

Historic French park association
Board of Directors meeting - January 6, 2010

Agenda

1. Called to order at 7:05pm; Quorum accomplished.
2. Approval of minutes from November 4, 2009
3. Officer reports
 1. Treasurer's report. Ongoing balance of approximately \$16k.
4. Committee reports
 1. Architectural review
 - a. 801 N. Minter proceeding with plans for repairing the porch, foundation, and replacing siding. Plans currently under review by the city.
 - b. 305 E. Washington is in the process of being gutted and rehabilitated by new owner. Development plans have not been seen yet.
 - c. 519 E. Washington has an off-spec property wall. Code enforcement is working to be sure that it is replaced properly
 2. Police, code enforcement, graffiti committee – no new news
 3. House move committee
 - a. Two lots are available for move-on projects and, as of the November meeting, two homes were identified for moving and funding had been arranged from the city. In mid-December, City Council has put the house moves on hold indefinitely. The stated reason is the recent lawsuit filed by Friends of Lacy against the city over the proposed Station District plan. The city is being forced to develop a broader Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the entire Station District, including the Lacy neighborhood.
 - b. HFPA members are encouraged to write letters to Council, cc'd to the Mayor, to argue that the house moves could be supported independently of the Friends of Lacy lawsuit.
 - c. Jeff Dickman gave a brief report on Friends of Lacy, stating that the organization formed to encourage the city to develop a plan for Lacy and especially to save, move, or restore significant historic properties. The lack of such a plan, combined with the missing EIR, put the City at odds with state law on two counts.
 - d. City has begun work on a new EIR, and that is a lengthy process that will include public comment, likely in 4-6 months. HFPA members should be aware that a draft EIR will be forthcoming and that arguments for the house moves can continue to be made at that time. In addition, Friends of Lacy is likely to support the house moves as one form of preserving historic properties.
 4. French park web site
 - a. Four articles from Victorian magazine are advertised and reposted on our website. Discussion of whether all of the links work correctly, a
5. Old business
 1. Annual holiday party. Thanks to everyone who helped with the holiday party and to the SAHPS for hosting us at the Howe-Waffle house. Board agreed that making the location might be ideal for an annual event, though next year we should be more organized about delegating responsibilities fairly among everyone.

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.

6. New business

1. Brief discussion of neighborhood goals for 2010. Possible topics included social events like movies in the park, and last month there was some discussion of a progressive dinner. HFPA members are encouraged to make recommendations via the French Park mailing list for further discussion next meeting.
2. Board approved renewal of a membership with SAHPS in the amount of \$50 by a unanimous voice vote.

7. Announcements

1. Historic Resource Commission to meet January 7 at 4:30PM in Council Chambers
2. Station District Public Meeting at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 1/14 and 1/21 at 6:30PM
3. Field trip with the Station District developer to visit other projects by the developer. Meet this Saturday at 8am at the train station for an all-day bus tour.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.