

NOB HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.  
MINUTES JUNE 13, 2016

Minutes taken by Anne Acuff, Sec.

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

Call to order: 6:35 PM. Quorum established.

Treasurer's Report: Skye \$9986.50. Gary to be paid for costs related to recent tree planting out of Keep Albuquerque Beautiful grant. There was a general discussion on ideas for spending money to benefit the neighborhood.

Guests: Susan Michie

No New Zoning Requests.

The Board discussed Randy and Cynthia's Price's request for a special exception and variance for fence height in the front yard setback at 313 Dartmouth SE. A facilitated meeting was held on May 31<sup>st</sup> with 5 board members in attendance and the Prices. We received a written report from the facilitator, Mr. Gold. There was no clear outcome from the meeting and the applicants declined to discuss a compromise. After discussion, it was moved to oppose the request for variance. An amendment was added to outline the reasons - concern for the neighborhood streetscape, historical factors, consistency of board decisions, and lack of a compelling reason to grant the height extension. The amendment passed with 6 in favor and 1 abstention. The vote to oppose the request with the amendment resulted in 4 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention. Hence, the motion to oppose passed.

There was a secondary discussion on reviewing the board's policy on fences and walls, specifically in light of height extensions. The issue could be brought up for discussion with the community members to see what the present feelings are on front yard fences/walls.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Outreach Events: Gary – An event is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup> on the ABC to Z/ City's Comprehensive New Zoning Plan. Skye is to put the meeting on the web-site and make it a Facebook event for approximately \$20. NH Mainstreet to be invited to the event. Greg is to lead the discussion. Susan Michie has been attending the public meetings and reviewing the plans and offered her comments to the board. Public hearings are to be held soon at the EPC along with City Council presentations. Neighbors have been asked to read the material on the City's web-site in order to discuss how the plan will affect Nob Hill. Some concerns have been raised in the past about losing aspects of our Sector Plan in the new zonings. If anyone on the board or in the association has concerns, they are encouraged to write directly to the City Planning personnel. The City's new plan appears to encourage an increase in housing density along Central. While there are pros and cons to this philosophy, we need to be alert to the diminishing of the neighborhood's historic character, especially in regard to building heights,

set-backs, fences and walls. Susan sees a problem as the neighborhood does not have a historic protection designation as some other neighborhoods do. She recommended asking the City to at least preserve our Sector Plan.

Future Events: 35 cent Chicken Dinner is planned for Sept. A committee is working on it.

OLD Business:

1. Insider's Tour: Gary – The tour was a big success with over 200 people involved garnering much good publicity for Nob Hill. \$2800 was given to UNM's School of Architecture and Planning. The money to pay for the event came largely from grants.

2. Sector Plan: See Outreach Events above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summerfest is set for 7/16.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20PM.

Next Meetings: July 11, August 8, September 13<sup>th</sup>.