

Historic French park association
Board of Directors meeting - November 4, 2009

Agenda

1. Called to order at 7pm; Quorum accomplished.
2. Approval of minutes from October 7, 2009
3. Officer reports
 1. Treasurer's report. Expenses are running approx \$1200/year, and the treasury is well in excess of this. Treasurer suggests considering a bank CD or other interest-bearing account. At present, rates are very low but future action would be reasonable.
4. Committee reports
 1. Architectural review
 - a. Committee asking city for guidance for 1940's – 1950's apartments, especially regarding their rehab.
 - b. City developing guidelines on garage doors.
 - c. City's planning counter may be giving incorrect information about side yard fencing. Within French Park, fencing can be metal or wood but not block walls. Particular case in point occurred for 505 E. Washington.
 2. Police, code enforcement, graffiti committee
 - a. City is considering a revised Curfew Ordinance, perhaps with a daytime regulation.
 - b. The school district police will come by to investigate youngsters midday who should be in school. Phone number is 714-558-5535.
 - c. Debbie has been in contact with Parks & Recreation about lights in French Park. At present, the lights are going out at 11:30pm and drug activity seems to be picking up late at night. HFPA is requesting for the lights to stay on later.
 - d. Graffiti has been unusually active over the past couple of months citywide. Graffiti removal number is 714-647-3542 or 877-786-7824.
 3. House move committee
 - a. City is in the process of demolishing 14-15 historic homes in the Lacy neighborhood. Two are slated to move into French Park. The House Move committee has investigated the minimum repairs necessary for homes to qualify for buyers to get a bank loan. Roughly \$500k per house would be necessary for full rehab. However, the move-on cost is closer to \$180k. At this lower cost, the homes would be sold as-is at market cost by the city and would no longer be encumbered.
 4. French park web site
 - a. Paul will request permission from Victorian magazine so that articles related to French Park can be advertised and reposted on our website.
6. Presentation - identifying community assets – (10 minutes)
 - b. Agreed to revisit the neighborhood's motivating statement in the next meeting.

Board Meetings of the Historic French Park Association are public and members of the Association are invited to attend. Motions may be made, seconded, amended and voted on by members of the Board of Directors.

7. Old business

1. Annual holiday party. Propose the Howe-Waffle house on Fri Dec 11. Wayne Curl will try to reserve the date.
2. President still at work on letter to police sergeant regarding youth loitering.

8. New business

1. President will draft and share a letter to the City of Santa Ana, supporting the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society's effort to preserve 7-10 city-owned historic houses in the Lacy neighborhood.
2. Proposal to host or organize a progressive dinner. Tabled until new year.
3. Historic landscaping workshop being held in La Jolla on Nov 19. HFPA will reimburse someone who would like to go. Wayne Curl has the announcement.
4. J.D. will be citing 410 E. Washington for lack of lawn and landscaping. Discussion of whether to support a re-landscaping effort at this and/or other properties.

9. Announcements

1. Thanks to John Castillo for donating tickets to the "Taste of Santa Ana" fundraiser at the Discovery Center.
2. The Episcopal church will have a 10pm concert and services on Christmas Eve.
3. Michelle Light will be giving a presentation on historic Santa Ana at 7pm on Nov 19 at the Santa Ana courthouse. More information on the French Park website and at: http://www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse/default.asp?Show=events_11&SubShow#1014125

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.