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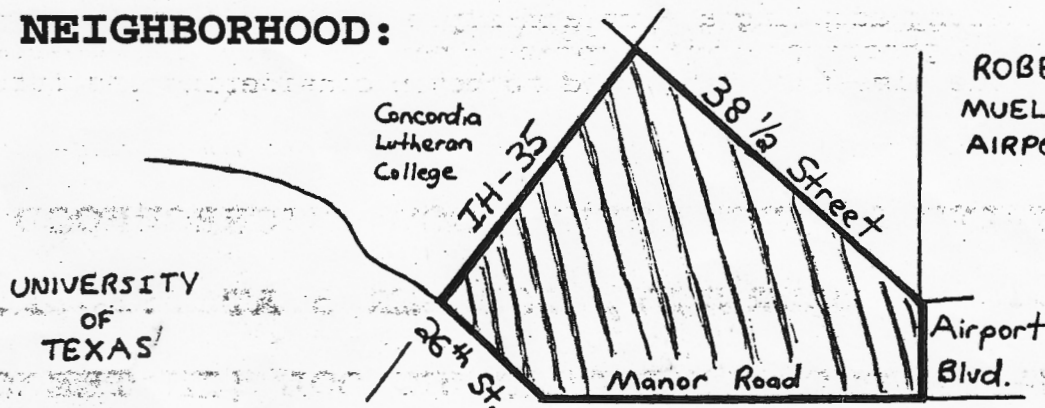
DON'T MISS OUT! NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED

HOP ON THIS TRAIN BEFORE IT LEAVES THE STATION!!

Dear Neighbor,

Cherrywood neighborhood activism has traditionally comprised of long periods of inactivity marked by rapid organization and broad participation when circumstances have demanded it. Examples of past 'circumstances' include Fiesta's arrival at the Delwood shopping center and the decision to move the airport. However, new issues have arisen which will eventually require community discussion and action. But let's begin at the beginning..

THIS IS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD:



THESE ARE SOME ISSUES FACING THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

1. THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Several years ago, dedicated residents drafted a charter and by-laws for the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association. Lack of interest, however, kept these by-laws from taking effect. Today, an influx of new residents and the imminence of issues confronting the neighborhood calls for the revival of the CNA. Acting CNA president Gordon Bennett has solicited neighbors to partake in such a project, and he openly invites everyone interested to join in. At the moment, this is priority number one, for before the neighborhood can have a voice, a mechanism for expressing this voice must exist.

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2. THE AIRPORT

The city council has established a task force to set up the process by which airport redevelopment will occur sometime around 1998. Acting CNA president Gordon Bennett currently represents Cherrywood on this task force. Airport redevelopment is obviously of great importance to the neighborhood, and all residents need to keep aware of its status and share their ideas.

3. ABANDONED PROPERTIES ON ROBINSON AVENUE

For some time, the residents of Robinson Avenue have worked to force the absentee owner of three houses on their street to repair or demolish his substandard structures. These houses have become homes to rats, snakes, and transients and pose a serious safety threat. Neighbors are currently putting together affidavits attesting to the poor condition of the structures in order to build a case history proving long-term neglect of the properties.

4. THE CREATION OF AN "NCCD"

A number of neighbors have expressed interest in making the neighborhood a "Neighborhood Conservation and Combining District". This would involve developing a general "plan" for the neighborhood, having it approved by the city, and using it as a guideline for future development. Travis Heights and Hyde Park are currently set up as NCCDs. Unrelated to the NCCD, the city is considering adopting a Portland-style system of neighborhood organization in which neighborhoods with "plans" receive city funds directly. In either case, the time for Cherrywood to begin considering its future seems at hand.

All this having been said by way of introduction, there will be a

MEETING OF THE CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

on
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7:30 P.M.

at
MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (IN THE CAFETERIA)

Agenda

7:30 - 7:45	Restarting the CNA (Gordon Bennett)
7:45 - 8:00	Report on Airport Redevelopment (Gordon Bennett)
8:00 - 8:15	Report on the Robinson Avenue properties (TBA)
8:15 - 8:45	Presentation on neighborhood planning possibilities (Greg Gurnsey, City of Austin; Regina Lauderdale)

All neighbors are warmly invited to attend and participate. We live in an eclectic and exciting community, and the more people who take part in determining its future, the higher the quality of life should be. If you cannot attend but would like to be actively involved or at very least receive future newsletters, please contact Gordon Bennett at 3000 Lafayette, Austin, TX 78722 (Phone: 477-5973 / E-Mail: gordonb@uts.cc.utexas.edu).

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