborhood. Well, their reporters recently knocked another one out the ol' ball park. Kudos to mystery neighbors who executed a fabulous and covert paint job to reconfigure the flood detection station into a totem pole and rated a front page story with a big color photo in the *Statesman's* Neighbor Section in May. We do report that our own crack news staff was not beaten to a story in our own backyard. According to our sources, the mystery painters are known, but, if only for neighborhood legend, appropriately were left unidentified and unheralded in the last newsletter. And to those unknown artisans, we say: *opere pretium est, sed quae fuerunt vitia, mores aunt.*

\* A new team of neighborhood association officers was selected at the April Neighborhood Meeting and you'll find an up-to-date listing of them on page 4. Thanks to Jack Keever who completed 3 years of service as president and will continue to serve as vice president. Seth and Judy Searcy will be serving as president during the next year and John Pomeroy has joined on as Southwest Quadrant Leader. Lastly, we know there is some one out there who is just itching to be Southeast Quadrant Leader, but just needs to step forward.

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	Joan Baron and Doug Martin	477-6973
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### CALENDAR

Neighborhood Meeting	June 7
Steering Committee Meeting	July 5
Neighborhood Meeting	August 2
Steering Committee Meeting	September 7
Neighborhood Meeting	October 4
Steering Committee Meeting	November 1
Neighborhood Meeting	December 6

### QUADRANT LEADERS

Northwest	Northeast
Rick Iverson	John Lacy
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John Pomeroy	
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