

NOB HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2016

## **Call to Order: Shani Madden, outgoing Vice-President**

Minutes taken by Greg Weirs

Directors Present: Beverly Hill, Govinda Haines, Adrian Carver, Tim Ross, Mo Chavez, Andy Novat, Bob Anderson, Gary Eyster, Shani Madden, Greg Weirs

Absent: Skye Devore (out of town)

## **Presentation: Home Rule Charter for Bernalillo County on ballot this November (Maggie Hart-Stebbins, Andy Lendermen, Terry Bruner from Bernalillo County)**

Ms. Hart-Stebbins noted that the November ballot has several issues for Bernalillo County, but focused on the proposal for “Home Rule” for Bernalillo County. Terry Bruner and Andy Lederman were more deeply involved in writing and reviewing the proposal and gave most of the presentation. Bernalillo County is one of the largest counties in the U.S., currently employing about 2500 people. However, it is still governed by state laws and processes from the early 1900s - procurement currently goes through state offices leading to long delays, changes in land use are difficult to administer through state laws, etc. The Home Rule Charter would allow the county to make its own rules and regulations, such as establish an investment committee beyond what is required by state law, manage its own procurements and land use changes. The Charter also includes a system of financial audits which is not in the state laws and without the Charter the county can't establish these audits. The presenters answered questions from the floor. Some of the policies in the Charter have been passed by the County Commission, but at present could be undone by a future Commission; by including them in the Charter, removing or amending these policies could only be done by a vote on the general ballot. The Charter is written to increase the transparency of the County government.

## **Changes to the Agenda**

Add discussion of letter in support of Twinkle Light Parade to new business. Add item on traffic circle to new business. Move Nob Hill is 100 and Outreach Events from consent agenda to new business.

The Board voted unanimously to accept these additions and changes to the agenda.

## **Seating of new Directors**

Beverly Hill, Mo Chavez, Adrian Carver, Tim Ross, Bob Anderson, and Andy Novat were elected to the Board and were seated. Pat Massey has resigned.

Susan Michie, Maggie Newman, and Joanne Kelsey were elected in absentia at the Annual Meeting, and after reviewing the Bylaws, it appears they were not eligible for election because they were not members of the NHNA. (Because they did not attend the Annual Meeting they had not paid their membership dues for 2016-2017.) Susan Michie and Joanne Kelsey have indicated they would serve on the Board, but as of the Board meeting Maggie Newman had not confirmed her intent. There are two possibilities for seating these potential Directors for the remainder of the year. The first is to call a special meeting of the membership (requiring a quorum of the NHNA membership at the meeting). The second is for the Board to vote to appoint Directors to fill vacancies at a regular Board meeting; the Directors appointed would serve until the next Annual meeting (not a full term.) The Board voted 8-1 to consider vacancies at the next Board meeting.

## **Board of Directors orientation**

Greg Weirs welcomed new Directors as well as returning Directors, and reviewed some points of protocol and administration that have served the Board well in the past. He then described some of the things the Board does, and identified roles on the Board that will need to be filled.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The outgoing Treasurer was absent but notes the financial report was just given at the Annual Meeting.

## **Zoning and License Requests**

16ZHE-80205 Project # 1010944 MIKE AND RUTH WARTELL (STANLEY STEARNS, AGENT) requests a special exception to Section 14-16-2-6(E)(4)(a): a VARIANCE of 5 ft. to the required 5 ft. side yard setback for all or a portion of Lot 5, Block 9, Granada Heights Addn., zoned R-1, located on 312 CARLISLE BLVD SE (K-16).

The applicants attended the meeting and presented plans for a carport in the side yard setback. The house was built in 1937 (before the zoning ordinance requiring current setbacks), and the garage extends all the way to the side yard property line. Respecting the side yard setback would put the supports for the carport close to the middle of the driveway for one of the garage bays, so the Wartells are requesting a variance to align the carport with the garage. The front of the garage is set back from the front of the house, and the front of the proposed carport (26'10" by 23'6") would still be 16'6" behind the front of the house. From the drawings presented, the carport would be less than 10 tall. The applicants state that their nearest neighbors have verbally consented to the proposed carport. The Board voted 10-0 to write a letter to the ZHE in support of the variance request.

## **Liquor License/Application 1013125**

Applicant: Pete's Frites (Agent: Jerry Hamm)

Proposed Location: 3407 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM

Request for a Restaurant License (Beer and Wine Only)  
Hearing before Mr. Steven M. Chavez, Administrative Hearing Officer  
Date: October 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM  
Location: City Council Room #9081, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, One Civic Plaza

Pete Gabriel (the applicant) attended the Board meeting to describe his plans. He has just opened a restaurant, Pete's Frites, in the former Shade Tree Cafe space. He has applied for a restaurant (beer/wine) license. His restaurant serves mostly burgers and fries, and he has no desire to be a bar. Operating hours are 12pm-9pm, except Friday and Saturday when they close at 10pm.

### **Liquor Waiver Ordinance**

The group requesting the amendment to the liquor waiver ordinance has withdrawn their request and Councillor Davis is no longer pursuing the amendment. Consequently the Board voted to table consideration of the amendment 8-1 with 1 recusal.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

### **New Business**

**Outreach events: (Gary Eyster)** The outreach on Monte Vista Elementary School is scheduled for Oct. 20th. Since it was scheduled, there has been clarification that there are no plans to close or otherwise repurpose MVES. Gary Eyster will consider cancelling the outreach event after consulting with Jeff Tuttle, a teacher at the school that has engaged the community including the NHNA.

An outreach topic to consider for this year would focus on liquor licenses. Get the neighborhood's views, perhaps co-host the event with the Main Street Program, and invite Councillor Davis and the liquor hearing officer.

**Nob Hill is 100: (Gary Eyster)** The program has done 20 oral history interviews, funded by a Bernalillo County grant. Other tradition bearers would also like to tell their stories, and Gary is requesting \$200 + tax to fund one more interview. The Board voted 10-0 to provide the requested funding.

**Twinkle Light Parade: (Greg Weirs)** The Main Street program wrote a letter of support for hosting the Twinkle Light Parade in Nob Hill this year and in future years. They have requested that the NHNA also write a letter of support. The Board voted 10-0 in favor of this request.

**Beautification/Traffic Circle: (Tim Ross)** Tim raises the idea of a traffic circle at the intersection of Amherst, Marquette and Purdue. Since the shape would have to fit the intersection it would be more of an "avacado" than a circle. Many drivers speed through the intersection and skip the stop signs; the avocado would address these problems. Also, its landscaping it would beautify the area which is now dominated by

a large stretch of open asphalt. There is no request of action at this time, but Tim would like the Board's advice on how to bring the idea to fruition. Tim said he would bring signatures in support of the traffic island to the next Board meeting. In the discussion, a suggestion was to consider an outreach event with a traffic engineer on how to address this and several other similar issues in Nob Hill.

#### **Officers of the Board of Directors**

After discussion, a slate of officers was developed by consensus: President, Adrian Carver; Vice-President, Gary Eyster; Secretary, Greg Weirs; and Treasurer, Skye Devore. The board voted 10-0 to accept the slate as the officers for 2016-2017.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Nob Hill Neighborhood Association Consent Agenda**

**District 6 Coalition of Neighborhoods Report**

**October 10, 2016**

The District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations will meet on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, starting at 7:00 PM, at the Alice B. Hoppes African American Pavilion at EXPO NM.

Ron Halbgewachs

District 6 Representative

**Nob Hill Neighborhood Association  
Public Officials Report  
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Invitations to the NHNA Annual Meeting on September 29, 2016 were sent to:

CABQ City Councilor for District 6 – Patrick Davis  
Assistant to Patrick Davis – Sean Foran  
Bernalillo County Commissioner District 3 – Maggie Hart-Stebbins  
NM State Senator District 16 – Cisco McSorley  
NM State Representative District 18 – Gail Chasey  
NM State Representative District 19 – Sheryl Williams Stapleton

Submitted,  
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