

MINUTES

University Hills Neighborhood Association

Executive Council

15 February 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Marc Manos at 6:12.

Present: Aluri, Briggs, Gottshall, Hagan, Herman, Hiott, Manos.

Guest: John Stucker

The minutes of 20 January 2010 meeting were approved (Gottshall, Hiott) with the amendment of the second sentence of the fifth paragraph under Old Business to read "The slides showed *indoor* furniture, *appliances*, *debris*, and construction materials on the porches..."

Stucker: The University is postponing action on selling the structures at 814-16 Henderson St. in order to finalize a physical stabilization plan for which the University has set aside \$300,000. The state fire marshal, John Reich, has submitted his report. John has met with the University representatives and their aims are three: 1) They want to secure the property by fencing —fencing the dangerous porch at 814 only until it is repaired. They also expect to set some fencing around the back at ingress points until the entry levels are secured; 2) they will conduct a hazmat survey and take appropriate abatement steps based on what they find; 3) the roofing structure and underlayment will be repaired and new roofing will be installed. Porches will also be restored and they are seeking a \$45,000 grant from the Richland County Historical Commission (they'll match with \$12k) to fix windows at 816.

President's Report:

St. Patrick's Day –Manos, Col. Van Loan and the police officer in charge will meet with heads of involved neighborhoods next Thursday. Last year's plan was good but manned barricades were not manned for full day. We need officers there the whole day. The parking permit for St. Patrick's Day comes in such a way that it looks like a solicitation; the envelopes need to be clearly marked as permits. Aluri: Later in the day people misbehave coming back from Five Points and police need to patrol the area for open containers, particularly Greene St. Perhaps Officer Leverette could be a presence. Stucker: Press the point that people are breaking the law whether there's a festival in Five Points or not. They need to patrol the neighborhood. Manos: Perhaps the police should park the transport van on Greene St.

Participation in St. Patrick's Day Parade- Manos & Hiott participated in the morning parade last year and will again this year. All are invited gather at 9:00 AM; the parade begins at 10.

Stucker: MOTION: We join with Shandon, Wales Garden, Hollywood-Rose Hill, and other neighborhood associations in sponsoring the Southside mayoral forum moderated by League of Women Voter at 7:00 PM, March 23rd (Hiott, Briggs). PASSED

Treasurer (Hagen): We have \$3391.50 in the treasury.

Safety (Herman): Thurs-Sat 2-4 AM is problem period. We should request the City Manager to beef up forces at these times. MOTION: By letter Marc will write the City Manager and the Chief of Police (copy to Belinda Gergel) be asked to beef up security. PASSED

Zoning: Raj & Tom conferred after the last meeting about the Delta Tau Delta fraternity using the site on 624-630 Pickens St. . Raj was told DTD would have a lease. Frank Cason is a principal investor. Cason would not show Tom the leases, which they claimed were pre-existing (executed by former owner) and would be terminated in a few weeks. They would lease properties only as residential units. Tom told Jonathan Chambers to be on lookout for building permit to make sure density is maintained. Leases will be with individuals, not restricted to DTD. Parking is also an issue from a zoning standpoint.

Front porch debris- Manos: An ordinance was being worked on in the last City Development Plan but an architectural conservation district should have such an ordinance.

There was discussion concerning the ordinance considered by the Code Enforcement Task Force regarding storage of debris on porches. Council will inspect prior ordinance that was never completed and discuss their findings at the next meeting.

Council went into Executive Session to receive advice of counsel.

Landlords (McMaster absent): No report.

Parking (Hiott): No problems.

Old Business:

Landscaping (Briggs): A check for \$1000 has been received from Columbia Green and Miranda will pay the total landscaping bill which was \$1532.

Mailing List: MOTION: The membership list and neighborhood census shall be in the care of the secretary and shall be used only for mailings involving UHNA business or appropriate neighborhood functions. It will not be given out for purposes of commercial or political solicitation. (Briggs, Gottshall). PASSED.

BOWDEN PROPERTIES: The porches at 1013 and 1019 Gregg St. have been cleaned up but not those at 1819 Pendleton and 1808 Senate. MOTION: Marc will write David Bowden commenting on what he has done so far but stressing what he has not done and urging him to fulfill promises and how it negatively impacts the neighborhood (Gottshall, Hiott). PASSED.

Letter carrier Gerald Shumpert: Marc will announce to membership that Shumpert is retiring.

Party (Manos): Devine Foods will cater for \$800; Marc will provide wine & beer. Membership materials should be available at a table that Miranda can oversee for a while. Maria Girardi can also help at the table. Miranda will get name tags.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 until March 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Briggs, Secretary