

NOB HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Minutes taken by Anne Acuff, Secretary.

Director's present: Anne Acuff, Gary Eyster, Greg Weirs, Pat Massey, Ron Halbgewachs, Shani Madden.

Call to Order: Ron – 6:32 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Via e-mail from Skye DeVore - \$9061.78.

Introduction of Guests: Raul Torrez, candidate for District Attorney. Susan Michie, Antonio Garcia, Linda S., Jeff Gittleman and Susie Dilts.

Announcement: Nob Hill is 100 County Proclamation. At the County Commission meeting on Jan. 26th Nob Hill was recognized by the body and Gary Eyster was presented a framed proclamation in celebration of the 100th anniversary. Also on Feb. 5th there was a re-enactment of the platting by D.K.B. Seller of the first subdivision that would eventually become Nob Hill. There was a reception after the ceremony.

ZONING AND LICENSE REQUESTS:

15ZHE-80296, Project # 1010691. J. Calderia and P. Maffei for a property located at 520 Washington St. NE. At issue is the location of the property as it is not actually within the Nob Hill Neighborhood boundaries. The boundary stops at the West Side of Washington and the property request is on the East. Hence, the notification letter was sent to us when it should have been sent to the Highland Neighborhood Assoc. Different options for responding to the letter were discussed. It was moved to send a letter to the ZHE explaining that the property is not in our neighborhood and that we neither supported nor opposed the request and to notify the correct association. The motion passed, 5 in favor, one abstention.

PRESENTATIONS:

Susie Dilts: Susie and her husband Jeff have been maintaining the Amherst and Monte Vista NE triangle park for over 40 years. Presently they would like some help in maintaining the park, especially in regard to weeding. Susie has tried unsuccessfully so far in getting help from the City. It was suggested that she put out a call for help on social media, which she had done and received some offers of help already. Ron is to contact the head of the Keep America Beautiful median project, Mila Romero, requesting their help. Additionally, a newsletter article could be written about the various medians in our neighborhood and their respective plans and conditions. A letter could be written to the Solid Waste Dept with a copy to Pat Davis, Councilor. Susan Michie to try and find out who to contact in the Dept. Gary Eyster to contact Sean Foran, assistant to Mr. Davis, for their input. Susan Michie reported that the median at Wellesley and Campus has had the Art project approved and they have a person appointed to head the selection committee. They will contact the board when they have more plans in place. A motion was presented to have Susan M. sit on the selection committee as she requested as she has been the main driver behind the project. It was moved and seconded to

do so. The motion passed 5 voting in support. The other median mentioned was the one at Silver/Solano and Arlote which some neighbors have expressed interest in.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes: Anne – First draft approved after discussion.
2. District 6 Coalition; Ron – no report. Shani to attend the Wednesday meeting in Ron's absence.
3. Public Officials: Ron – no report.
4. Communications Committee: Skye – no report.

PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Outreach: Gary - The Age-Friendly presentation/discussion to be held on March 10th with Melinda. It will be at MVCC with a 6:00 mingle and 6:30 beginning. Other possible outreach events could be to discuss the City's new Comprehensive Zoning plan, and how to get on the National and State Historic Registries along with the available tax credits.
2. Newsletter: Gary – Has spoken with Skye about the souvenir program coming out this Spring and it is in progress. The deadline is late February for copy and Feb. 15th for ads. It was discussed to include an article again on fences and walls but with a different angle more on street scape this time while mentioning fences/walls. The vote was 4 in favor, 2 in opposition.
3. Sector Plan: Susan – The deadline for input on the City's Comprehensive Plan is 2/11/16. Then the plan will start the process to the EPC. She is sending the board her comments. The more people who write in with their comments, the better for our neighborhood.
4. Nob Hill is 100: Gary – Hand screened dish towels with a Nob Hill design are now available for sale at the Blue Moon Store in Nob Hill. Gary knows the women who make them and it was suggested we buy some at \$6 each to sell at \$12. They come in turquoise and red. They could be sold at board events as a fund raiser. Anne volunteered to sell them. It was moved to purchase 50 to see how it goes. More could be purchased in the future. The motion passed unanimously.
The Pet Parade and NH Insiders Tour are progressing in their planning. The Insiders Tour will likely need more volunteer help. Tickets will cost around \$20 and the money will be donated to the School of Architecture and Planning. They are making posters for the tour and will have some volunteers for the event. Gary requested \$600 for 250 posters for the two events. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Imbibe Roof: Shani – The added tent to the roof top of Imbibe on Central is unsightly, possibly unsafe and poorly maintained. Several neighbors on the list serve have commented

on how it looks. Pat Davis, City Councilor, is aware of the issue and has asked to be kept in the loop. Shani talked to the people at Zoning and found that at present there is no permit for the tent. It was permitted once in 2012 but not since. They said they would send someone over to inspect it. It was discussed to write a letter to the zoning complaint department to have a complaint on file and request an inspection. It was moved to write a letter with a copy to Mr. Davis. The vote was 5 in for with 1 opposed.

2. Sidewalks/ADA Access: As the neighborhood is on the older side, a lot of its sidewalks and curb cuts are inadequate and difficult to negotiate due to poor curb cuts, pole placement, etc. Walkability is an important issue which most residents are concerned about. The City has a maintenance schedule but it is not known how they decide which areas to re-do. The Broadmore area has had their sidewalks done within the last 2 yrs. A survey could be done in the neighborhood to clarify the issues. An Outreach event is a possibility. Need to find out which department in the City is in charge of maintenance. Greg is to pursue and gather information for the board. Certainly money is an important part of the discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ART Stations in Nob Hill: We are to get 3 stations on Central for which the initial design had the tents as being too tall for our streetscape. The Old Town and Huning Highland neighborhoods have worked out a smaller profile design which we would also like. Gary and Mainstreet have discussed this with the State Historic Preservation Office and they agreed the design should be made to fit in with historic neighborhoods. He will continue to monitor the outcome. We are also hoping to get more than 1:1 ratio of trees to be planted in the sidewalks (1 tree for every 1 taken out).

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM

Next Meetings: March 14th, April 11th, May 9th.