



THE NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
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## NUNA VOTES TO BOYCOTT H.E.B

### WORK UNDERWAY WITH OTHER CENTRAL AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS TO SET UP EFFORT

At the June Neighborhood Meeting, the neighborhood association voted unanimously to boycott H.E.B. in the soon to be completed Central Park Shopping Center. Developing plans to implement this protest will be a major item at the August Neighborhood Meeting and the plans will be laid out in the next issue of the newsletter--late in September, about the same time as the opening of the center. The August Neighborhood Meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, at the First English Lutheran Church, 3001 Whitis, and starts at 7:00 p.m.

The North University Neighborhood Association is not going it alone in the boycott and other neighborhood associations are gearing up for the effort. There is both justification and something to achieve in taking this action. In a nutshell, the state has pursued the initial development of the surplus lands at the Austin State Hospital with the best of intentions but the worst of actions. The community planning process that the state undertook with area neighborhoods was successful in establishing parameters for the development of the property that both the state and the neighborhoods were in agreement with, but when this was codified as a PUD Ordinance, much of this community work was disregarded and the neighborhoods were kept out of the process of approving the PUD and put at a disadvantage in the ongoing process of reviewing the final site plans for the future phases of the project.

Once the private developers and associated retail interests came on board, they only exasperated the situation. The only option now is to publicly confront the retailers, along with the state, about this situation. And with more state properties in the Central Austin to be developed *and redeveloped*, a devastating precedent has been set and the impact to our neighborhoods could be very significant and long term--the precedent must be reversed. Thus, now is the time to act and the boycott is a means to that end.

### Next Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, August 2  
Starts at 7:00 p.m.

First English Lutheran Church  
Whitis at 30th Street

### Agenda

- Opening-Minutes-Treasurer's Report.
- Report on status of proposed improvements in Adams Park.
- Presentation on proposed "Promise Park" at NW corner of 38th St. and Guadalupe.
- Report on progress of proposed amendment to Historic Zoning Ordinance.
- Planning and discussion on implementation of boycott against H.E.B.
- Other Business.

## Update on Light Rail Planning

Summer has slowed efforts on Light Rail and expected decisions that two months ago held potential decisiveness about the project seemed to have been made on a tentative basis with no gain of momentum. In June the Capital Metro Board of Directors scheduled a bond election on the project for April 1994. The election must still be formally called and might conflict with other election periods. The matter is not completely settled, but it is still expected that the election will be held around that time.

Even with this tentativeness, the neighborhood association has begun to look more closely at the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and key Board decisions that will precede the election. The draft EIS is expected to be released in late October and with it the steering committee will be working to review and report to the neighborhood about its implications--probably in conjunction with the December Neighborhood Meeting. The EIS process affords the neighborhood opportunities for input, and a strategy for response is in the works. In addition, it was expected that the final reports on the "Phase II" planning efforts would be released by now, but so far nothing has surfaced.

However, there may be some action forthcoming from an advisory group on Light Rail. Capital Metro's Citizens Advisory Committee will be holding a meeting of its Transit Systems Development Subcommittee on Thursday, August 5, at Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto, beginning at 6:00 p.m. It is supposed to kick off the advisory efforts for the conclusion of the planning process and will feature one of the first public presentations by the group that toured the Light Rail systems in Portland and Sacramento. The meeting is free and open to the public.

--Will Bozeman, Doug Martin

## Proposed Amendment to Historic Zoning Ordinance Continues to be Worked Out

The neighborhood association continues to follow the consideration of a proposed amendment to the Historic Zoning Ordinance. The last few weeks have seen several postponements at the Planning Commission while the key players keep hashing it out toward some compromise. The initial proposition involved the desire of the Heritage Society of Austin to utilize the Flower Hill Mansion, 1316 W. 6th St., on a commercial basis as a museum and was seeking an amendment to the ordinance to allow this. When originally proposed it seemed that this allowance for additional uses could apply to all historically zoned sites and, thus, there was tremendous neighborhood concern over what this might allow at other sites within neighborhoods. As of now, the matter has been pretty much worked out so only a few sites will be allowed to be utilized in this way, generally those that already have some limited additional uses--for non-profit organization offices or administrative uses, and social receptions, as examples. Within limits, this resolution will allow the Heritage Society to use Flower Hill as a museum, but restrict almost all other historically zoned sites from such uses. The Planning Commission may finally make a decision at its meeting on Tuesday, August 3. A full report will be made at the August Neighborhood Meeting.

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## Neighborhood News Notes

\* Congratulations are in order for neighborhood resident Dr. Ricardo Romo on his recent promotion at UT Austin. Dr. Romo, an associate professor of history, was named a vice provost and will be working on undergraduate programs. He has been a resident of the North University Neighborhood for ten years and lives on W. 32nd St.

\* Of all things it was the planning process on the development at the Austin State Hospital that really started it, and several issues during the last year have contributed to closer ties between the leadership of a half dozen or so Central Austin neighborhood associations. The result, so far, has been a series of meetings in the last few months to work on issues with broad concern, and there seems to be a multitude of them. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jefferson Building, 1600 W. 38th St. Neighborhood residents are welcome to attend.

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	Jan. -Mar.	Apr. -June	Year to Date
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	2(0)	2(0)
Assaults	18(7)	10(3)	28(10)
Res. Burglary	11(2)	12(0)	23(2)
Auto Theft	5(0)	11(0)	16(0)
Auto Burglary	29(0)	40(0)	69(0)
Bike Thefts	16(0)	10(0)	26(0)
Other Thefts	22(1)	21(1)	43(2)
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### CALENDAR

Neighborhood Meeting	August 2
Steering Committee Meeting	September 7
Neighborhood Meeting	October 4
Steering Committee Meeting	November 1
Neighborhood Meeting	December 6
Steering Committee Meeting	January 3
Neighborhood Meeting	February 7
Steering Committee Meeting	March 7

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