

NOB HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES MARCH 14, 2016

Minutes taken by Anne Acuff, Secretary.

Director's Present: Anne Acuff, Skye Devore, Gray Eyster, Greg Weirs, Pat Massey, Ron Halbgewachs, Shani Madden, Govinda Haines.

Call to Order: Ron Halbgewachs, President. 6:34

Treasurer's Report: Skye Devore - \$10, 040.42.

Approval of Agenda: Approved moving Outreach and NH is 100 to Old Business for discussion.

No Zoning or License Requests.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. SECTOR PLAN: Liquor Control Waiver: Sean Foran, Councilor Davis' representative attended the meeting to discuss amending the current sector plan in Nob Hill regarding the sale of hard liquor in proximity to Churches and Schools (300 ft). Andrew Webb from the City Planning Office was also in attendance. No decision has been made regarding the issue as yet. Serving beer and wine only at a restaurant is presently okay. The change would include areas along Central Ave zoned CCR 1,2 and 3. The Downtown area currently has this and the City Council will likely be considering the issue adding 3 Nob Hill zones. Of consideration is that if a Charter School or a "pop up" church moves into an area it can dramatically change the value of the properties around it. The plan would permit a "waiver" of the distance requirement if the church or school gives their permission for the establishment to serve hard liquor. If the business at the site changes owners, they would have to get permission again and a new waiver. Waivers would be allowed on a case by case basis. There were several neighbors present and much discussion of the issue. Some felt the waiver would be okay as long as permission from churches/schools was obtained. Others were in opposition as they don't want Nob Hill to be a "bar scene" with all the problems that can come along with that type of area. The Board has not seen the full written proposal. Sean is to send it to the Board for review. It was move to table the discussion to the next meeting so the board can see the proposal. 7 directors voted to table the discussion, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

2. MEDICAL CANNABIS CENTERS IN NH: Presently 3 businesses have gotten their licenses to sell Medical Cannabis in Nob Hill as a permissive use. The business owners were all invited to the board meeting. Two were in attendance. Ultra Health did not attend. William Ford from Medzen Clinic has opened a clinic on Central. He is with Greenleaf and Associates who work with non-profits to manage their services. Each business is limited to the number of patients they can serve who must have a medical marijuana ID card. For the most part, the growing is done off site. Consumption is also off site. They are more of a clinic helping the people with medical conditions get relief and not so much a dispensary. They have trained counselors to assist patients. They have to be 1000 ft. from a church or school. They have their own security guard and want to have a very secure facility. They hope to have a doctor on site in the future.

The Bead Store is a neighbor of Medzen and the owner stated he felt they were a good neighbor and hadn't seen any problems since their arrival.

Rob Munro with Seven Clover also was present. He's opening a clinic where the old 66 Malt shop was located on Central. There is also no growing or consumption at this site either. The cost for getting a license to dispense is \$10,000 so it is not done lightly. He has a lot of retail experience and has hired a growing expert. He plans to have nurses and doctors on staff and also wants to keep the business safe. The produce will be kept in a safe. They will watch out for any loitering. They will be banking with a local bank and will not have large amounts of cash on site. Signage will be minimal and not advertise MJ.

Discussion: The primary concern of the neighbors and board members was the location of 3 Medical Marijuana Centers in Nob Hill. It was questioned where in the City were 3 clinics in such close proximity. Has this issue been considered by the City? It was suggested Councilor Davis address zoning and Cannabis Clinics. Sean Foran said he would discuss with Mr. Davis.

3. MORINGSIDE PARK: Susan Michie – The park is currently somewhat of a trouble spot with transients and homeless individuals sometimes hanging out and/or sleeping in the park. There is some illegal activity. Susan surveyed the list serve on whether or not people would want a dog park there. A dog park would increase the number of people utilizing the park and discourage illegal activity. She only got a few responses and summarized there is not much interest in it. The cost is quite high at \$400,000 for 2 acres. One neighbor present asserted he sees people using the park daily and wants to keep the green space and not have a dog park taking up space. Susan suggested the neighbors around the park organize to help keep the park clean and monitor its use. Two things have already been done to help prevent crime in the park. Ron has contacted the City about the lights in the park at night as they were out. After checking, he said the lights are on now. Sean has requested the park get more drive-bys from APD checking things at night. It is on the list to be checked for the next month. Ron requested the neighbors keep the board posted about the park.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Newsletter Delivery: Skye – It is expected to be ready for delivery by next week. There are about 5,000 being printed for close to the same price as the previous newsletters. We can afford to do full color in the future if it is wanted. Ron is coordinating delivery. He is also to check on the mailing list to update it.

2. PNM Power Grant: Skye is working with Carolyn and will be the fiscal agent. Carolyn will be writing up the Bike Share program which is now available downtown. There will be the bike stations in Nob Hill between Silver and Central which will have sponsors. NH Mainstreet will be involved at some level in terms of reporting for the grant.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Imbibe Tent/Roof: A letter was written after the last board meeting to Mr. Montano asking that the rooftop be inspected. To date no response has been received by the board. Shani Madsen went to the Zoning office prior to the board meeting and this time they told her to

contact the complaint person. As far as we know, the tent is still unpermitted. Sean with Councilor Davis is to follow up on the letter.

2. Walkability: Greg – Greg contacted the City and was told that future projects are mapped out but also that there are no immediate plans to do any more improvements. The projects already done in our area were paid for with GeoBonds. Sean was asked to check on his end to see if he could find out why Monte Vista has not been upgraded since the WPA and to check on funding sources.

3. Outreach: Gary - The Pet Parade is set for April 30th. The money raised by the event will be donated to local animal groups. The Nob Hill Insiders Tour will be May 22nd. There will be 8 sites needing 48 docents. The Chicken dinner is still in the planning stage. The dish towels with the NH is 100 design are now available for sale by Anne. Previously Gary and Melanie had purchased hats with the NH is 100 logo and he only has 3 left. He asked the board if they wanted him to buy more hats or some other product. Consensus was he could spend \$500. Potential products which could be sold were discussed. Geurilla Graphics has made items such as bags, cups, shirts. Gary is to check on the cost of other items. They would need to be available for sale for the Earth Day event on 4/24. The board could vote on a final motion via e-mail as time is a factor.

Meeting Adjourned 8:53.

NEXT MEETINGS: April 11th, May 9th, June 13th.