

The Hancock Neighborhood extends 32<sup>nd</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> and Duval to I-35. HNA bimonthly meetings take place at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month (usually) in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Meetings take place at the Hancock Recreation Center (downstairs and in the back). The Recreation Center entrance is on 41<sup>st</sup>. Street just west of Red River.



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## PERRY ESTATE REPORT FROM 7-21-2010 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

The developer's proposal is to maintain current single family zoning dimensional standards (setbacks, impervious cover, building height), but change the zoning only to allow a different use on the property.

This is more of a use issue and less of an intensity of use issue. The main allowable uses desired are hotel, private primary/secondary education, and congregate living (retirement home).

An escrow account will be set up to fund neighborhood enforcement of any private restrictive covenants. The developer will commit to completing the following items in the first phase of construction: 1) wall, service drive, vegetative buffer; 2) water quality control measures. Historic zoning will take place at the time of a re-zoning.

The Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the adopted Neighborhood Plan would be revised from Civic to Mixed-Use for the hotel and related uses. The school site would remain Civic on the FLUM.

1928 structures and the formal gardens in the south east corner are to be zoned Historic with the city. This will limit exterior modifications or demolition.

The proposed re-zoning would have a Conditional Overlay applied to limit entitlements and essentially customize the zoning. A private restrictive covenant would be executed to restrict development items that the city will not restrict.

## Zoning Committee Analysis

Currently no zoning applications have been filed with the city. Good input has been received from neighbors, and concerns have been compiled into a list. Concerns about noise and parking are very valid. This parcel is large enough that specific characteristics of it become a larger neighborhood planning matter. The property is significant in its history, architectural design, and its amount of green space.

Surely the property is expensive to maintain and it seems likely that revenue from the current school is not enough to support the necessary maintenance of the building and grounds. Something needs to be done to secure the care and preservation the historic structures and green space need. The hotel idea offers a possible solution to a problematic situation.

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The 2004 Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan showed existing land uses of primarily single family, with a small amount of commercial/office west of Red River along Red River and along Duval. Other commercial/office uses line IH-35 and extend to Red River between 43rd and 40th Streets. Civic is sprinkled throughout the neighborhood at school and church sites. The Plan changed all of the Commercial on Duval to Mixed Use. A priority of the plan is to limit Commercial incursion into residential areas, however, the Plan changed the Future Land Use Map of two multi-family sites along the west side of Red River to Mixed-Use/Office. Goal 1 of the plan is to preserve the integrity and character of the single-family neighborhoods. This suggests that developments adjacent to single-family must be compatible and/or properly buffered. Goal 2 of the plan is to preserve the historic character and resources of the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Area neighborhoods. Goal 3 is to allow mixed-use development along the existing commercial corridors that is pedestrian oriented, neighborhood friendly, neighborhood scaled, and serves neighborhood needs. Red River is a residential corridor and a commercial corridor in places. Goal 6 of the plan is to enhance and preserve existing open space, parks, and the natural environment. This could suggest that natural open space along Waller Creek should be preserved at the Perry Estate. A separate list of Plan priorities lists both stopping the incursion of new commercial and office uses into residential areas, and looking for areas where mixed use would enhance the livability of the neighborhoods. The Plan also notes that pedestrian and traffic safety should be increased on 41st Street between Duval and Red River. <continued on page 5>

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Discussion has focused on if change at this site can help in meeting neighborhood goals of preserving history & character of the area, or if change is a threat to the adjacent single family. Use of the site is a concern, but preservation of the historic structures and the green space is also a concern. Any proposed new use for the site needs to ensure a sympathetic compatibility with adjacent homes.

The 10 acre property is zoned SF-3 and it could be legally subdivided into smaller lots without needing a re-zoning. If one were to stay out of the flood plain and tear down the mansion, one could make around 37 homesites, each being large enough (7000sf) to allow a duplex use (74 total dwelling units). There may be potential for someone to preserve the mansion and develop the rest of the lot as single family or townhomes. <continued on next page>

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It would still be a lot of new units and potentially duplex units. A developer could always ask for a rezoning to allow townhomes.

Other developers may have an interest in the following uses for this site: School (private, ACC, UT), church/convent, condominiums, assisted care living facility, medical use, office, retail.

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**CHARTER SCHOOLS**

by Michael Lopez

Charter Schools are public schools that offer parents and students an alternative to traditional school avenues for education. There are many different types of charter schools each with their own mission and teaching methods. Classrooms in these types of schools can often provide students with a more structured environment for learning, which can lead to more student self discipline. Charter schools can also offer a more flexible program to accommodate students when it comes to scheduling. Many schools offer shorter class days to allow for students who may have to work more to support their families or for students who may have internship opportunities. All public charter schools are still held accountable to the Texas Education Agency and must meet the testing standards defined by the state.

Another key difference between traditional and charter schools is that school leaders at charter campuses are afforded more freedom in managing their schools. Programs can be molded to suit and address the concerns of the parents and the students. Most charter schools maintain a small campus atmosphere in which it is almost impossible for a student to "fall through the cracks." Campus sizes can range anywhere from less than a hundred students on one campus, to upwards of 500 elsewhere. This is a far cry from most urban schools that can number in the thousands for enrollment.

The main purpose of charter schools is to offer the community another choice when it comes to educating their children. In Austin, there are many other options to A.I.S.D. and many charter schools to choose from. It is a good idea to research the myriad of choices available and it is useful to schedule a campus tour to learn more about these programs.



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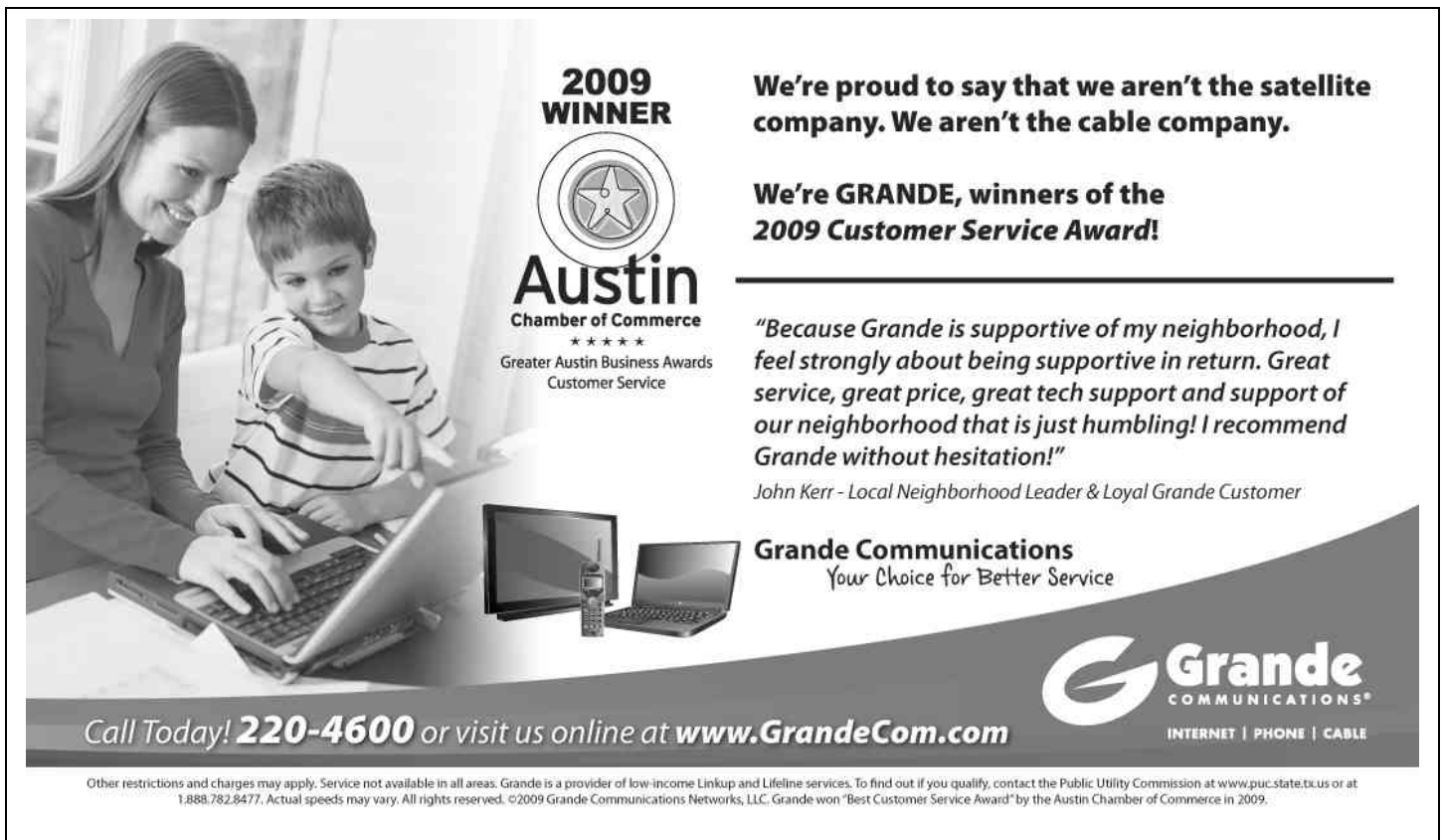
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Please take a look. Go to [www.main.org/hna/](http://www.main.org/hna/) for upcoming events, current officers, a history of the neighborhood, links, and information about joining Hancock Neighborhood Association.

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## NOISE AND CITY ORDINANCES

by Barbara Epstein

A joint meeting of Hancock, Eastwoods and North University Neighborhood Association was held July 19th at the Episcopal Seminary to discuss Austin's noise ordinance. The meeting focused on four issues: how we hear noise, how Austin's noise ordinance is written in relation to how we hear noise, how the noise ordinance is enforced and how the ordinance might be revised. Representatives from city zoning, noise permitting and the police departments attended and answered questions.

Hancock resident, Chad Himmel, an acoustical engineer, explained that we hear noise frequencies differently. We tend to be disturbed late at night by low frequencies, like a reverberating bass. When noise is measured by a decibel meter, it can be measured on a dba scale which filters out the bass and only measures middle and high frequencies, or a dbc scale which factors in the bass noise. Austin's noise ordinance is written so that the measured decibel level is a dba scale, so that the most disturbing frequency is not measured or necessarily stopped by enforcement. Dba and dbc measurements of the same noise will result in different numbers: 200 feet from a restaurant patio with patrons and music is 70 dba, 80 dbc.; 15 feet from refrigeration equipment is 70 dba, 79 dbc; 3 feet from a person speaking loudly is 70 dba, and 72 dbc: the less bass, the closer the numbers.

Austin's ordinance prohibits amplified sound (measured at the property line) at outdoor venues, in excess of 85 dba between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.; restaurants have a 75 dba limit; and residential areas have 75 dba limit (also measured at the property line) between the hours of 10:00pm and 10am.

When we hear noise from Stubbs, it is probably due to sound traveling up Waller Creek, affected by the sound bouncing off the creek banks and by air currents. Unless venues direct sound sources away from the creek, there will always be a noise problem, varying with wind direction and temperature.

When we consider zoning applications, low frequency and amplified sound will affect surrounding neighbors and should be carefully considered. Screens such as trees and tents will not effectively reduce what you hear.

If neighborhoods want to reduce the effect of noise, they should lobby the City Council to change the noise ordinance so that sound is measured with bass frequencies using a dbc metering system. Otherwise enforcement will by definition not include enforcement to stop the lowest frequencies which disturb us.

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hancockneighborhoodassociation/files/Environmental\\_Noise.pdf](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hancockneighborhoodassociation/files/Environmental_Noise.pdf)

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