

HISTORIC FRENCH PARK ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Membership Meeting on October 7, 2009

1. Called to order at 7:05pm; Quorum accomplished.

2. Introductions

President called for a round of introductions, since meeting included visitors from city development, the Santiago Lofts and other neighbors, and representatives of the Station District project. President introduced past & present officers.

3. Guest speakers – the Station District design and development team.

Presentation given by owner/developers Related California & Griffin Realty. Their stated goal is long term ownership and management of properties, and they presented the team's long history with similar projects.

Next, they presented specific goals for the Station District, which includes many vacant properties and 48 city-owned parcels. They are currently beginning an open-ended planning process for overall development of the entire District. They provided a general timeline of immediate goals: have a preliminary plan by June'10, then work on financing and permits, wrap up public review by the end of 2010, and try to begin construction in early 2011.

The presentation, followed by Q&A, continued until 8:30 and then concluded with a quick summary and a break, when most visitors departed. Neighbors who could not attend were encouraged to pass on suggestions or concerns to Bea Hsu, bhsu@related.com, 949-660-7272.

4. Old Business

1. Approval of minutes from Annual Meeting on 9/2/09
2. Officer Reports – very brief reports from each officer
3. Architectural review
 - a. 917 N. Lacy – awaiting the completion of promised stair refurbishment
 - b. 801 N. Minter – awaiting city approval for foundation work
4. Police, code, and graffiti
 - a. Graffiti was cleaned up very effectively in time for Blues in the Park
 - b. SA police providing a new text-messaging service on crime
 - c. President to address a letter of concern to police sergeant regarding youth loitering and damaging empty properties
5. House move committee

City has received two bids to move and rehab the two move-on properties

5. New business

1. Demolition of historic houses in the lacy neighborhood is imminent
2. Board voted to hold its annual holiday party – still need a location
3. Board voted to donate \$100 to Taller San Jose in memory of past resident Janice Gothold

6. Announcements

1. French park welcomes Marc and Yvonne Morrison's new daughter Nadine
2. Halloween Cemetery tour is coming up, buy your tickets online at SantaAnaHistory.com

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th, 7pm