

A. Citizen's Communication

April 26, 2011

To City of Austin Planning Commission

The Hyde Park Contact Team wishes to enact revisions to the Hyde Park and North Hyde Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining Districts (NCCD). We are asking your assistance in initiating these revisions.

At its November 15, 2010 meeting, the Contact Team voted to remove the following sentence from the North Hyde Park NCCD, Part 6 (11)(b) page 13:

"For a duplex use or single-family attached use, a lot that is at least 50 feet wide may have two one-lane driveways that are a maximum of 10' wide if they are separated by the house."

Hyde Park neighbors have appealed a permit twice, having support at City Council, having staff then permit a revised plan, and again appealing and losing at the Board of Adjustment. Those neighbors are now watching a duplex get built with a front yard of driveways and parking due to unfortunate staff interpretations that are contrary to the purposes of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan. Another permit using this clause will be requested soon on another lot.

At its January 24, 2011 meeting the Contact Team voted to modify the McMansion standards in the entire Hyde Park Neighborhood Plan area by deleting the following language in Article 2, 2.1 Maximum Development Permitted:

"or 2,300 square feet of gross floor area as defined in Section 3.3"

We appreciate your help.



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