

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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## TRIANGLE ACTIVITIES

The Triangle has the Farmer's Market every Wed. 4-8pm (3-7 Oct 29-Mar) and the "Music in the Park" series every Thurs 7-9pm at Triangle Park.

## WALLER CREEK UP FOR ADOPTION

Neighbors who attended the January 19 HNA meeting heard a proposal for the neighborhood to participate in the Adopt-a-Creek program, a project sponsored by Keep Austin Beautiful. A recommendation on taking responsibility for a portion of Waller Creek will be voted on at the next meeting. The following link gives information about what is involved in Adopt-a-Creek.  
<http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/Adopt-a-Creek>

## DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

By Barbara Epstein

When you hear the beat beat beat of the tom-tom..." (with apologies to Fred Astaire, Cole Porter and "Night and Day")

The late-night percussion from downtown calls for a Baker Sector Irregulars (our area is the Baker Sector) to locate the offending venues if we want police action on the night it occurs. (If you will volunteer, please email the neighborhood listserv.)

Since only the Entertainment District ((H-35 to Congress and Fifth St to Seventh St) and the Warehouse District (Cesar Chavez to 4th St) can stay open until 2am (every other venue has to close at midnight), we will know if these areas are the source of the music if noise continues well after midnight. Music tends to start getting loud from 10:30 to 11:30, and if you call in a complaint any later than 11:30, if they get the complaint, the downtown police won't be able to get to the call before the venues close at 2am. Everyone who is bothered by late night music should report it because investigations are driven by the scope and numbers of complaints.

If we don't have a group willing to drive around to find the source of the music, here's the limit of what you can do.

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1. Call 911 and report the noise and its perceived source is keeping you up.
2. Leave a message on the noise tip line 974-1000 (which probably won't be picked up until the next morning).
3. Email the sound staff at [sound@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:sound@ci.austin.tx.us) with as many details as you can, when the music started and what time you are calling it in, how late it went on and where you think it is coming from.
4. Email the officer in charge of the downtown noise investigation, Off. Cory Ehrler, [cory.ehrler@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:cory.ehrler@ci.austin.tx.us) with the same information.

If your complaint is emailed on a Wednesday night, the city staff will investigate it Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Don't ask 911 to send an officer to your house. This wastes the time of the patrols in our area who can't go downtown to check out your complaint. The city and police department are working on a way to have the complaints to 911 sent to both Baker and Downtown sectors, but it isn't in place yet. The city and police department are also working on ways to change and better enforce the new noise ordinance but this too, is a work in progress. So folks, if you don't want this problem to continue, call in complaints when noise occurs and join the Baker Sector Irregulars!

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## NEIGHBORHOOD DUES

To be a voting member of the Hancock Neighborhood Association requires a yearly membership fee of \$5 per household.

Dues checks are made payable to Hancock Neighborhood Association and may be mailed to: Mary Ann Osborne, 512 E. 39th Street Austin, TX 78751. Include your name and street address along with your dues payment. Thanks!

## NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE

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

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## JANUARY 2011 MEETING NOTES

By Carol Moczygemba

The January 19, 2011 meeting of the Hancock Neighborhood Association was called to order by Wouter Habraken, president, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hancock Recreation Center with about 30 people in attendance, including all officers..

Habraken then announced the association's committees and their members:

### Standing Committees

Hancock Recreation Center Liaison: Currently no appointments.

Newsletter: Carol Moczygemba, Chair, Bart Whatley, Mike Hirsch, George Wilson, Mary Ann Osborne, Kathleen Strong, Lila Luce, Kristen Patton

Streets & Sewers: (transportation) Steve Goldsmith, Chair

Membership: (Neighborhood Outreach) Cynthia Smith, Chair Kelsey Evans

Zoning: (planning and zoning) Bart Whatley (Chair), Wouter Habraken, Linda Guerrero, Rafi Anuar, Cody Coe

### Ad Hoc Committees

Historic Preservation Committee (ad Hoc): Hal Morris, Chair, John Hindman, Lorie Friend, Marilyn Lamping, Penelope Davies

Park and Natural Environment (ad Hoc): Carolyn Palaima, Chair, Bart Whatley, Rafi Anuar, Carol Moczygemba

Habraken said committees will set goals for the year and evaluate whether they are meeting the needs of the members. The executive committee, he said, will determine priorities for the association, including reviewing the bylaws, improving processes and increasing membership.

Committee members gave brief reports on activities in their respective committees. Treasurer Mary Ann Osborne explained her responsibilities and reported the association holds \$10,618.50 in total assets and the same amount in total liabilities and equity. The net income is \$891.61. Revenues are derived from membership dues, newsletter advertising and parking permits. Expenses include newsletter printing and paper and bank fees.

Membership committee chair Cynthia Smith reported



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there were 130 HNA paying members in 2010. So far, in 2011, there are 20. Membership is renewed on January 1 of each year and expires on December 31 of that same year. Dues are \$5 per household. Members may join at any time. Smith said the committee will work to recruit new members and will support neighborhood-wide activities, such as a pet parade, National Night Out and a block captain system for organizing and networking. Planning meetings for the membership committee will be held the first Wednesday of each month. For more details, go to the Hancock Neighborhood Association website, [www.hancockna.org](http://www.hancockna.org)

Newsletter committee chair Carol Moczygemba reported that the newsletter story deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. The newsletter is

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printed every other month. The next issue will be February 2011.

Rafi Anuar reported that the main work of the parks committee has been shepherding the construction of the walking trail around the perimeter of the Hancock golf course. The trail is currently stalled, awaiting reinforcement of the rock wall on the 38th St. side. He noted the committee's work with the city's tree planting project to plant native species within the golf course area.

Hal Morris, chair of the ad hoc historic preservation committee, said the committee will review demolition permits for buildings with potential historic status and would work to identify buildings that need preserving. He noted the association needs a historian and asked for volunteers.

Habraken suggested the association determine areas of concern for the neighborhood, such as noise, crime, quality of life issues and family and children, in deciding on future goals and possible establishment of ad hoc committees. He noted the lack of further

development of the site of the former Concordia College was a neighborhood issue he is investigating. He said attempted to contact representatives of Cypress Capital, the investment company that holds title to most of the site, to find out their plans. They were not willing to talk at this time. Habraken asked that HNA members submit proposals for interim use of the property in a way that would benefit the neighborhood. Bart Whatley has been designated to coordinate this effort.

Kathleen Strong asked for feedback on a proposal for HNA to adopt a section of Waller Creek and take responsibility for keeping it as litter-free as possible. The project, Adopt-A-Creek, would be conducted in conjunction with Keep Austin Beautiful, which would supply clean-up equipment including gloves and trash bags. Volunteers would commit to cleaning the creek 4 times a year for 2 years. It was proposed the parks committee recommend a course of action.

Habraken announced the zoning committee would meet in the second week of February to determine processes for committee activities. The meeting will be open to the membership. Details will be available at the HNA website, [www.hancockna.org](http://www.hancockna.org)



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## NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES AT RED RIVER CHURCH - By Sheryl Westwick

Some of you know us already as your polling place for primaries and November elections. We like opening our doors in this way, and we have some other activities that HNA folks might be interested in. We're at the southeast corner of 45th and Red River and would like to meet you.

- Community Basketball – 7pm Sunday nights in the gym. Dust off those sneakers and come play!
- We host a large number of recovery groups, including Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Al Anon, and a general 12-step group. Please see our website for a listing of meeting times and locations: [www.redriverchurch.org](http://www.redriverchurch.org)
- Ways to help in the community: 1) We collect household products such as cleaning supplies and personal care items in support of a project by Caritas called MyPlace, which helps formerly homeless folks become self-sustaining. 2) We collect non-perishable groceries for Manos de Cristo, which gives to those in need. 3) Got some gently used paperbacks? We participate with Inside Books Project to send light-weight books to persons in the Texas Prison System. Donations for any of these projects always welcome!
- Come join us for our trips to the Capital Area Food Bank to help sort supplies for people in need. We also participate in the Keep Austin Beautiful CleanSweep.
- Our church services are on Sunday mornings at 11:15. We also have several Bible Study groups that meet mid-week. And during Lent (mid-March to mid-April) we will hold an evening contemplative service with a goal of providing a place of peace and contemplation. You can always leave a prayer request in the box outside the building by the office doors.
- Check out monthly summer movie and game nights. Fun for everyone.

Please visit [www.redriverchurch.org](http://www.redriverchurch.org), for more information about all this, as well as other activities. Or contact me, Sheryl, at [sheryl@redriverchurch.org](mailto:sheryl@redriverchurch.org).

### *Valerie Mansbendel Home Available*



Last year's Hyde Park Homes Tour featured the home of Swiss Woodcarver Peter Mansbendel, on the corner of Avenue F and 39th Street. That same craftsmanship is evident in this house, built in 1934 for Valerie Mansbendel and her husband William T. Williams, Jr., as a wedding present from her father Peter Mansbendel and his wife Clotilde Shipe Mansbendel, who lived next door, and the bride's grandparents, Adele and Monroe Shipe, who lived a block away at Avenue G and 39th Street. Shipe had developed Hyde Park in 1891 as the first planned development in Austin and he named this particular area "Shadow Lawn," as marked by still-present concrete benches.

The interior of the home is enhanced by Peter Mansbendel's design and carvings. Perhaps the most unique feature of the home is the carved stone portraits of Valerie and Bill built into the facade of the home.

"This home holds within it a history of much fun and many happy memories, and the special feeling of knowing it was unique. Family next door and friends who came for short visits, and others for long ones, made it a very special place to grow up," said Mansbendel granddaughter Valerie Williams Brown.

The house is for sale for the first time outside the family. It has three bedrooms, two baths, formal living and dining rooms and a family room. For information, contact

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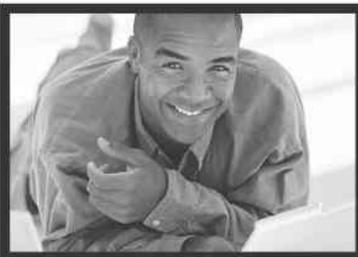
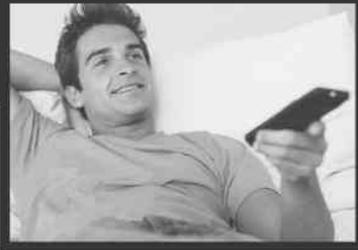
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