

NOB HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC
MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2016

Minutes taken by Anne Acuff, Secretary.

Directors present: Anne Acuff, Ron Halbgewachs, Pat Massey, Greg Weirs, Gary Eyster, Govinda Haines, Shani Madden.

Call to order: 6:32 PM. Quorum established, agenda amended.

Treasurer's Report: Skye – no report.

Guests: Mo Chavez. Mr. Chavez represents the individuals who are planning on opening a restaurant in the former La Provence location. At issue is the sale of hard liquor in proximity to churches and schools. Beer and wine is presently okay. They would like to be able to get a waiver that would allow hard liquor sales like the downtown area has. Mr. Chavez and his group have met with the board before and the board was waiting on the wording of the waiver that would go before the City Council. We have not received the final wording. Issue to be discussed at the Sept. Board meeting.

Presentations:

Jeff Tuttle from Monte Vista Elementary – Jeff thanked the board for its support of the school. There has been some media coverage of school buildings which may need to be closed due to the expense of keeping older buildings operational and the school was on the list. It is considered a national and state historic building and do qualify for some funding in that vein. A Preservation committee has been created to generate ideas for keeping the school open. He has contacted Maintenance and Operations with APS and they appear to be in favor of keeping the building functioning. The concern is that a big expense such as the roof needing replacement might be prohibitive. Jeff feels a plan should be in place anticipating the day a big expense comes up. One suggestion is to have a 'Preservation Fund'. It doesn't seem likely to get any money from bond sales at this time. They will be looking at energy savings and sustainability in any planning.

Gary suggested having a community outreach event for the neighbors so more people will be aware of the issue and become involved. Tentative plans are to have it in October. There was then general discussion of various ideas to generate funds such as getting HB construction in on it, mention it in the newsletter, get influential members of the community involved and create a wish list of needs.

Chris Smith, from NH Mainstreet – Chris met with the board to discuss support for retail businesses in Nob Hill during expected ART construction. The Mainstreet group has been meeting and generating ideas. They have met with some of the contractors of the project and they have been helpful for the most part and willing to help merchants during the construction. The plan is to be in front of a store for 60 days. If there are access issues one can call 398-4ART for info. Marketing is being looked at for before, during and after the construction. They already have some videos on their Facebook page. Chris would like to reach out to the neighbors via Next Door and the Listserve. They also plan to sponsor a booth at the Balloon Fiesta this year about Nob Hill. They have several events planned to highlight ART and Nob Hill. They are considering working with Robert Gibbs again to identify what is important for the area. Making Ntl. Night Out a bigger event was discussed as a possibility.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of past meeting: Approved.

2. Newsletter Committee: Skye not present. Everyone writing an article is to get them in soon. We expect to get the papers on Sept. 9th or 10th. Greg would like to see an article about community involvement and recruiting new board members.
3. District 6 Coalition Report: Ron – *See attached.
4. Public Officials Report: Ron – Ron sent invites for the Ice Cream Social/Ntl. Night Out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upcoming Outreach: Gary – Chicken Dinner is scheduled along with the Annual meeting in Sept. An outreach on Monte Vista Elementary is being organized for October. Movie premiers at local theaters are also being considered.
2. Annual Meeting: Ron – Set for 9/29. 6:00 social time, 6:30 meeting. Food will be served.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ABC-Z /Sector Plan: Ron – The city has new meetings scheduled to inform the public. Ron has sent out the dates. Module 3 is set for 8/29 but has not come out yet on their web-site. The plan also has to go before other city bodies such as the EPC and the Development Review Board. To date the NHNA Board has not received a response from the ART group on station design. At last month's meeting a list of pertinent issues for the board to vote on was to be compiled. It was agreed to get one together for the Sept. meeting. Greg to take input and compile one. Members were asked to have their input in to Greg by the 22nd. The goal is to comment to the City together as a board.

Meeting Adjourned 9:02PM.

Next Meetings: Sept. 12th, Annual Meeting Sept. 29th, October 10th, and November 14th.

*District 6 Coalition rpt.:

The District 6 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations met on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, starting at 7:00 PM, at the Alice B. Hoppes African American Pavillion at EXPO NM. This was also the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the District 6 Coalition. Seventeen residents attended this meeting. The Treasurer, Marian Jordan, reported the Coalition bank balance was \$1065.57. NHNA, SLANA, EHNA, and VHNA have paid their dues. Those amounts will be deposited. Marian requested the other Associations make their payments by the next meeting. There were no speakers from the APD SE Area Command. Officer Zack Kesner was present to answer questions from the attendees. Rob Cronin, Highland, expressed concern about the needle exchange program. Several concerns were raised about speeding in neighborhoods. There was a question regarding an abandoned & disabled car, with front-end bashed-in on Loma Vista. No information was available. A question was asked about the date of the next Citizens Police Academy. Referred to check the CABQ/APD website. Guest Speakers 1. Albuquerque International District Festival Donna Geist described the Festival that will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Key issues to be addressed through this Festival and other outreach events: • Reclaiming the International District for its diversity and not using unsavory names that have been used in the past; • Celebration of that diversity; • Looking to increase the number of booths, food trucks, and the celebration. 2. Loma Linda Community Center Renovations Gina Dennis, Clayton Heights Joint Task Force, • Described the new gymnasium to be constructed: will serve children with disabilities (community wide) and the Therapeutic Recreation Program; • Described the timeline for the renovations of the Center; • Expressed concern about the timeline that will be established through the general bond election coming up in November. With bond funding, design would not begin until 2018 and the funding would be

distributed across 2018-2020; • Would like to start earlier for the design phase; • Working with the NM State Legislature to combine funding with CABQ and BernCo. 3. “Keep ART Smart” Albuquerque Rapid Transit Issues Jean Berstein, a plaintiff and business owner in District 6, in a lawsuit against the City of Albuquerque • Described how neighborhood meetings on ART were only shown concept drawings and no actual plans; • Promises made to neighborhoods and individuals may not be honored; • Noted that over 130 historic landmarks are threatened by the construction of ART, but are being ignored by CABQ; • Lawsuit is being represented by Boyd, Friedman, et al Law Firm • Seeks the support of Neighborhood Associations and concerned citizens. 4. Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) Update Patrick Chavez, Engineer, described flooding issues in the La Mesa area • With the aid of a drainage map of the southeast heights, explained that concerns of flooding exist since storm drains to Embudo Diversion do not drain to the west and the Rio Grande River, where natural drainage flows should be from east to west; • Storm drains fill up and flow to the south flood zone area in La Mesa; • Concern about approximately 200 homes in this area and in a flood plane and should have flood insurance. Annual Election of Officers Nancy Bearce, LMCI, was reelected President and Marian Jordan, EHNA, was reelected Treasurer. Eileen T Jessen, SLANA, was elected Vice-President, and Gina Dennis, CH/LDCNA, was elected Secretary. Neighborhood Round Robin • Nob Hill Neighborhood Celebration of “Nob Hill is 100”: April: Earth Day Celebration, closed Silver Ave. for three blocks with many exhibits and vendors; May: Insiders Tour of historic homes, businesses, churches had over 150 persons on the Tour, Albuquerque Trolley provided transportation throughout the afternoon on a 2 ½ mile route; cleared \$2500 as a donation to the UNM School of Architecture for Historical Studies; May: Pet Parade with many exhibits, vendors, special exhibits by Animal Control & Humane Society; awards for many categories of pets & costumes; not just dogs; June: Gay Pride Parade, closed Central Ave. July: Route 66 Summerfest in Nob Hill; will close Central Ave. from Washington to Girard; four bandstands, beer garden, games & activities for children, street food by restaurants, vintage automobile exhibit, and more; August: Neighborhood Night Out Annual Ice Cream Social in Morningside Park September: 35-cent Chicken Dinner at Monte Vista Christian Church; fund-raiser for hungry & homeless in Albuquerque. • International District Concern about street lighting in the neighborhoods of this area; need action by CABQ and City Council on how to improve these conditions, how to get PNM to work with the CABQ on this issue. Additional Notes & Other Announcements from the Coalition KAFB Fuel Spill: • Need to have citizens serving on environment committees; • Dr. Kate Lynnes, KAFB, described sampling procedures; 3 extra wells have been installed & a fourth is underway; the plume has been defined; • A presentation & discussion will be held on July 14th with Councilor Patrick Davis at the African American Performing Arts Center . The next meetings of the District 6 Coalition will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 and Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Ron Halbgewachs NHNA Representative to District 6