

NOB HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES APRIL 11, 2016

Minutes taken by Anne Acuff, Secretary.

Director's present: Shani Madden, Skye Devore, Gary Eyster, Greg Weirs, Anne Acuff

Call to order: 6:33 PM, Shani Madden, Vice President. Quorum established.

Treasurer's Report: Skye Devore - \$8974.31. All the money for the ads from the brochure has been received. Recent income is from 4 new members, \$100 for tea towels.

Approval of Agenda: Approved moving Nob Hill is 100, Outreach and the ABC-Z Comp Plan to old business.

Zoning

16ZHE-80053, Project #1010752. Randy and Cynthia Price attended to request a Special Exception for a variance of 1ft. to the maximum 3ft. height allowed in the front yard setback for an existing fence at their residence at 313 Dartmouth Dr. SE. The hearing is set for April 19th. Mr. Price related that neither they nor their landscaper was aware of the 3ft. rule for front yard fences at the time it was built. It was likely there was a complaint and then the fence was inspected by the City Zoning Dept. and found to be in violation. They are requesting the extension due to a number of factors with the safety of their 3 yr. old son to be primary. Other factors include the existence of 5 other houses on Dartmouth with front fences higher than 3ft., the amount of pass through traffic on the street and some transient traffic from Central and Silver. They have letters from 5 neighbors who are fine with the wall as is. The NH Neighborhood Association's stance on walls and fences was explained to the applicants. Usually the requests are denied unless there are extenuating circumstances. Fences and walls tend to diminish our streetscape and historic character. After discussion, no agreement was reached and it was suggested that we request a facilitated meeting in hopes to reach a solution that satisfies all parties. There was a motion to that effect which passed 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

16ZHE – 80092, Project #1010787. Luis Nolasco of IMEC Jewelry at 101 Amherst SE is requesting a Special Exception for a variance of 6in. to the maximum 18in. in letter height allowed for a proposed new sign at their business. The hearing is scheduled for April 19th. Mr. Nolasco stated that they have been open since 1999 and have never had a sign. He sought for and was given a permit for a sign to attach to the front of his building with letters being 22.5in tall. The sign was fabricated and installed, but later the permit was revoked due to the letter size being too big though it had previously been approved. They then took the sign down and applied for a variance. He stated he had talked with his business neighbors and they are fine with the sign hoping it will attract more customers to the street as well as provide some much needed security lighting. It was moved and seconded to support the request given the above

information noting that Mr. Nolasco went through all the appropriate steps to permit the sign with the city. The motion passed unanimously, 5 of 5 directors voting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of past meeting: Anne – Approved.
2. Newsletter Committee: Skye – All the money from ad sales has been received.
- 3, District 6 Coalition Report: Ron via e-mail. No report. Next meeting 6/18/16.
4. Federation of University Neighborhoods: Pat – via e-mail. See Attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Earth Day: Gary - April 24th, 9AM to 6PM. Gary is putting together a volunteer list to man a table at the event. We will be sharing a table with Mainstreet and will sell towels, hats and bags. Skye has set up a payment option with Square. We will keep track of what was sold and money taken it.
2. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Campaign: Shani – Clean up day is April 30th which is the same day as the Pet Parade event. Hence, Mainstreet and some board members will be busy that day. Shani is to put it out of the list serve for those interested in participating.
3. 2016 Bernalillo County Outreach Grant: Shani – There was an informational meeting which Shani attended. The grant proposals should have a cultural focus. There are large and small grants available. There is a fair amount of paper work involved in the process. We are looking for someone to spearhead the effort if they have an idea of how to spend the money. Previously Skye had suggested partnering with Mainstreet to create an event which would promote Retail in Nob Hill. Gary is to check with Mainstreet.
4. Alb. Film and Music Experience 2016 Donation request: The board did provide a donation 2 yrs ago when most events were held in Nob Hill. However, they are no longer local. There was a motion to make a donation which did not pass. 5 Directors voting to oppose the motion. The motion failed.
5. APD Crime Prevention Conference: Shani – There is a \$50 registration fee - less for Neighborhood Assoc. Members. At this time it is unknown if there is interest from anyone to attend. The issue was deferred to Ron when he returns to town as he has gone to the conference in the past. Dave Dixon organizes the monthly crime meetings and it would be possible to pay his way.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ratification of email vote: Motion to purchase bags with the Nob Hill is 100 logo at the cost of \$528 for 200 bags. Bags to be sold at Earth Day and other NH is 100 events for \$4.00 each. If a person buys 30 bags or more, they could be sold for \$2.60 per bag. Motion passed 5 in support.
2. ART Station Design in Nob Hill. Gary – In order to follow up on the Board's past discussions regarding the design of stations in Nob Hill, it was agreed to send an email to the City ART Project managers, Pat Davis (Sean Foran), and Barbara Zook with SHPO. We have received no

response from previous inquiries. The design which is preferred is a smaller version of the station which may be used in Huning/Highland and Old Town. We would like to know the City's intentions and have it in writing. It was moved to write a follow up email to check on the progress of our proposal. Motion passed 5 in support. Gary to write the email.

3. Walkability: Greg – No new information available.

4. ABC-Z Comp Plan: Module II is coming up for review soon. It is said to be published on the website in late April or early May. Greg volunteered to be the lead on the issue for the board. Susan Michie has been active in the past and her continued input is appreciated. All neighborhood and board members are encouraged to attend the City's meetings.

5. NH is 100: Gary – The souvenir brochure is a big hit. We've received many compliments on the publication. The Pet Parade and NH Insiders tour are moving along.

6. The Carlisle Bldg. Fenestration: Gary – The ground floor of the building currently has no windows, which is not in line with the design from their web site nor sector plan compliance. No businesses will be facing the street on Central. Parking will be behind the wall. We will continue to watch its progress. At some point we could ask the City what is going on with it.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40.

Next Meetings: May 9th, June 13th, July 11.

FUN Report: Pat Massy. This is a summary of memo rec'd. via email on 4/7/16. Pat attended the meeting for Greg Weirs. The stated purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ART project. There were representatives from other nearby Neighborhood Associations in the group. Most of those present were in opposition to ART. Mr. Massey presented his position which is in support of the project, noting he was representing himself as a citizen and not the Board. He offered to provide further discussion of his analysis and gave his email address out to those present. The meeting was cordial ending with no concrete action points for further study or discussion. No future meeting was scheduled though most expressed interest in meeting again. Mr. Massey recommended to the board not to send a representative to future meetings especially given Ron Halbgewach's April 6th email noting FUN is not in good standing with the CABQ Neighborhood Coordination Office going several years without meetings.