

University Hill Neighborhood Association
Executive Council
Minutes

Monday, 21 January 2008
Inn at USC

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 by Jeff Caswell.

Present: Raj Aluri, Ward Briggs, Jeff Caswell, Kathryn Braun Fenner, Kathleen Froneberger, Charles Hiott, Peggy McMaster, Marc Manos, John Stucker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Safety – Jeff reported that is not being informed of incidents in the neighborhood; Kathryn was asked to contact Norman Caldwell (Interim Chief of Police). Raj reported a break-in at 8:30 in the morning at 1830 Greene St.

Traffic – Charlie reviewed the changes to the parking regulations.

Motion (John): A letter of endorsement will be sent by the President and Chair of Parking Committee endorsing the changes in issuance and enforcement of parking permits to the Mayor and City Manager and Parking Director as proposed by the City Parking Manager. PASSED

Greene Street Sweep (Raj and Marc): There was discussion of the date of the next sweep. We need to set it up, not rely on the city. Raj or Marc will call Jake and set up a new sweep so that we can get back on a schedule. We'll temporarily look for 2/8 at 8:30 AM.

Zoning – In Tom's absence his report was deferred to next meeting.

Treasurer (Kathy) November closing balance was \$3441.87. We received \$105 in dues; We spent \$111.81 was for Christmas party and last meeting. Closing balance is \$3435.06.

Motion (John): The President is authorized to approve up to \$200.00 for miscellaneous expenses (e.g., or postal supplies and communications) in 2008. PASSED.

City Government Liaison (Kathryn): The committee is discussing how to keep landlords accountable for chronic nuisance properties and what to do about Patten Properties? Proposals will be circulated before next meeting.

Landlord liaison: Peggy will deal with Will Fowler on Mr. Callison's property 1720-, 22, 24, 26 and she will contact Craig Stoneburner about trash at 1730 Greene.

Trash in back yard of 1800 Greene Street is still a problem. This is an issue for the Fire Marshall, so Jeff will call Carmen Floyd, Fire Marshall.

Jeff has gotten e-mail addresses for some landlords on Greene Street.

Old Business:

Averyt-Sprague block (John & Kathryn): In a meeting with John and Kathryn, President Sorenson said that expanding office space is a top priority for USC and to this end he is interested in expeditiously moving the houses at 1814 and 1816 Henderson in order to have space for an office building next to Gambrell. Developer Robert Lewis is in discussion with Rick Kelly of USC. The present plan is that the University will give Lewis both the amount of money that it would cost them to demolish the properties as well as two lots carved out of the present Gambrell parking lot to which he can move them. Lewis would then restore the properties and sell them as private residences.

Ward will circulate draft of Design document before the next meeting.

Proposal for 830 Laurens Street – Proposed style is appropriate for its location. Special attention needs to be given to windows, doors and fences as crucial elements to fitting into the neighborhood design.

MOTION: The Council directs John Stucker or his designee to participate in approval hearings for 830 Laurens Street and attempt to insure that architecturally appropriate windows, doors, and privacy fence are included in the approved plans. Otherwise, Council approves the current plan. PASSED

For informational purposes, John presented an outline of his proposal for developing the Women's Club Property. The plan is for a non-student residential complex that will involve restoration of the Women's Club. John will send this proposal to the USC Development Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29.