



Lindale Park



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Lindale Park Newsletter
May 2016

Quarterly Meeting Reminder

**Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.
at the Clubhouse (218 Joyce St.)**

Join the Lindale Park Civic Club and your friends and neighbors at the next Quarterly Meeting where we will discuss how a recent change at city planning has changed the standard definition of setbacks and put the existing character of our beloved neighborhood at risk (see following article for more information.)

Civic Club meetings are open to ALL Lindale Park residents, regardless of Civic Club membership status. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. during February, May, August and October.

Did we mention there are door prizes, too? (Must be present to win.) Please mark your calendars to attend!

Change in Building Setbacks Puts Lindale at Risk

Lindale Park was the first Houston neighborhood to be completely protected by Special Minimum Lot Size. These protections will help to preserve the character of our neighborhood.

However, the lot size protections only control the size of the lot. They do not set standards for building setbacks. Setbacks define a rhythm of buildings and open space on a street, which is an important characteristic of a neighborhood.

For example, in a drive through Lindale Park, the wide streets and open spaces create an open feeling. Defined setbacks contribute to that feeling.

A recent change at city planning has changed the standard definition of setbacks and put our existing character at risk.

A Special Minimum Building Line designation would prevent new buildings from being built closer to the street than a portion of the buildings that are already there. For example, if a block of homes has been constructed where the typical distance from the front of the building to the easement is 20 feet, new construction must be placed no closer than 20 feet from the easement.

Several residents have recently expressed the desire to pursue this new protection for our neighborhood. Come to the May 24 Quarterly Meeting at the Clubhouse to learn more about the process.

- LPCC Board

**HAPPY
4TH of JULY**

LINDALE PARK CIVIC CLUB
Presents

Our 17th Annual 4th of July Parade!
Monday, July 4th at 10 a.m.
Bring your neighbors and friends!

Upcoming Elections for Civic Club Board

Throw your name into the ring for the next round of elections of the Lindale Park Civic Club's Board of Directors by sending a message to info@lindalepark.org. (In order to be a valid candidate, individuals must pay LPCC membership dues.)

There will be five (5) open board member positions at the August 23 elections. Board members serve two-year terms (September 2016 - August 2018).

Civic Club board members serve on committees, such as Beatification, Clubhouse, Mobility, Newsletter, Parade, Architectural Review and Security.



Mini Murals photos by Mike Bowlin Photography

Mini Murals Bring Beauty to Lindale Park

Elia and Noah Quiles are fairly new residents to Lindale Park; they've lived in the neighborhood for about one year. The husband and wife team own and operate UP Art Studio in Houston.

According to UP Art Studio's website, the studio *facilitates art projects for urban and contemporary artists, communities and corporations, locally and globally. UP Art Studio specializes in public art projects, mural and art commissions, project management, gallery art shows, event planning, photography, design and artist collaborations* (from www.upartstudio.org).

Currently, UP Art Studio is leading the city's Mini Murals project. The project commissions local artists to convert everyday traffic signal control boxes into beautiful works of art and at the same time transform the neighborhood and community.

Lindale Park is home to two Mini Murals – The Frida Box at the intersection of Irvington Boulevard and Cavalcade Street and La Loteria by Dairy Land on Cavalcade Street.

Elia Quiles answered a few questions for Lindale Park residents about the Mini Murals project.

Q: Can you tell us how the project started?

Ms. Quiles: We had seen that this project was being done all over the world. Houston is the fourth largest city. We thought, 'Why aren't we doing this here?'

We went to the Department of Public Works and Engineering. They said that we'd love for a group like you to kick this project off, but we had to find the funding ourselves.

The Quiles found support for the Mini Murals project through the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs, Department of Public Works & Engineering, Houston Arts Alliance, City Council Member Larry Green, District K and Brays Oaks and Five Corners Management Districts. The nonprofit arts service organization, Fresh Arts, also is sponsoring the project by fundraising.

Q: How many Mini Murals are in the city?

Ms. Quiles: We now have over 80 boxes completed and 60 on the way.

Q: How were artists chosen to participate in the project?

Ms. Quiles: In the pilot phase, we selected artists that we knew were of a certain caliber. There are about 30 artists currently participating in the project.

Q: Can the artists choose anything they want to paint on the utility boxes?

Ms. Quiles: Sometimes. In some cases, the sponsor had an idea about what they wanted. We also have a book of stock renderings, and sometimes the sponsors will choose from those.

With the Near Northside, we wanted something that features the food, family and culture of the community. We worked closely with the Greater Northside Management District and Avenue CDC.

Q: Lindale Park is most excited about the two Mini Murals right here in our neighborhood –The Frida Box and La Loteria. Can you talk about these mini murals and the artists who painted them?

Ms. Quiles: La Loteria is basically like a Latin-American version of bingo. It was painted by artist Jessica Rice.

The Frida Box was painted by artist Anat Ronen, and she submitted that design, and we chose it.

Both of these Mini Murals reflect the food, family and culture of the Near Northside.

I love seeing the dual paintings of Frida, while I sit in my car waiting for the traffic signal to change. Ms. Quiles shared that there is going to be one more Mini Mural close to Lindale Park – at the intersection of Patton and Cavalcade. Once complete, it will be another beautiful tribute to the Near Northside and to Houston.

- Camille Webb, LPCC Board Member



La Loteria

Pocket Park in Lindale

We have been seeking a pocket park in Lindale Park for almost seven years. Well, now is the time to make our dream a reality!

We have located a public park site – St. Alban’s Episcopal Church grounds located at 420 Woodard St. St. Alban’s has generously offered more than 2,500 square feet of their land for use as a public pocket park. Once we nailed down the site, Avenue CDC helped us apply for a “Build it with KaBOOM! Playground” grant.

In April, we completed an important stage of the KaBOOM! grant application process, which required a conference call with residents and grant conveners, including Avenue CDC, Lindale Park Civic Club and St. Alban’s.

Following the conference call, we were tasked with several assignments from KaBOOM that are needed as part of the grant process. Upon completion of the tasks, we hope to move on to the stage where the grant is awarded.

If we receive the grant, KaBOOM will pay for all the park equipment except for our co-pay of \$8,500. Avenue CDC kindly has committed to giving us a grant of \$5,000 toward the co-pay. We’ll need to do a little fundraising for the remaining \$3,500, but we can get there!

We also will need volunteers to participate in the design day (when we pick playground equipment), the site prep day and build day!

- LPCC Board



The Frida Box

Yard of the Month Winners

Lindale Park Yard of the Month judging is back! Let’s recognize and congratulate our Yard of the Month winners for April and May 2016!

April Winners

603 English St. – Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Chavez
1014 Sue St. Residence

May Winners

302 Milwaukee St. – Ben Vaughn
613 Gale St. – Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Rosas and Sons

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Chef Lindale Park

Memorial Day Egg Salad

Memorial Day is a day for barbeque. Chef Lindale has NO intention of stepping off into the murky and contentious realm of barbeque. Instead, let me offer my favorite side dish. Enjoy.

Ingredients

- 6 large boiled eggs - peeled
- 2 tablespoons pickle relish (I prefer India relish)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise (homemade or store bought; NOT salad dressing)
- 1 teaspoon mashed canned chipotle pepper with adobo sauce (more as desired)
- 1 medium rib celery – diced small
- 2 tablespoons roughly chopped cilantro

Instructions

Put all of the ingredients in a bowl (including whole eggs) and mash with a potato masher. This recipe doubles, triples and quadruples with ease. My favorite part is not having to dice the eggs – just mash the ingredients together.

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