



THE NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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PLASMA CENTER CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Although the neighborhood association is currently sidelined, attorneys for the City of Austin and the owners of the plasma center building are gearing up to fight it out in court. Currently at issue is whether the Board of Adjustment will be allowed to reconsider its June ruling that the plasma center is appropriately classified as a "medical office". That decision allowed the Austin Plasma Center to begin operating at 3423 Guadalupe. If the Board were permitted to reconsider, continued operation of the plasma center at this location would be in jeopardy.

Naturally, the owners of this property are doing everything possible to prevent this matter from being reheard. They have sued the Board of Adjustment, and several of its members, in a lawsuit named Frank G. Bryant and Betty H. Bryant vs. Board of Adjustment of the City of Austin, Texas, Dorothy Richter, Glenna Balch, and Sue Johnson in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, 299th Judicial District, Case No. 470051. The documents filed in this case are a matter of public record and are available for review at the Travis County courthouse.

The owners of the property are not only suing to prevent the Board of Adjustment from reconsidering its decision in the matter, but are also suing for an undetermined amount of damages which their petition states are "incalculable". The trial for this case is currently scheduled for January 16, 1990, although this is subject to change.

Further details in this matter will be included in upcoming editions of the newsletter as well as at the December Neighborhood Meeting.

Next Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, December 4th
Starts at 7:00 p.m.

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Neighborhood Association Leadership Changes

The October Neighborhood meeting was the scene for a changing of the guard in the leadership of the neighborhood association. Having served as president for two and a half years, Rick Iverson stepped down, and Gary Schumann was elected as new president.

It is only appropriate to acknowledge the considerable efforts that Rick has made on behalf of the neighborhood. Most assuredly, a simple "thank you" is not enough. But we haven't seen the last of him, Rick will continue to serve as Northwest quadrant leader and, no doubt, in other capacities as well.

Of course, Gary Schumann has now taken over the reins as neighborhood association president. We certainly look forward to the continued progress that Gary's leadership will bring and wish him the good luck in all of his efforts.

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Dear Friends:

The generous check of \$100 dollars from your association has great actual and intrinsic meaning for all of us at Austin Groups for the Elderly. We are aware that your group has quite limited funds, and to have you share them with us makes us most appreciative.

In addition, we recognize that this contribution symbolizes our mutual efforts to work together on behalf of the elderly, and, simultaneously, on behalf of the neighborhood. We are proud that we are partners in this endeavor, and we cherish the fact that you join us in our work.

On behalf of our entire board, thank you!

Cordially yours,
Bert Kruger Smith
President
Austin Groups for the Elderly

December Neighborhood Meeting to Feature Recycling Presentation

The feature of this month's Neighborhood Meeting will be a special presentation on recycling. As usual, there are items of neighborhood business on the agenda, including the latest update on the plasma center. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the First English Lutheran Church.

With good reason, recycling efforts have picked up momentum across the nation. You have probably heard of some of the statistics estimating what gets literally thrown away, never to be used again, and the gargantuan struggle to find some place to put it all.

Allan Watts, Manager of the City of Austin Environmental and Conservation Services Department, will be on hand to give an overview of the City's recycling effort and provide information on how you can participate. You have probably seen those "recycling" signs throughout the neighborhood, so here's your chance to find out how it all works and get involved. The City recycling program also extends to residences whose trash is collected by private waste haulers, so apartment dwellers can get involved as well.

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Neighborhood Initiatives Take Shape

Two important initiatives are beginning to pick up momentum within the neighborhood association. As announced at the October Neighborhood Meeting, efforts are underway to develop a long-range plan for both Adams and Hemphill Parks. Headed up by Lawrence Miller, the task force will begin formulating the basis for a landscape architecture design. Although the emphasis is on landscape, recreational facilities, and other items are to be reviewed. In turn, with the development of master plan, it is envisioned that it can be accomplished by the long term efforts of both the City and the neighborhood association. Of course, right now just the groundwork is being laid. Anyone interested in participating in the task force should contact Gary Schumann (478-7520) as soon as possible.

The second item is the humble beginnings of committees to better organize and accomplish the work of the neighborhood association. The roots of this proposition lead back to the survey conducted with membership enrollment earlier this year. The great majority of those responding expressed not only definite interest in neighborhood issues, but also a willingness to get involved. Currently, the steering committee of the neighborhood association is at work to complete a plan to set it up. An overview of this strategy will be presented and discussed at the December Neighborhood Meeting, and efforts will get fully underway with the beginning of the new year.



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Calendar

Neighborhood Meeting	December 4
Steering Committee Meeting	January 8
Neighborhood Meeting	February 5
Steering Committee Meeting	March 5
Neighborhood Meeting	April 2
Steering Committee Meeting	May 7

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