From:

Robert Mayfield [robertumayfield@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Monday, April 14, 2008 6:27 PM

To:

Harden, Joi

Subject:

RE: postponement of the Planning Commission hearing on April 22, Case #C14-2008-0057-

May 13 seems fine to me. That should give us the time we need. If we by chance need more time, we can let you know. Thanks,

Robert

--- "Harden, Joi" <Joi.Harden@ci.austin.tx.us> wrote:

> Dear Robert.

> Unless you are asking for another date, per our conversation, I will > assume that you are requesting a postponement to the next planning > commission date of May 13, 2008 . Please let me know if that is your > intention, or if you have another date for your request. I must give > the planning commission a date certain for a postponement request.

> Please let me know if you have any questions.

> Thank you,

> Joi Harden

> ----Original Message----> From: Robert Mayfield

> [mailto:robertumayfield@yahoo.com] > Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 3:38 PM

> To: Harden, Joi

> Subject: postponement of the Planning Commission hearing on April 22,

> Case #C14-2008-0057-SH

> Dear Joi,

On behalf of myself, the owner of the DQ at 5900 Manor Rd next door > to the proposed project, and my employees who live in the > neighborhood, I am asking that the hearing on the proposed project on > 5908 Manor Rd, Case #C14-2008-0057-SH, before the Planning Commission > now scheduled for April 22, be postponed or continued to a later date.

I need the time to get additional facts and to prepare > presentation papers that will be needed to allow me to present a > complete case to the Commission demonstrating why we are against this > project. The applicant has been working on this project for over a > year, but I have only been informed about the project and have had > opportunity to work on it since the last week of February. It is only > fair that I have some more time.

A postponement or continuance does not adversely impact the applicant nor any timelines needed by the applicant.

> Thank you for your help, > Robert Mayfield

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From: geoff herman [wildgeoffrey@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 9:29 PM

To: Harden, Joi

Subject: Case # C14-2008-0057-SH

Hello Joi Hardin, I am writing to plead for your help in denying the request to rezone and build a homeless housing facility in my neighborhood. As you know, the neighborhood recently finalized the master plan for the neighborhood and decided single family dwellings would be the best use for this land. This was decided for many reasons, one being the high rate of crime in the many multi-family dwellings in the immediate area. This neighborhood has been trying extremely hard to come together as one to try and reduce the amount of crime, drugs and prostitution that is rampant in the area of the proposed building site. Allowing this facility to be built, would be in direct contradiction of what the neighborhood residents want and need. One thing you may not be aware of are the great amount of halfway houses and transitory housing already located in our neighborhood. There are currently 17. Our neighborhood is saturated and cannot handle anymore of these facilities. I greatly appreciate your help. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Geoff Herman 6304 Walnut Hills Dr. Austin, TX 78723 659-4886

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From:

micah land [land@mhsudesign.com]

Sent:

Friday, April 11, 2008 9:03 AM

To:

Harden, Joi

Subject:

RE: Case # C14-2008-0057-SH

Attachments:

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Ms. Joi Harden:

In regards to the proposed homeless shelter, I am writing writing to express my position AGAINST the development of the shelter for several reasons; 1. it is to be located in a developing, unique residential neighborhood, 2. the proposed development will increasingly populate northeast Austin with transient & homeless vagrants, an area which is already saturated with such. ... and 3. developers, though non-profit, should consider adaptive re-use of east Austin's existing structures, apartment homes, multifamily blocks, etc... rather than a new construction initiative. If Austin is truly interested in promoting a 'green', or environmentally sensitive building campaign, this would be a much more intelligent approach for a developing city, and perhaps more economical.

Consider other neighborhoods, Hyde park, Westlake, or even south Austin for that matter. An already increasingly segregated city could benefit greatly! Thank you.

best,

micah land

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From: Andrew Lee [funkydrew@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 4:22 PM

To: Harden, Joi

Subject: Case #: C14-2008-0057-SH Please do NOT building a homeless housing facility on Manor

Dear Joi,

I appreciate that the city is attempting to help the poor and homeless by building a housing facility, but I don't believe building a housing facility on Manor Road would be a benefit to the people you are trying to help. Most charitable organizations who serve these people are found downtown, so I would suggest finding a place more central than a location so close to 183. The mass exodus through the rehabilitating areas of East Austin towards the charitable services would not only undo so much improvement put into the area but would also provide a lengthy path of temptations for illegal activity.

Sample Charities serving in central Austin:

Foundation For The Homeless - 200 E 8th St Austin, TX (512) 480-0005

Texas Equal Access To Justice - 815 Brazos St Austin, TX (512) 320-0094

ARCH - 00 East 7th, Austin, TX (512) 305-4100

Caritas of Austin - 611 Neches, Austin, TX 78767-1947 512-479-4610

Any Baby Can - 1121 E. 7th, Austin, TX 78702 (512) 454-3743

Austin Children's Shelter - 804 Rio Grande, Suite C, Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 499-0090

Cristo Rey Social Ministries - 2215 E 2nd St, Austin, TX (512) 474-6376

... and scores of other charity organizations can be found in and easily reached in downtown or east Austin.

A few weeks ago, a friend witnessed officers arresting a prostitute on the corner of Manor Rd and Rogge (less than a block from the proposed housing site). Several of my guests have driven by that corner and have sworn they have seen illegal activity happening. Ushering more homeless people into that area would only exasperate the problem and possibly plunge the destitute into deeper issues than they already have. With a new low income housing neighborhood planned in the old Mueller Airport area, it would become a major disaster for homeless people to roam a financially vulnerable area on their way to much needed resources.

I believe the city needs to find a more convenient place for the homeless to be housed closer to established resource distribution centers. This will save precious energy and time for those who are in most need of those two productive elements of life.

Thank you for your consideration and good luck to you on this issue,

Andrew Lee

From:

MarilyB@aol.com

Sent:

Sunday, April 13, 2008 10:15 PM

To:

Harden, Joi

Subject: Re: Case No. C14-2008-0057-SH

I am writing to you in regard to the property at 5908 Manor Road, Case No. C14-2008-0057-SH. I am a home owner at 2600 Rogge Lane, and have attended two neighborhood meetings at which near unanimous opposition was expressed to a zoning change of the property at 5908 Manor Road and to the construction of a multi-use facility that would offer some 110 efficiency appartments to house homeless people, handicapped, and other types of people making transitions into society.

Windsor Park already has some 17 half-way houses that have been set up in our neighborhood. And, the City Council has already approved 10 acres of land near our location in East Austin for a trailer park to house homeless people. I feel like our neighborhood has become the City's dumping ground for difficult-to-house individuals. Why aren't facilities such as these more evenly distributed throughout the City?

Regarding the Manor Road plan -- we were told that most of the people who would occupy the facility would rely on public transportation. The public transportation on Manor Road isn't adequate to accommodate 110 more riders going to and from work every day. Moreover, there aren't the kinds of businesses in walking distance of the Manor Road property that could hire the people living in the apartments. There is a liquor store and a bar immediately across the street from 5908 Manor Road, which hardly seems like a healthy environment for people recovering from substance abuse problems. Also, the apartment complex immediately across the street from 5908 Manor Road has one of the highest crime rates in the City for drug use and prostitution. Mueller Airport would be a much more adaptable location for low-cost housing units such as those being proposed for Manor Road -- more space, no or very low crime rates, businesses within walking distance, etc.

Furthermore, the Zoning Plan for Windsor Park was just finalized and approved in September 2007. How is it possible that 6 months later the City is already considering changing the Zoning Plan we agreed on? I think that is absolute fraud!

Please count me as being adamantly opposed to the zoning change for 5908 Manor Road, and to the building of a 110 unit low-cost apartment complex at that location.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Babcock 2600 Rogge Lane Austin, TX 78723 512:928-2266

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From:

john hudsin [kphuds@sbcglobal.net]

Sent:

Sunday, April 13, 2008 1:03 PM

To:

Harden, Joi; sully.jumpnet@sbcglobal.net; amdealey@aoi.com; saundra_kirk@sbcglobal.net;

tracy.atkins@gmail.com; pcavazos_planning@yahoo.com; chris@brandocular.com;

paulahul16@yahoo.com; jay_reddy@dell.com; clint_small@hotmail.com

Subject:

Rezoning of 5908 Manor Road - TDHCA #08271, Manor Road SRO

Attachments: 3222453154-Manor Road.doc

City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, Planning Commissioners, Interested Parties:

Please help us.

East Austin is tired of being chosen to solve all of our City of Austin's problems.

We have 17 facilities to care for the poor, unwanted, disabled, etc. We are truly saturated in the University Hills and Windsor Park Neighborhoods - everything ends up in East Austin because we have opened our hearts and area to give a Helping Hand, but enough is enough. Some other areas of town need to take on these undertakings.

We also, have a "Loaves and Fishes" RV Park for the homeless recently approved by OUR City Council for East Austin.

We, too, want a place where our citizens feel safe and can have pride that our neighborhoods are filled with loving, kind people and that our property values are lower than any other area of town. As you can tell by the numbers, we have not been opposed to helping the unfortunate, but there is a limit to our patience and utilities, etc.

The proposed zoning change at Manor Road is unacceptable to us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pete & Kay Hudson

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From:

john hudsin [kphuds@sbcglobal.net]

Sent:

Monday, April 14, 2008 8:03 AM

To:

DiGiuseppe, Paul

Subject:

Re Zoning of Manor Road

Attachments: 3222453154-Manor Road.doc

Paul,

You seem like a caring individual.

We realize you have a job to carry out, but hopefully, you will listen to our neighbors needs.

As you also know, East Austin is a target for anything that other neighborhoods do not desire. We acknowledge that we have some undesirable elements/characters in our area, but we would like to lift our neighborhood up and NOT take it down more.

We are doing more than our share in trying to solve the City's problems, but please give us a break. We are saturated with these types of problems and then some.

Thank you for your time and efforts,

Pete & Kay Hudson

Attachment

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Pierce, Genevieve [gpierce@utsystem.edu]

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 8:50 AM

To: DiGiuseppe, Paul

Cc: sf.fowler@sbcglobal.net

Subject: 5908 Manor Homeless Project

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

As a homeowner in University Hills, I implore you and Mr. Frank Fernandez to reconsider the plan for Community Partnership for the Homeless to house the 'chronically homeless' at 5908 Manor in Windsor Park.

We residents of the East Side have worked tirelessly to reverse the decades of economic disparity, crime, low-rent housing, and ecological ruin which has plagued our neighborhoods. We understand that east of the highway does not have a massive tax-base, and so organizations seek to take advantage by pushing projects such as this into our neighborhoods. Please do not reverse what the people of our neighborhoods are working so hard to build — a community of responsible home owners who are invested in their neighborhood and do not have a history of substance abuse, crime, or contributing to societal ills.

Please understand that we are a community of good people, and although we appreciate organizations such as the Community Partnership for the Homeless tackling such a difficult issue, we in East Austin are already burdened with more than our fair share of crime, underperforming schools, homelessness and poverty. Please do not move more of the same into our community, where we are attempting to bring East Austin neighborhoods back to economic parity with the rest of Austin.

Sincerely, Genevieve Pierce 3301 Loyola Lane 78723

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: sspeir313@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 2:43 PM

To: DiGiuseppe, Paul

Subject: Neighborhood Weighs in on 5908 Manor Road

Three Neighborhoods Weigh in on Proposed Community Partnership for the Homeless Project

Thursday's meeting at the Memorial Methodist Church resulted in a packed house of stakeholders from Windsor Park, Pecan Springs, and University Hills to hear the latest from the City and the non-profit attempting to locate a large homeless (permanent supportive housing) living facility on five acres at 5908 Manor Road.

The meeting was moderated by Paul DiGiuseppe, principal planner with the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department for the City of Austin.

Mr. DiGiuseppe, a complete professional in every sense, conducted the meeting in a fair and extremely evenhanded manner. Since this was the first chance that many of those in the audience had to ask questions about the proposed facility, a lot of old ground was covered at the beginning. Frank Fernandez, the executive director of the Community Partnership for the Homeless, who is the applicant, continued to insist that the facility will not be for the homeless and is being unfairly labeled as such. But an area business owner pointed out that their own application to the city said that as many as 36-40 units would be for the "chronically homeless."

Three consistent themes quickly developed that were evident in most of the questions directed to Mr. Fernandez.

- 1) "Why is this being rushed through and why does every new halfway house, transitional or supportive housing project, group home for parolees and sex offenders, and even the new trailer park community for the homeless approved yesterday by the council have to ALWAYS BE LOCATED IN EAST OR NORTHEAST AUSTIN?" In addition, there was a strong feeling expressed that people in the neighborhood are just now learning about this project and that it MUST BE DELAYED so that questions can be asked and answers provided. Residents said the neighborhood is now saturated with such facilities and is repeatedly being asked to bare an unfair burden. One lifelong resident of Northeast Austin said it best: "Enough is enough."
- 2) The second theme expressed in questions and general discussion was that the needs of the neighborhood would be much better served if the site was purchased by the City of Austin parks department and used as a "pocket park" or as a site for a Community Center and Wildlife Study Center. The site is currently used as a "privately owned" park site known as Pavilion Park. Numerous weddings, family celebrations and reunions have been held there over the years. It is an ideal site for these events and there is no other comparable site.
- 3) There was also much discussion of the high rate of crime in the immediate area, particularly directly across from the park in the cul de sac on the east side of Manor Road. This is Sweeney Circle. But a resident said the police and neighbors call it "Slinger Circle" because of the crack dealers "slinging" drugs directly across from the site. One resident said "they could not have picked a worse site for this nonsense" and said that he would likely move from the neighborhood if it came in. Others pointed out the lack of adequate bus service to serve so many people (110 units) and how difficult it already is to get a bus late at night on Manor

Road or to get to and from the grocery store or work in a reasonable time on this bus route

After nearly two full hours of discussion, a recorded vote was taken. The vote AGAINST THE FACILITY LOCATING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AT 5908 MANOR ROAD was 53-1 with one abstention. The only vote in favor of the project was Arthur Sampson, the land owner of 5908 Manor Road.

In a second vote, people voted 53-1 to not change the current zoning from SF-6 and to not change the current neighborhood plan.

In a third vote, the crowd's strong desire for additional green space was reflected in a 53-0 vote supporting asking the City of Austin to purchase the land for a public park.

It seems to me the neighborhood has clearly and decisively spoken.

Steve Speir, 1225 Corona Drive, (512) 451-5412

From:

DiGiuseppe, Paul

Sent:

Monday, April 14, 2008 1:19 PM

To:

Harden, Joi

Subject: FW: Proposed Zoning change - 5908 Manor Rd

From: Lou O'Hanlon [mailto:lohanlon@austin.rr.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 13, 2008 6:13 PM

To: DiGiuseppe, Paul

Subject: FW: Proposed Zoning change - 5908 Manor Rd

Paul, I neglected to copy you on this when it was sent. Please add to your file regarding the proposed re-zoning of 5908 Manor Rd.

Thank you, Lou O'Hanlon

----Original Message-----

From: Lou O'Hanlon [mailto:lohanlon@austin.rr.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2008 6:46 PM **To:** nicole.fisher@tdhca.state.tx.us

Subject: Proposed Zoning change - 5908 Manor Rd

TO: Members of Austin City Council Members of Austin Planning Commission

Nicole Fischer
Multifamily Housing Specialist
Texas Dept. of Housing and community Affairs
P. O. Box 13941
Austin, TX 78711-3941

RE: Requested re-zoning of 5908 Manor Road

Dear Interested Parties:

I have lived in University Hills since 1984 and in the Windsor Park area since my early 20s (back in the 70s). When I moved to this neighborhood, it was a nice middle-class neighborhood with a natural diversity of cultures and races, all working together to keep the neighborhood safe and beautiful. Over the years, as more of the criminal elements inched ever closer to Manor Road, many

of the families with children began to move out of the neighborhood. I am an active member of the University Hills Neighborhood Association and we have worked diligently to maintain the quality of life in our neighborhood by partnering with the police to keep as much crime as possible from our borders and supporting our local businesses.

I am also a member of the University Hills Neighborhood Planning Contact Team and spent 2-1/2 years working on the neighborhood plan activities with all of the frustrations that entailed. I attended 99% of the meetings and workshops associated with the neighborhood planning process and at every turn our neighbors voiced their concerns about opening our area up to massive density of low income housing. Frankly, we are weary of the historical trend that directs most of the City's social remedies and projects to East Austin. As a result, our property values have declined significantly over the past 20 years and we are just now realizing some small increases in value, not the huge increases that have affected the east side of town nearest to downtown.

Although 5908 Manor Road is not within the boundaries of the University Hills planning area, it borders very closely. This type of housing is <u>not</u> what we envisioned for our area when we included "affordable housing" in our Plan. Our Plan calls for 60%-80% MFI for new housing in our area. Any less will continue the cycle that concentrates all of the poverty being created on the East side, with the increase in crime that goes with it. Our neighborhood consists of an equal mix of African-Americans, Hispanics, and Anglos – and I can assure you that we all stand together to protest more of this type of housing being placed in our area, particularly at this location which very close to one of the higher crime areas at Manor and Rogge and lies across the street from a Bar. This is not a location I imagine would be safe for vulnerable people who are trying to get their lives back together – as described by Frank Fernandez with the Community Project for the Homeless.

It is my view that if the City is bent on subsidizing retail development such as the Domain, and spending over 9 million dollars beautifying and reconfiguring a few blocks of Cesar Chavez in front of City Hall, some funds could be found to subsidize the non-profits who are charged with the mission of finding affordable housing for the poor and spend those dollars helping them buy land in Crestview, Brentwood, Allendale, Bouldin, S. Lamar, Hyde Park, or other central neighborhoods whose land values may be higher, but would effect a more equal distribution of the poor to better parts of the City and not concentrate them all in one area.

Sincerely,

/s/

Lou O'Hanlon

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From: NPZD

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 5:05 PM

To: Harden, Joi; Heil, Robert; Levinski, Robert; Rhoades, Wendy; Sirwaitis, Sherri

Cc: Rusthoven, Jerry

Subject: FW: npzd - proposed homeless facility at 5908 Manor

From: dawnm@microsoft.com [mailto:dawnm@microsoft.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2008 4:44 PM

To: NPZD

Subject: npzd - proposed homeless facility at 5908 Manor

Date/Time Submitted: Tuesday, 4/15/08, 1644 hours

From: Dawn Mann

E-mail address: dawnm@microsoft.com

Subject: proposed homeless facility at 5908 Manor

Comments:

Hello, I wanted to register my opposition to the proposed homeless facility at 5908 Manor Dr. This project is not part of joint University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan and there are indications that the developer is being less than forthcoming about the true nature of this project. Thank you, Dawn Mann 6827 Willamette Dr Austin 78723

From: David Golden [goldenwaytermite@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 2:17 PM

To: Harden, Joi

Subject: Case #: C14-2008-0057-SH

My name is David E. Golden. I am currently representing the Sweeney Farms Neighborhood Association. I have spoken to the representives of other neighborhood associations in my area and we would appreciate a postpoment of the April 22, 2008 hearing on the Case #: C14-2008-0057-SH. We oppose the rezoning and could use extra time to come up with statistics which would help our case against the rezoning. Plus we may not have enough time to voice our oppinions to the city councel members.

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From: Marie Houghton [marieh@austin.rr.com]

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 11:41 AM

To: Harden, Joi

Subject: 5908 Manor Road Case No. C14-2008-0057-SH

Ms. Joi Harden:

City of Austin Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department

Case #C14-2008-0057-SH

Dear Ms Harden:

I live within a mile of the proposed Multi-Family Residential Rental Community. I attended a Neighborhood Meeting about this proposal at Memorial United Methodist Church. There was almost unanimous opposition to this proposal. We have seen our neighborhood deteriorate immensely in the 40 years we have lived here. I understand there are 17 halfway houses already in our small area. Across the street from the proposed development is a bar, and there is a liquor store a block away. Also a block away at the intersection of Rogge & Manor Road I heard people at the meeting talk about prostitutes soliciting and drug deals going on in the evening. We have the highest concentration of sex offenders of anywhere in Austin (at least 50 according to the web site). We don't need this homeless shelter here.

At the neighborhood meeting a show of hands was asked of how many neighbors would not like for this development to take place, and everyone except three people of the 50 or so participants said they did not want this housing development. When asked how many would rather have a park, it was almost unanimous in favor of a zoning change for a park. Have you considered the nearby Mueller development? It would seem a lot better suited.

Yours truly,

Marie Houghton 3005 Cedarlawn Circle Austin, TX 78723 512-926-2821

marieh@austin.rr.com

Friday, April 18, 2008

RE: Opposition to Manor Road SR)-TDHCA #8271, Proposed Homeless Housign Development Case # C14-2008-0057-SH

Joi Harden
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Mike Martinez City of Austin P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767-8865

Brewster McCracken City of Austin P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas 78767-8865

To all:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed homeless housing development at 5908 Manor Road. I strongly believe that the site chosen, 5908 Manor Road, needs to be developed as a city park. The shelters at Bartholomew Park and other parks are in great demand by families in our neighborhood to celebrate family events. On the other hand, our neighborhood already hosts a lot of housing for people with problems (i.e., recovering drug addicts, child abusers). Many of our neighbors have complained of vandalism such as (broken car windows, burglary, and graffiti). I am afraid that the addition of the Homeless Housing Development will contribute to increasing the violent and property crime in my community. Please, find an alternative site.

Martin Arocena 2302 Trafalgar Austin, Texas 78723

From:

Robert Mayfield [robertumayfield@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Monday, April 21, 2008 11:18 PM

To:

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tracy.atkins@gmail.com; pcavazos_planning@yahoo.com; chris@brandocular.com;

paulahui16@yahoo.com; jay_reddy@dell.com; clint_small@hotmail.com; Wynn, Will; Cole, Sheryl; Dunkerley, Betty; Kim, Jennifer; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member];

McCracken, Brewster

Subject:

Fwd: RE: postponement of the Planning Commission hearing on April 22, Case

#C14-2008-0057-SH

Attachments:

RE: postponement of the Planning Commission hearing on April 22, Case #C14-2008-0057-

SH



RE: postponement of the Planni...

Note: forwarded message attached.

This is the original request for postponement in this case. After working on this matter for a while, it is obvious that we will need a postponement to June to allow myself and other neighborhood associations and leaders to have the opportunity to prepare and apply due diligence in this case.

I request the date of June 24 as a reasonable postponement.

Thanks,

Robert Mayfield

From: David Golden [goldenwaytermite@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 8:53 AM

To: Harden, Joi

Subject: postponement of the planning commission hearing on April 22, 2008 Case#C14-2008-0057-SH

My name is David E. Golden. I am currently the president of the Sweeney Farms Neighborhood Association. After conferring with members of my neighborhood association and representives of neighboring associations we need to postpone the April 22, 2008 hearing an the Case#: C14-2008-0057-SH. I am requesting the case be postponed until June 24, 2008. With due diligence we are attempting to compile information which will help our case against the proposed rezoning.

Spell a grand slam in this game where word skill meets World Series. Get in the game.

Wiley L. Cheatham, Jr., Architect, AlA, NCARB, Planner 2612 Sweeney Lane Austin, Texas 78723

April 22, 2008

Greg Guernsey, Director, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department P.O. Box 1088 Austin, Texas, 78767-1088

Re: Planning Commission Agenda for April 22, 2008

Dear Greg,

It has just come to my attention that there are two items, #9 (Neighborhood Plan Amendment: NPA-2008-0023.01 – Windsor Park Development) and #10 (Rezoning: C14-2008-0057-SH – Windsor Park Development), on the agenda tonight for the Planning Commission that give great concern to our NA.

While I am aware that Arthur Sampson is requesting an amendment to the University Hills/Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan (to allow the development of a 110 unit SRO project by Community Partnership for the Homeless), which we strongly oppose, the staff recommendations ask for something else. Paul DiGiuseseppe is requesting Mixed Use and Higher Density Single Family Residential and Joi Harden is requesting LR-MU-CO-NP for the first 200 feet from Manor Road (Tracts 2 and 3) and SF-6-NP for the remainder of the tract (Tract 1). We understand that the staff would take a pro or con position on the Sampson request because the developer is using S.M.A.R.T housing, but why is the staff making its own recommendations to a neighborhood plan that was just approved on August 9, 2007? We're in the year moratorium, are we not?

The recommendations by Joi Harden and Paul DiGuiseppi, staff of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department, are totally inconsistent with the University Hills / Windsor Park Combined Neighborhood Plan and are both highly inappropriate responses to the applicant's request.

Further, Robert Mayfield, another property owner, requested by email to Joi Harden, the staff contact on the notices we have been sent, that the hearing for these zoning changes be postponed (he has forwarded this and Joi Harden's response). Yesterday evening David Sullivan, Planning Commission Chair, responded to Mr. Mayfield that there was no formal request for a delay made to the Planning Commission. The formal request make last week seems to have disappeared in the system.

At this time, I would like to formally request that the Planning Commission hearing on these two items be delayed at least until the June 24th meeting, so that we can complete our background preparations as well as review the appropriateness of these staff recommendations. I realize that this request comes late on the day of the hearing, but I was assured by emails forwarded from Ms. Harden that a delay was forthcoming and was unaware of Mr. DiGiuseppe's own proposed change to the Future Land Use Map. Mr. DiGiuseppe assured me after the COA meeting held April 10, 2008, at the United Memorial Methodist Church that he would contact me to participate in the decision-making process regarding this zoning change and project. I am surprised and disappointed to find that he has already made and scheduled his recommendation to the Planning Commission without doing so.

When you have a break today, please give me a call so we can discuss this. My office # is 928-4441. My cell # 924-1334.

Sincerely,

Scooter Cheatham, President Responsible Growth for Windsor Park

From: Steve Speir [sspeir313@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 11:48 AM

To: Harden, Joi; sully.jumpnet@sbcglobal.net; amdealey@aol.com; saundra_kirk@sbcglobal.net;

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paulahuil6@yahoo.com; Leffingwell, Lee

Subject: Request for delay regarding Case #C 0057 - SH at 5908 Manor Road

City of Austin officials:

We have tried to act in absolute good faith in preparing information for our community regarding Case #C 0057-SH at 5908 Manor Road.

Now we find out at the very last minute that new, additional changes are being recommended by the City Planning staff, changes that we could not have possibly had a chance to digest and that we were not aware were even being considered.

None of these proposed changes were even mentioned or suggested at the last public meeting on this project hosted by Paul DiGiuseppe and his staff. At this meeting the vote was 53-1- with one abstention to OPPOSE this project. At an earlier meeting in the month a much different group of people voted 54-6 to oppose the project. Overwhelming opposition.

For most of us, the first we had heard of any of these proposals was late last night after we had come home from work.

For this reason, we are requesting that the hearing on this project be put off until at least June 24 so that our community can get a chance to study these changes and make our recommendations to the city regarding these proposed changes.

This is an extremely poor neighborhood with few resources. Thirty-five per cent of the adults of all races do not even own a computer. It is difficult and time consuming to get information out to the neighborhood.

We do not have the resources, staff or time that the developers and the city possess. We are just small business owners, state employees, retired military, pastors, young working Hispanic families, bedrock solid proud Black families, educators, teachers and working class people in general. I suspect that we are seen as "easy pickings" by the developers who want to come in and completely reshape our neighborhood with a project that 90 per cent of the four neighborhoods that surround it have made it abundantly clear they do not want and do not support.

Thank you.

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Steve Speir President Windsor Park-Pecan Springs Heritage Neighborhood Association 1225 Corona Drive Austin, TX. 78723 451-5412

From:

John H. Gilliam [jgilliam1@austin.rr.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 12:03 PM

To:

Harden, Joi

Subject:

Proposed zoning change for 5909 Manor Rd. "Windsor Park"

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Harden:

As you know, Patrick Harrington, a resident Windsor Park, has retained me as his counsel in connection with the above-referenced proposed development. He has asked me to represent his interests in opposing this proposed development.

We are making an extension request. We ask for postponement of the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Counsel as to the zoning change request for the subject property. We are asking this recommendation be extended until the Planning Commission meeting on August 26th, after the date of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Determination Letter or Commitment Letter – but prior to the expiration of the same.

Our reasons are as follows:

- 1) The zoning recommendation is premature because:
- 2) Our understanding is that the tax credit must be granted for the partnership to develop the subject property for the development to be economically viable.
- 3) At this time, the tax credit decision is not due to be made until after the zoning recommendation is made.
- 4) Our understanding is that zoning for the subject property was changed less than a year ago. Our further understanding is that, normally, another zoning change would not be entertained within one year from a prior change. We also understand that the only reason this zoning change is now being considered is because this one year limitation does not apply in the case of "s.m.a.r.t." housing developments.
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- 7) In order to avoid future uncertainty, and a zoning change that may be completely unwarranted, the zoning decision can simply be delayed until after the tax credit decision is made. The tax credit decision can be made contingent on subsequent proper zoning changes being approved. In fact the QAP provides for exactly this contingency the applicant need not provide evidence of zoning changes until after the commitment notice or determination notice is issued, but prior to the expiration date of the notice. See Sec. 50.9 (h)(7)(B)(ii)(II); 50.20 (f) (time for payment of fee). Here, the neighborhood residents deserve to know if this project will

go forward *prior* to having the essential character of their neighborhood irrevocably changed and opened up to development of an unknown nature.

8) Finally, given the tremendous opposition to this development by local residents, a zoning recommendation should not be made until after the tax credit decision is decided. Given the residents' property interests, and their opposition to this development, it would be prudent and wise to delay any zoning recommendation until all public input is considered by the TDHCA and a reasoned and balanced decision is made by that department as to the granting of the necessary tax credits.

Thank you for considering this extension request. I will attend the meeting tonight in order to formally place our request into the record for consideration by the Commission.

Very Truly Yours,

John H. Gilliam, Esq.

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From: andrew [andrew@seelyemanagement.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 4:03 PM

To: Harden, Joi; nicole.fisher@tdhca.state.tx.us; sully.jumpnet@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Homeless Housing Facility

Hello:

I live within several blocks of the proposed Homeless Housing Facility on Manor Road (Manor Road Community LP) in University Hills. I'd like to take this opportunity to voice my concern as both a neighbor and affordable housing professional, to suggest a most rigorous consideration of this proposed development by your respective agencies and departments.

While I am in no way opposed to efforts by our community to meet the needs of its members, I do not believe that this specific proposed development has the realistic potential to assume a positive role in our neighborhood or city. Rather, I believe that the developing group and the proposed development plans do not currently possess or convey a clear vision of how to succeed with their mission in a way that will adequately serve the whole community.

Housing the homeless on a large scale in a single facility is by any measure a complex and critically demanding task that is certain to require full time, around the clock effort from eminently qualified and extremely ambitious professionals. I do not believe that the developing group's professional legacy indicates that they are qualified to attempt a large scale project, nor do I believe they are being forthright, with themselves or with our community, about the difficulty of the task they propose to manage. Our neighborhood community is already seriously taxed by supporting a disproportionately large percentage of helpful housing and social programs and we as a group agree that we aren't willing to assume the results of such a large scale development in this location.

I trust that you will require the highest level of evaluation for this proposed development. I think the very fact that there are proposed zoning changes for this development would indicate a poor fit in a neighborhood already taxed by social and economic difficulties.

Thanks for your efforts and professional commitment to Austin.

Andrew Seelye 3400 Lakeside Drive Austin, TX 78723 512-619-9956

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Harden, Joi

From: John H. Gilliam [jgilliam1@austin.rr.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 7:47 AM

To: Harden, Joi

Cc: chopstyle22@yahoo.com

Subject: Proposed zoning change for 5909 Manor Rd. "Windsor Park"

Dear Ms. Hardin:

As we have discussed, Patrick Harrington, a resident Windsor Park, retained me as his counsel in connection with the above-referenced proposed development. I very much appreciate your accepting my written material via email yesterday, prior to the Planning Commission meeting. As you know we requested a postponement. While our written materials asked for a postponement until August 26, 2008, at the hearing we changed that request — asking for a postponement until August 12, 2008. To the best of our knowledge, information and belief, this date is the earliest date the Planning Commission meets after the date of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' Determination Letter or Commitment Letter for the subject property — but prior to the expiration of the same.

As you know, a postponement was granted until May 27, 2008.

Please allow me to reiterate our argument for postponement to August 12, 2008.

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Please make this email available to any Planning Commission or City Council member who wishes to review our argument.

Thank you again for your time.

Very Truly Yours,

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29 April 2008

Ron Davis Commissioner, Precinct 1 314 W. 11th Street., Room 510 P.O. Box 1748 Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Manor Road SRO-TDHCA #08271, Proposed Housing CPH Development, Case # C14-2008-0057-SH

Dear Commissioner Davis:

I was startled and appalled to find a letter from you on Travis County stationery opposing the CPH housing development at 5908 Manor Road. You apparently did not do your research on the matter, accepting instead information you received from a person, or persons, with a very biased perspective.

First, this is NOT housing for the homeless (although that's what these potential residents would probably be without the affordable housing provided by this project).

Second, the neighborhoods in this area are NOT saturated (inflammatory and inaccurate since such a term indicates some type of residential facility on each and every block in these neighborhoods) with various types of housing Inappropriately identified by "all forms of transitional, halfway, group, and rehabilitative housing." The owners/operators of the six facilities I've been able to identify in Windsor Park run orderly facilities that provide much needed services to a group of people all too often left on the fringes of society.

Third, this project has nothing to do with the Weed and Seed program that was dropped by the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association in 2002 if not sooner as ineffectively run.

Fourth, the "community" meeting held on March 25 was not representative of the neighborhood. Most of the people attending used the terminology, and "facts" you mentioned in your letter, as the major reason for their disapproval. These were people whose minds were already made up and could not entertain any information that was provided that countered the assertions in the flyer that has incited the intense anger heard at this and other meetings.

You are welcome to attend the May 10 (Saturday, 10am-noon, MUMC, 6100 Berkman Drive) meeting of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association where the Land Development Committee will be presenting the facts about this proposed development in preparation for a vote by the membership in preparation for the May 27 Planning Commission Hearing. I fully expect that that vote will be overwhelmingly against this project based on the irrational fears all too frequently induced by such facilities although I hope that concern for those less fortunate will win out.

Sincerely,

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Cc: CoA Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department, Planning Commission, Austin City Council

6307 Dorchester Dr. Austin, TX 78723

April 27, 2008

Austin City Planning Commission
Transportation, Planning, and Sustainability Department
Attn: Planning Commission Coordinator
P.O. Box 1088
Austin TX, 78767

Dear Commission Members:

My name is Sarah Norris, and I am a homeowner in the Windsor Park neighborhood. I write you today in opposition to the proposed homeless housing development at 5908 Manor Road.

As an Austin resident, I believe our community should care for the less fortunate. However, I also believe that we should share this responsibility equally. According to 2007 Austin census data, my neighborhood supports approximately 115 Section 8 households. By contrast, other Austin neighborhoods to our west host drastically fewer Section 8 recipients: Hyde Park has only four Section 8 households, and Tarrytown has none. Why must my neighborhood bear our community's burden while more privileged neighborhoods neglect to do their part?

Windsor Park residents are proud of our beautiful homes, our proximity to downtown, and our vibrant and diverse community. We're also proud to give a second chance to those in need. But we're tired of bearing that responsibility for all of Austin. Windsor Park residents voted 53-1 against an amendment to our neighborhood plan that would allow the homeless housing development at 5908 Manor Road. I urge the Planning Commission to respect my neighborhood's wishes, and help spread our community's responsibility evenly throughout Austin.

Sincerely,

Sarah Norris

Windsor Park Homeowner

From: Martinez, Mike [Council Member]

Sent: Friday, May 02, 2008 8:58 AM

To: 'Jeff Isbell'; Wynn, Will; Cole, Sheryl; Dunkerley, Betty; Kim, Jennifer; Leffingwell, Lee; McCracken,

Brewster

Cc: Harden, Joi; nicole.fisher@tdhca.state.tx.us; sully.jumpnet@sbcglobal.net; amdealey@aol.com;

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Elissa Davis; Louis Davis; 'Frank Fernandez'; Moore, Andrew; Garza, Bobby

Subject: RE: Manor Road SRO-TDHCA #08271, Proposed Homeless Housing Development File #08271

I live right with you in 78723 Jeff and I appreciate your concerns and comments.

But I think simply categorizing this particular project as a "homeless shelter" is what divides our community more.

We all have our opinions about what is right and wrong with our city and what could be better. I appreciate you and many of our neighbors taking a stand and letting us know you are against this proposal. All I ask is that we keep the conversation and debate factual and not directional.

This project is Housing for folks where once homeless. I see that very differently than a "homeless shelter".

Again, I appreciate all the feedback we have received and you can rest assure that none of us take our decisions lightly. And this one will be no different.

Thanks, Mike Martinez

Council Member Mike Martinez

301 W. 2nd Street Austin, Texas 78767 (512) 974-2264 more office info here

From: Jeff Isbell [mailto:jeffreyeye@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2008 11:06 PM

To: Wynn, Will; Cole, Sheryl; Dunkerley, Betty; Kim, Jennifer; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; McCracken, Brewster

Cc: Harden, Joi; nicole.fisher@tdhca.state.tx.us; sully.jumpnet@sbcglobal.net; amdealey@aol.com; saundra_kirk@sbcglobal.net; tracy.atkins@gmail.com; pcavazos_planning@yahoo.com; chris@brandocular.com; paulahui16@yahoo.com; jay_reddy@dell.com; Clint_small@hotmail.com; Elissa Davis; Louis Davis Subject: Manor Road SRO-TDHCA #08271, Proposed Horneless Housing Development File #08271

Council, et al.,

I have had scant reason to contact you, as a group or individually in the past. However, when I have asked for response or consideration in the past, you have been collectively quick and reasonable in your responses. It goes underappreciated. But this is the only end any taxpayer can expect. I do keep my pleas, comments and

complaints to a minimum, which should only serve as a testament to my agreement with the council, if not in all individual concerns, at least in general.

That said, it is an understatement to say that I am concerned about the possibility of a 110-unit homeless shelter being considered for my neighborhood.

I would like to say that I understand the plight of America's less fortunate, including the homeless. However, I am sure that a sincere understanding would have to come only from *being* less fortunate, in this case homeless, and I have no immediate goal to pursue that understanding. The place and the time to do this good thing is not right here, not right now. Please hear me. While I don't have a real understanding of what it means to be homeless, I do have the following understanding.

I understand that my neighbors have had their means of income stolen, literally from under their noses while they have slept. I understand that a man, my neighbor, who should be sustained by City Retirement pension, has realized an \$800-1200/month loss of income, because the guardians of the city were guarding somewhere else when the burglars raped away his hard-earned lawn maintenance equipment.

I understand, and believe me when I say it as a paramedic sworn to promote preservation of life, that I would have never have owned a pistol, unless I had a perceived reason. Now, I do have a reason. My vehicle, secured under my motion-detector-illuminated carport, has been burglarized three times in the last three years, only because thieves were present when law enforcement was not. With all due respect, you have allowed for the invitation of death into this ghetto, directly or indirectly. That's okay, for now. We'll figure out how to deal with it. Hopefully fatalities will be minimal. You have the power to influence the outcome. I beseech you, don't add fuel to that fire. This is by no means a threat, but rather a mere hint of wisdom. Ask your Chief of Police. He came from The Big City. He knows how life in the real world goes. By the way, good job in hiring him, smart. It seems we are trying to head towards big city ways.

I understand that I hate to leave home every day, sincerely believing that I will come home to a burglarized house. You see, in this Zip Code, we are treading water. We are buying guns to protect our investments, and our lives. We are, it seems, barely managing to survive and maintain that which we have worked for, with only an occasional appearance of law enforcement, at least in a preventative mode. And now that buoyancy is being threatened. Do you feel, every morning you lock your deadbolt, that eight hours later you will come home to find your prized possessions gone, your pets dead? I do. Yes, in Austin, Texas, every morning.

The majority of us do not want a homeless shelter in this area. Let me assure you, that is not because we are heartless and unempathetic; but because we are already threatened, at our baseline. We view the placement of a homeless shelter in this neighborhood at this time as something that will, in all likelihood, sink that which we have fought to redeem and make better. Simply put, we do not welcome a homeless shelter in our neighborhood for the same reason you do not aspire to have such a shelter erected next door to city hall. There is a more appropriate place, at this time. I don't know where that place is, but it is not right here, not right now.

When I purchased this property, I had ideals of this area continuing to become a better neighborhood. And it has, in spite of my car being broken into. There is less graffiti. The kids wave. The kids wave. They didn't wave four years ago. Did you know that? How could you, unless you lived here and experienced this neighborhood? That is an omen, and a good one. There is the Mueller development. There is a Starbucks on the east side of I-35. A commercial testament, but a testament, nonetheless. There are fewer prostitutes returning to their apartments when I am on my way to work as a paramedic, saving lives for the community. As people who don't live here, you don't see those things every day. You don't see things in this neighborhood the way we see things. We know what we are doing, when we are sounding an alarm. You need to hear us when we make these statements, and reconsider the options. Thanks for you time, again.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey Isbell 2121 Fordham Ln. Austin 78723 512-784-0250 Pct. 130 VUD #1133185875

"The divide of race has been America's constant curse. Each new wave of immigrants gives new targets to old prejudices. Prejudice and contempt, cloaked in the pretense of religious or political conviction, are no different. They have nearly destroyed us in the past. They plague us still. They fuel the fanaticism of terror. They torment the lives of millions in fractured nations around the world. These obsessions cripple both those who are hated and, of course, those who hate, robbing both of what they might become." -- Bill Clinton (on his 2nd Inauguration)

To whom it may concern:

The following is brief letter to express my personal concerns about the proposed homeless, low income, housing project on Manor Rd. I will begin by giving a brief history of my family so that you may understand that I am extremely rooted into the north east Austin community, and plan to be for the foreseeable future. My grandmother has lived on Walnut Hills since the mid 60's. Besides being a very successful antique dealer, she has worked as LBJ's personal event planner during his years as president, and later on in his public career.

My mother's parents purchased a house on Ridgehaven in 1961, unfortunatelety we have recently moved them to the Parsons Retirement Center off Cameron Rd, but the family does, however, still own the house. My grandfather earned his Honorary Doctorate from Huston Tillitson for all his work with the African American Community in the 60's and 70's. He was instrumental in helping the people's clinic to get started by allowing them to begin their operation in the basement of the church where he was minister for 30 years. His wife, my grandmother retired from Harris Elementary, where she worked for over twenty years. My mother, father, aunts and uncles all attended and graduated from either LBJ or Reagan High schools.

I was raised on Dorset Dr., my parent's current residence, off East Rundberg, where I attended Graham, Sanchez, Dobie, and Reagan schools. Later I earned enough hours at ACC to obtain my Associates in Business Administration, attended union electrical school and have recently co-founded a small electrical contracting company, also based in East Austin. I currently live on Waterbrook Dr. in a house that I have owned for the last decade. As you can see, I have more than just a fleeting interest in the East Austin community.

Currently I am engaged to a wonderful woman and we plan to start a family soon. It is my dream to raise our children in the same neighborhood that I have come to hold so dear to my heart. For many years I thought this might be an unobtainable dream. Just like most parents, I do want the best for my children and was suspect that this neighborhood would be able to provide what was best for my family. However, in the past few years a wonderful surprise has happened with the Mueller Development well underway. I have started to think that raising the third generation of East Austinite's might be a good idea. I am afraid though, that if you continue with these plans, my family and others with above average income will be forced to leave and look for greener pastures, and I can almost guarantee that a large portion will not be moving elsewhere in Austin as we have become accustomed to large trees and backyards that condos just don't offer.

If I can not appeal to your heart, then let me appeal to the city's wallet. As I have stated, it is almost a certainty that people with the ability to leave certainly will if you move a homeless shelter in their neighborhood. This will inevitably drive the prices of homes

down, giving the already thinly stretched AISD budget less money to spend on the local schools, causing even more people to leave. This will become a vicious circle that may never end. If you do not believe me look at the current problems with St. Johns and East Rundberg areas. Once this spin starts it only becomes a drain on the local economy and taxes. Further more, this is not an industrial area. Where will these people work? I am assuming they probably won't have cars, and if they do, how can they afford gas? Is having homeless people walking through the neighborhoods to get to work or bus stations an option any homeowner can feel comfortable about?

I was once told to never present problems without also providing solutions. In this case, the solution is simple you must not add to the problems we are currently facing and slowly overcoming. In the midst of school closings, is their any way you think this will help this community? If you truly feel that another homeless shelter is needed when the two large ones downtown have caused nothing but problems, please call me and I am sure that we can come up with many solutions that will help both homeless and this great city. In closing I am begging you not to force any more young families away.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Masers, Jr. 512-468-4662

Harden, Joi

From: Sharon Jules [faprock@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 4:47 PM

To: Harden, Joi

Subject: Opposition Homeless Housing Development

Joi,

I"m sending this email to inform you my Opposition to the proposed homeless housing development at 5908 Manor Road. I live so close to that area, and I disagree with this proposal. My family live at 2021 Northridge Drive for over 16 years and we have to deal with so many other neighborhood issues. I desire for our area to be clean up, not contaminated with additional homeless people and there problems. I see the need for the homeless people, but not in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jules

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My Name: Marques Johnson

My Mailing Address: 6103 manor Pd#114

My Phone number: (5/2) 5/4-0505

My email address:

RE: Community Partnership for the Homeless Housing proposal Case number: C14 2008-0057-SH address - 5908 Manor Road

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Dear Ms. Harden:

I have lived in Windsor Park near Manor and Rogge Lane for more than 22 years. I bought my first house on Westmoor and later one on Corona Drive. In recent years most of my neighbors moved away due to the rising crime, much of which was related to the **ENDLESS** placement of transitional housing facilities into our neighborhood. Only in recent months have we seen a turnaround begin. Now this is being jeopardized by another in an endless string of transition housing facilities targeting our neighborhood.

Windsor Park continues to be a target because, in the past, the neighbors have never banded together to oppose this endless parade of "homeless," shelters, drug addicts, alcoholics, sex offenders, and the scores of Section 8 housing that dot every section of this beautiful neighborhood. Not for one moment would any city council or planning commission member consider placing a homeless facility of this size in Hyde Park, Bel Terra, Terra Vista or in any of Austin's trendy suburban communities. I can just imagine the outcry if such an idea was proposed. It would be shot down in thirty seconds.

It is unfair for this one neighborhood to <u>continually bare more than its fair share</u> of this burden particularly when other areas of the city would never even be considered for these type of facilities. **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.** I have never seen my neighbors more upset than they are right now. The recent neighborhood meeting on this voted more than NINE to ONE **AGAINST this facility**. The vote was 55-6 overwhelming against.

Our neighborhood is at a tipping point. We are now literally saturated with all forms of transitional, supportive, group, subsidized, halfway, and rehab housing from convicts to sex offenders.

These facilities and the problems that come with them have added greatly to the decline of our neighborhood. We are concerned about our quality of life, our property values, and, frankly, the safety of ourselves and our families. You would be too if you lived here. Please remember, we are part of Austin, too. And we vote and pay taxes, too.

Steve Speir

President, Windsor Park-Pecan Springs Heritage Neighborhood Association

1225 Corona Drive Austin, TX. 78723

sspeir313@sbcglobal.net

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My Mailing Address: 2506 LANSBURY DR. BE A STEP BACKWARD FOR A NETCHBORHOOD

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PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND DO NOT LET THIS

PROJECT GO THROUGH - HELP US REVITALIZE

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My email address: KBKALLMIN & HOTMAIL. COM

My Phone number: 5/2-933-9200

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

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My Name: GORDON J. BURNETT

My Mailing Address: 2504 SWEENEY LN

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My Phone number:

512-494-6569

My email address: g/b/04oct 56@ jahoo.com

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My Name

Lower Berman and Owen Young

My Mailing Address: 3001 Loyola Ln B, 78723

My Phone number: 232-9675

My email address: laune b 30 hotmail. com

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Re: Community Partnership for the Homeless Housing proposal for 5908 Manor Road Case #: C14 2008-0057-SH

Dear Ms Harden.

As a 24 year resident (20 year resident/homeowner) in the Windsor Park neighborhood I am opposed to the proposed zoning change to allow development of a 110 unit single resident occupancy facility at 5908 Manor Road. If this tract is to be rezoned then I strongly favor rezoning to P to allow the creation of a city "pocket park" at this site. Mr. Sampson had already created a park at this location and its use as a public park would be a true asset to the neighborhood.

Two large apartment complexes (one located immediately east of the intersection of Wheless and Manor; the other just northeast of the intersection of Rogge at Manor) have a history of violent crimes (including murder by stabbing) frequent drug abuse, and fires. Due to the circumstances that have lead to their homeless status, most people placed at this location would either contribute to already existing social problems or would become victims by association or opportunity. It is cruel to stack the cards against people who have suffered as much as have the homeless. Please do not support this proposed zoning change (which if passed would permit construction of a 110 unit facility).

Sincerely,

Albert E. Adams 5602 Wellington Drive Austin, Texas 78723-4012

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My Name:

My Mailing Address:

Sunny's Bookkeeping & Tax Service 4700 Loyola Lane Suite 101 Austin, Texas 78723

My Phone number:

My email address:

512.928.9860 taxsunnyasbcglobal.net

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My Name:

My Mailing Address:

My Phone number:

Harry Youngblood 5704 Coventry Ln. Austin, TX 78723

My email address:

926-8292

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My Mailing Address: 2606 Sweenly Ln. Austin, TX 78723

My Phone number:

(512) 524-8960

My email address:

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My Name: Sandra Stephenson

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My Mailing Address: 5511 Overbrook Dr 78723

My Phone number: (512) 926-9944

My email address: grandmotherofiii@ yahoo.com

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My Name:

HAROLD E. ROBBINS

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Rafael Paniagua Signature

My Name: Rafael Paniagua

My Mailing Address: 61 03 Manor R.D.

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Petition Against the Proposed Community Partnership for the Homeless facility at 5908 Manor Road in Austin, Texas.

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