

Historic French Park Association
Board of Directors Meeting - May 1, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Minutes

1. Called to order at 7:00 pm

Directors in attendance: J. Dickman, P. Collins, A. Moerer, D. McEwen, and S. Quinn.

2. Approval of Minutes: Approved minutes from January and March, bringing us up to date.

3. Officer reports

- a. President – Officers have been busy with various meetings over the past month, described in more detail below.
- b. Secretary – Minutes have been posted online for members who miss monthly meetings.
- c. Treasurer – Treasury balance remains approximately \$4k.

4. Committee reports

- a. Architectural committee – no news on meetings with the City Attorney regarding enforcement of architectural codes.
- b. Police, Code Enforcement & Graffiti – graffiti removal has seemed very responsive, and graffiti levels in the park have been low.
- c. Website – FrenchPark domain name has been renewed for a new year.

5. Old business

- a. HFPA received a thank-you letter from SAPD for contributing to the purchase of a new police dog.
- b. Councilwoman Martinez held a neighborhood walk in French Park with her staff, Commander Gominsky, and a dozen neighbors. The walk appreciated the historic homes in the neighborhood, discussed the need for code enforcement to maintain the neighborhood, talked about gang and graffiti activity, and other issues.
- c. Jeff spoke with developers about a tour of new apartments opening soon in Lacy. When a date is set, an invitation will go out via the FrenchPark email, probably late May or early June.

6. New business

- a. John Novak and Wayne Curl have moved away and resigned from the HFPA board, reducing the board to 10 directors. The next election of directors occur at the annual meeting in September.
- b. City public works replaced a camphor tree in the park but has not replaced other trees along parkways. President has been in discussion with public works about replacing all missing trees according to the theme on each block (oaks on French, Jacaranda on Bush, etc).
- c. The Orange County Historic Society is holding a dinner at the Ebell club sometime in June. The society has asked whether HFPA would like to host an after-dinner walk around our neighborhood, perhaps 25 minutes for ~50 people. There was interest in this, but it is likely to be organized at the last minute. A call for volunteers will go out in a couple of weeks once the date has been set.
- d. Directors approved a \$50 donation to renew its membership in the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society.
- e. President offered to host a wine and cheese event in June to welcome new owners to the neighborhood.

7. Announcements

- Viola Small passed on in April. Condolences to Wayne and the rest of his family.
- Becky and Jim have recently moved into 1225 N. French, replacing long-time neighbor Wayne Curl.
- Neighbors who want to receive FrenchPark email should send a blank email to:
FrenchPark-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

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.