

**Historic French park association**  
**Board of Directors meeting - February 3, 2010**

**Minutes**

1. Called to order at 7:05pm; Quorum accomplished.
2. Introductions around the room, welcome to guests.
3. Approval of minutes from January 6, 2010
4. Officer reports
  - a. President – none
  - b. Vice President – a report was drafted regarding the Friends of Lacy lawsuit, and will be circulated to the board for approval.
  - c. Secretary – none
  - d. Treasurer – (not present)
5. Committee reports
  - a. Architectural review  
Committee is dealing with many ongoing issues. Please contact committee members (Dickman, Brambila, Curl, McEwen, Welch) with any specific questions
    - i. 505 E. Washington. Built in 1886, this home is being completely redone inside. JD is aware of permitting for the work. Discussion about contacting the owner (bank-owned) to discuss preservation.
    - ii. 501 E. Washington. JD suggests the porch needs the committee's attention.
    - iii. 519 E. Washington. Ongoing work replacing cinder block wall.
    - iv. 902, 903 N. Lacy. Both have issues with step repair.
    - v. 919 N. Lacy. Ongoing problem for 2+ years. President will contact City Attorney to find out status of pending enforcement case.
    - vi. 801 N. Minter. Foundation work ongoing.
    - vii. 824 N. Minter. Repainted metal door and driveway gate.
    - viii. 414 E. Wellington. Maintenance issues with stairs and railing.
    - ix. 415 E. Vance. Plastic windows have been installed and need removing.
  - b. Police, code enforcement, graffiti committee  
City's new graffiti ordinance is in effect but no new enforcement is observed by SAPD. President will draft a letter bringing up issue to City Council.
  - c. House move committee – no new updates
  - d. French park web site – new materials will be posted this month
5. Old business
  - a. Friends of the Historic Lacy Neighborhood lawsuit – status
    - i. City has agreed to an EIR and has released one, based on the preliminary report prepared as part of the Renaissance Plan. Currently in its review period, a copy of the EIR will be posted at [www.Frenchpark.org](http://www.Frenchpark.org). Comment period extends for 45 days, ending 3/19/2010. Release of this EIR primarily satisfies the Friends of Lacy lawsuit and is likely to lead to a quick settlement.
  - b. Neighborhood Dumpster Day
    - i. scheduled for April 17
    - ii. Jeff to send out an email invitation to see if anyone has a particular need. One

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will be at 835 French, a second at 1118 French.

6. New business

- a. Lacy/Station District EIR. A draft EIR has been released for public review, and comments are due March 19. French Park board and members should review and bring comments to the next board meeting. President will focus on Green Space plan. Vice President will overview Traffic and Preservation.
- b. Neighborhood Traffic. President has a copy of the newest (2005) traffic management plan. Discussion of whether to begin process in 2010. Motion approved to approach City Traffic regarding speeding issues on French, but not until Summer.
- c. One Broadway Tower. The Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held a hearing to consider leasing office space at One Broadway. The rules regarding County's use of this building, and how such usage would not fulfill tenancy requirements, appeared to be understood by Supervisors. Motion to write a letter to the Supervisors opposing occupancy was postponed.
- d. City Historic Registry, and the Mills Act. City Council is considering a \$4,700 fee on owner/applicants who want a property to be considered for the City Historic Registry. Vice President explains that the City Registry is a prerequisite to qualify for Mills Act consideration, which has its own, \$3,200 fee. Discussion focused on the burden of both fees undermining the goals and potential benefit of the Mills Act. No motions were made. Debbie McEwen will stay in contact with City Manager and lobby against the fee.
- e. Home Tour. Motion passed for the Board to begin considering a 2011 Home Tour in future meetings.

7. Announcements

- a. Church of Messiah on Sat & Sun having a book sale this Saturday, 8am

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.