



NHNC Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2013, Willard Elementary School

Convened at 6:37 p.m. by Jeff Zabinski

Delay in start time caused by locked building doors.

Introductions:

Yearly appreciation letters were passed around for signatures.

Community Assembly – Sandy Gill reporting:

Police Chief and Mayor attended the CA meeting on Friday. Police contract and the new ordinance on Ombudsman independent investigations are at issue. Public Safety group in CA have had several meetings during the past week. Comments have been made that the current proposal might be the best possible option obtainable at this time. Chief commented that this is an evolving issue and that it will continue to evolve over time. Public Safety Committee has recommended the City Council pass it on Monday. Some CA members reported they felt “rushed” on reviewing the matter. Guild members at the CA meeting declined to comment when asked if they supported the issue or not.

Targeted investment “pockets” – parts of the city where improvement efforts for infrastructure, etc. should be focused – were discussed. East Univ. District was chosen for 2015.

Meeting will be Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss traffic calming applications - 5:30 – 7 in the Council Briefing Center. Having an NHNC rep present was recommended.

Neighborhood Planning:

Planning efforts discussed at previous NHNC meetings will indeed include outreach, but no specifics were given. The Balboa\ S. Indian Trail and Peaceful Valley neighborhoods have now agreed to participate in the shared process. Northwest, Chief Garry Park, and Northwest have voted no.

Neighborhood Services office produces “code maps” of where they’ve been doing enforcement. Suggestion was made to use them for NOPS 6 month follow-up activities. Chair will forward a copy of the document to the Secretary for posting on the NHNC web page. ONS/CE will be taking on some new efforts previously done by other

depts. – sidewalk disrepair, sidewalk obstruction, some ally and parking issues, graffiti on private property, abandoned cars, etc.

#### Community Housing/Human Services:

Dept. is working on a consolidated plan for the next 18 months. Neighborhoods are being reached out to as part of the effort. Cards were passed around with questions for input. Suggestion was made to get a rep from the dept. to an NHNC meeting.

#### Community Development – Buzz reporting:

Question was previously asked about whether CD funds could be used in the Garland area. From Monroe to Washington would be allowed. Sidewalks in the area were checked. There is a brick inlay/edging that could be costly to preserve. Questions were raised about the overall condition of those sidewalks and whether CD money could be used for specific sidewalk designs. Answers unknown.

#### Land Use – Buzz reporting:

Comment was made that an aerial photo of the area from 1946 is posted at the Wellesley and Division Chevron.

A revision of the Monroe Hill Developer's Agreement presented last month was passed around. Concerns expressed last month were addressed. A presentation to Emerson-Garfield will be next.

#### Clean-Up – Mike Flahaven reporting:

Next year's scheduling meeting has not been scheduled yet. It is usually in Feb. though. Final numbers for fall are not yet available. The clean-up event was summarized for the newer attendees. Mike will try to get information on a possible hazardous waste pick-up option for next year. Some funds are now set aside for code enforcement clean-up actions. Question was asked on what happens to any funds left over at the end of the year if the neighborhoods don't use them. Answer unknown. Dump passes are the only known approved expenses. Suggestions were welcomed for future discussions.

#### Other Business:

New attendees were asked about their concerns. Answers included lighting issues, Garland repaving (another bond might be needed for that), and dog droppings and used hypodermic needles in the parks. Question was asked about how arterial repaving is prioritized. Answer unknown.

#### Elections:

No alternate candidates were nominated. It was moved and seconded that the current officers should retain their positions. Motion passed. Jeff Zabinski – Chair, Mike Flahaven – Vice Chair/Office At Large, Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer. And there was much rejoicing...

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

Minutes submitted by Daniel Fears, NHNC Secretary. Corrections and additions welcome.

NHNC Meeting Attendees – December 12, 2013

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandy Gill

Buzz Bellessa

Ruth Snyder

Kelly Patrick

Teresa VanDyke

Randy Marler

Renae Marler

John Lange