

## A troubling recurring theme in the neighborhood

We talked to 200+ HD Neighborhood property owners over 5 days

- HPNA is “Out of Control”
- Entrenched ‘Leadership’ - ‘Small Club’ - ‘Oligarchy’ – ‘Gestapo’
- Personal agendas
- Do not represent interests of Hyde Park property owners

## **Fear of Retaliation** (Intimidation / Bullying / Coercion)

- Fear of opposing HPNA publicly
- One specific individual in the HPNA was mentioned repeatedly

*In the words of the HD Neighborhood Property Owners themselves...*

# **No Neighborhood should live in fear of its own Neighborhood Association**

Post from the Hyde Park Neighborhood Yahoo Group Message Board

I moved to Hyde Park in late 2007. In an attempt to join the community and help do what I thought was something kind and meaningful, I became involved in the HPNA. The President at the time, Elaine, asked whether I would chair the committee to draft the Local Historic District Design Standards...

...Although the group produced a good document, it had a terrible personal price for me. When the document was being presented, I was treated horribly by a few individuals who have had long involvement with the neighborhood. They seemed to think that they are the ultimate authorities and holders of power in the neighborhood. I was personally abused and came to detest the politics of this neighborhood. Working so hard for this neighborhood became one of the worst experiences in my life. I will never again commit time and energy to the formal vehicles that currently exist for stewardship in Hyde Park as long as the people who treated me badly are still involved. Thus I certainly understand those who have come to feel disenfranchised, given the current situation...

...Call for and enforce 'term limits' for officers of the HPNA...

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Emails sent to Feedback@SaveHydePark.com

On Wed, Nov 10, 2010 at 6:28 AM, XXXX XXXX XXXX@XXXX.XXX wrote:

If there is this much opposition, why not organize? I have fought this neighborhood association with virtually no public support for the last three years. I've gotten support privately, but **why are people so reluctant to speak out?**

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On Sun, Nov 14, 2010 at 9:55 PM, XXXX XXXX <XXXX@XXXX.XXX> wrote:

Eric, (I think you are Eric)

You came by my house and I thought about it and talked to my husband. You know we are unlikely to **do any more remodeling so I don't care if XXXX XXXX retaliates, whatever. I need to make a stand and not live in fear...**

Attached are our signatures. Thanks for all your work.

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