

**Historic French Park Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting - August 1, 2012 at 7 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**1. Called to order at 7:05 pm**

Quorum accomplished. Directors in attendance: Phil Collins, Jeff Dickman, Ann Moerer, Wayne Curl, Marc Morrison, Katherine Cate, John Novak, Sussie Quinn. Additional attendees included three neighbors and two representatives from the Station District project (Ray Lirette and Scott Kutner).

**2. Presentation on the Station District Project**

The Station District is under construction in the Lacy neighborhood along Santa Ana Blvd, with four different portions of the project all in progress.

- a. Along Santa Ana at Minter, a large apartment building (74 units) is under construction. The complex will be tiered, with some units and parking at street level, but most units and some open space up above. There will be a small amount of retail space on the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Lacy. The completion is scheduled for 2/2013.
- b. A second phase involves additional departments on two different lots. 12 units are being built at Lacy and 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13 units at Garfield and Santa Ana Blvd. These are also scheduled to be completed in February (2/2013).
- c. Ten single-family homes in the Lacy neighborhood are being retrofitted. Many were put on new foundations, given additional framing (or other structural support), new wood windows and wood siding, and new interiors. This work is on schedule to be completed by September (9/2012).

Neighbors asked many questions about possible impacts from population density, traffic, and police resources. The Station District development is relatively population-neutral, because it is, for the most part, replacing previous high-density housing. There was some discussion of the fact that no new police resources will become available to help oversee the neighborhood. The developers offered to schedule a meeting with the incoming property management team, and explained that high quality property management will be one key to developing a better neighborhood environment.

The conversation also turned to whether anything historical was actually preserved from the single-family homes in the Lacy neighborhood. Some neighbors complained about the lack of historical preservation and what actually happened to these structures during May.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from June 6 approved.

**4. Officer reports**

- a. President – no news
- b. Secretary – past minutes are posted online for anyone missing the monthly meetings. The website has been updated to highlight three homes for sale in the neighborhood.
- c. Treasurer – treasurer reports a balance of approximately \$5k. The Treasurer has done an accounting of our expenses going back a few years. In the past, HFPA maintained directors insurance at a cost of \$1300/yr. Without insurance, all other expenses are totaling approximately \$300/yr.

## **5. Committee reports**

- a. Architectural committee – President gave an update on city's response to code violations, but in general things are moving very slowly. There was some discussion of code violations occurring along Lacy, but the tenants are in the process of cleaning up the property.
- b. Police, Code Enforcement, Graffiti – There seems to be increased drug activity along Garfield. HFPA President will contact Mercy House for more information and possible follow-up. There is also an ongoing issue of transients living along Poinsettia St., a commercial corridor just to the east of French Park. President will contact Taller San Jose to ask about their policy and try to find out what is going on.

## **6. Old business**

- a. A Code of Conduct and Ethics Meetings was held 6/7 in the police community room, to discuss the draft Sunshine Ordinance. A group of citizens continues to pressure the Mayor and City Council to adopt some type of Ordinance that brings together best practices in city government.
- b. Sexlinger house and Orchard – Save Our Orchard is trying to raise funds to purchase the properties, now that they have been put on the City's historic registry.

## **7. New business**

- a. Annual Meeting – Next month HFPA will be re-electing its board of directors. We have 8 members in the middle of their terms, and 5 members expiring. All those with expiring terms will be informed by the President. A short discussion discusses the advantages and difficulties of getting representation from every block or section of the neighborhood.

## **8. Announcements**

- Wayne's home is up for sale. Also, 916 French St. went up for sale this week.
- Hot Coffee Cool Jazz at the Messiah on the evening of Aug 8.

## **9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**