

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

Minutes

1. Called to order at 7:00 pm

Quorum accomplished. Directors in attendance: Debbie McEwen, Jeff Dickman, Phil Collins, Ann Moerer, Wayne Curl, Catherine Cate, Marc Morrison. Additional visitors included a representative from OC Pride, new homeowner Brad Owen, Jim Lynn, Paul Cook-Giles, and other visitors.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October approved

3. Officer reports

- a. President – No news
- b. Secretary – Minutes have been posted online for members who miss monthly meetings.
- c. Treasurer – Treasurer reported a balance of approximately \$5k.

4. Committee reports

- a. Architectural committee – HFPA officers met with Councilwoman Martinez to discuss the failure of rehabilitation efforts in the Lacy neighborhood. Also discussed code enforcement in the city and neighborhood. Martinez agreed to arrange a meeting with the City Attorney, in order to pursue enforcement of the Architectural guidelines.
- b. Police, Code Enforcement, Graffiti – No news.
- c. Website – No news.

5. Old business

- a. Santa Ana Police Department is trying to raise \$10k for a new police dog. Last month, the directors voted to seek donations to be matched 1:1 HFPA. \$400 in donations were received and the Association will match this from its treasury. Treasurer will mail a check to the police for \$800 from HFPA.
- b. The Sunshine Ordinance was passed by City Council in its October 15 meeting, by a 4-to-3 vote. This was the 2nd reading, so the Ordinance is now enacted.

6. New business

- a. OC Gay Pride attracted 10,000 people this past August. The event was perceived to be very successful by the 4th St. community. Plans are underway to convert this experience to an annual 4th St. event. Organizers are currently planning next year's celebration and looking for corporate sponsors. Current plan is to have 2 stages (one at 4th at Ross, and a second in Birch Park). A representative came to meet the neighborhood association. Very quick discussion on nonprofits being able to sponsor booths.
- b. Brief question from Joe Cook-Giles about any planning for a future home tour. A short discussion almost entirely skipped the question to discuss other possibilities including a dinner event, a non-fundraising social event, or a Twelfth Night event to avoid the Xmas scheduling crunch.
- c. Directors voted to change the frequency of HFPA meetings from monthly to bimonthly beginning Jan 1, 2013.
- d. A pair of neighborhood break-in events happened in late October. Please keep your eyes open and report any suspicious activity.
- e. The Annual HFPA Holiday meeting will be held at the Morrison's, probably Dec. 8. Time and place to be confirmed via the FrenchPark mailgroup. Directors vote to contribute up to \$200 for the event.

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.

- f. Two representatives introduced themselves from the Santa Ana Childhood Language Center. The Center is located at the corner of 8th St. and Civic Center in French Park, and it is currently in its 11th year of operation. The Center is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization providing speech therapy, currently serving 63 children for speech therapy. All services are free.

7. Announcements

- Measure GG (term limits for the office of the Mayor) passed in Santa Ana with 77% approval.
- Many neighbors contributed to another active Halloween. Thanks to new owners, the Harmon-McNeil house passed out candy for the first time in 16 years!

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm