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 $to\ ensure\ the\ safety\ of\ residents$ — $to\ preserve\ the\ integrity\ of\ the\ neighborhood$ — $to\ increase\ the\ value\ of\ homeowner\ property$

What is a Contact Team?



"A Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (NPCT) is a group of indi-

viduals designated to be the stewards and advocates of their adopted neighborhood plan."* NPCT works with stakeholders (our neighborhood residents including businesses) and city staff (Planning Department) in implementing the plan and reviewing and originating if desired, plan amendments.

*NPCT Training Sheet City of Austin Planning Department *April* 2012

Many of us participated in our neighborhood plan several years ago, going to meetings and more meetings over three years to develop a plan to meet our needs consistent with our neighborhood association Mission statement. There was input from residents as well as businesses and other property owners. The plan was adopted by City Council. Any amendments to the plan must be approved or rejected by the Contact Team and the Neighborhood Association. Only City Council determines if a proposed amendment may or may not occur.

The request goes to Planning department staff for recommendation(s), the case is heard by Planning Commission and they make a recommendation, it then goes to City

Meeting Location

St. George's Court Clubhouse 1443 Coronado Hills Dr.

The meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Parking is available. Thank you to St. Georges Court for providing the great meeting location.

Meeting Schedule

February 17th, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. March 17th, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

Annual Association Fund

Our neighborhood association also needs your financial support. We ask for annual dues of \$12.00 per household. Our treasury monies are spent for neighborhood fees for things like postage, mailbox, occasional lawyer or other fees, and other neighborhood related activities. Please bring or mail a check to any board member. Thank you!

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Council for action. Your board and others present our recommendations along with Planning Department staff to Planning Commission and City Council—often our neighborhood recommendations are different from Planning Department.

Information about amendment requests is mailed to the Contact Team chair, to your Neighborhood Association Board and to all in the neighborhood via our newsletter. It is also discussed at our monthly meetings so that we are aware of amendment requests and actions taken in a timely manner.

The text of IMAGINE AUSTIN created by consultants hired by the city with input from citizens, on page 207, explicitly notes that Neighborhood Plans will be respected. There are those that would like to disrespect our plan. We have ample evidence around our city, especially east of IH 35, where neighborhoods have been destroyed by aggressive developers often not even based in Austin who develop, take their money and leave behind a devastated neighborhood. We do not want this to happen to our treasured neighborhood. It will take all of us working together to maintain this diverse, dense, urban, wonderful neighborhood of ours for ourselves and future Austin citizens. Change is the fabric of life, but neighborhood destruction causing damage in the name of "progress" is the antithesis of that. Anything damaging

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many for the benefit of the *few* is usually a bad idea. Neighborhood integrity is one of our city's important assets and it is on the verge of being GREATLY diminished or eliminated. <u>Stay informed of your city</u> leaders' actions.

Reminders for 2015: Part 1

"Preserving the Integrity of the Neighborhood," is one part of our Neighborhood Mission statement. Adhering to City Code regulations and presenting our homes with positive curb appeal, is necessary to accomplish that Mission.

1. This is a No Parking on the Lawn, neighborhood. When the residents were polled a number of years ago about this choice, they were unanimous in their decision to choose this option. It is now on record with the City of Austin.

"A person may not park a motor vehicle in the front or side yard of residential property, except in a driveway or paved parking place, depicted on an approved site plan."

(Austin Code of Ordinances: Article 2 — Front and Side Yard Parking — Item # 12-5-29)

Improvised parking spaces, on the grass, or on gravel, sand, brick, etc. are not acceptable under the City Code of Ordinances.

- **2.** Cars, Trucks, Boats, Trailers, RVs may not be stored on a front driveway or side grass yard. City ordinances require them to be stored in a garage or behind a 6 ft. fence.
- **3. Number of Cars** allowable per residence: Not more than ONE motor vehicle per licensed driver residing on the premises.

(Austin Code of Ordinances: Article 5 — Accessory Uses, for Principal residential — Item B-#1.)

Our district representative will be at a spring neighborhood meeting—*date to be announced*. Please make plans to hear the city council representative you elected.

A New CHCN Association Secretary



We are happy to announce that we now have a complete Board of Directors, with the addition of our new Secretary, Randal Okumura, who volunteered to fill that position at our January meeting.

Randy was born and raised in Honolulu Hawaii, but spent most of his adult life in California. He arrived in Austin in 2003. He has been a resident of our neighborhood for nine years. He purchased his home at 1710 Shelbourne in December 2005. He is a former member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Currently, he is the Endowment Compliance Manager with the University of Texas System.

Randy will be formally installed as an Assn., Officer, at our February meeting. We thank him for his willingness to put time and effort into helping our neighborhood, to remain a strong, viable, safe and attractive place in which to live. **Welcome aboard, Randy!**

District One Representative to Visit



Oran Houston, our District One representative will be coming to a future meeting of our neighborhood association! Come, bring a neighbor, for this special occasion to listen and discuss with her any issues or concerns you may have.