

Dear Huntington Park Residents,

Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to our survey about whether we should attempt to reestablish covenants for the older section of our neighborhood. You will recall that covenants for the older section have expired, while amended state law provides for automatic renewal of covenants every 20 years for the newer section of Huntington Park.

Twenty-five percent of households responded to our survey. Seventy-one percent of respondents were in favor of reestablishing covenants in the older section (82% of households in favor are in the older section).

While we appreciate the willingness of some homeowners to reestablish covenants, our board believes the 25% response rate was not big enough to justify attempting to reestablish covenants in the older section of Huntington Park at this time. As we stated on the survey form, we needed a large majority of homeowners (not just a large majority of respondents) to vote to reestablish covenants. The effectiveness of covenants is limited unless a high percentage of homeowners consent to be covered by them.

Some future board may well decide to take up this issue again. In that case, we hope our extensive research on the subject, as well as information gained from the survey, will be useful. We also hope the information we have given you about the subject is helpful. We have made notes of comments on survey responses and will keep them in mind as we work on improvements for the neighborhood.

Our board would like to remind everyone that all homes in Huntington Park are equally protected under Athens-Clarke County ordinances, and that these ordinances cover most if not all provisions of our former covenants, in addition to several other areas not covered by covenants.

Thank you again for your response to our survey. If you have any questions or further comments, please feel free to contact any board member. You can also find extensive information about the survey and the covenants on our website: www.huntingtonparkhomes.org.

We would also like to remind everyone that there is no connection between the covenants and membership in our community association. We encourage you to join our neighborhood association each year and become involved in decisions affecting all of us. Our modest dues go mainly toward maintenance and improvement of our front entrance and common areas.

With all best wishes for the new year,

Mary Kissel, President

Huntington Park Community Association