# HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 7, 2005

First English Lutheran Church, 30<sup>th</sup> and Whitis

## Meeting started about 7:20 pm, led by Mikal Grimes, President

#### In attendance:

Michele Carlson, Steering Committee
Elene Drakonakis
Jay Farrell
Al Godfey, Steering Committee
Mikal Grimes, President
Jolene Kiolbassa, Steering Committee
Barbara Hunt
Lauri Limbacher, Steering Committee
Robert Mace, Secretary
Jeff Webster, Steering Committee

# 1. Variance request for 29th Street, east of Pearl Street

Landowner wants to build a cottage apartment and would like a variance to build (lot too small) and wants to build on lot line (same as current garage). Laurie will contact landowner for more information. Discussion of not taking a position being an option in addition to supporting or being against.

#### 2. Elections

President: vacant

Secretary: Michelle Carlson Treasurer: Doris Lowe

## Steering Committee:

Michelle Carlson

Al Godfrey

Mikal Grimes

Jolene Kiolbassa

Lauri Limbacher

Doris Lowe

Robert Mace

Wade Odell

Jill Parish

Jeff Webster

Thanks to Mikal for his service as president and Shellie Shores for her service on the steering committee. A warm welcome to Jill for joining the steering committee.

## 3. 37<sup>th</sup> and West Avenue

Mikal gave background on the proposed project (see previous meeting reports) and an update. After several meetings with Kevin Hunter, who represents the developer, the neighborhood was not able to come to an agreement on supporting the variance requests. The developer has since withdrawn its variance request from the city. Future plans are unclear.

## 4. Traffic subcommittee report

Jeff and Robert presented the final report. There was discussion on the next steps. The group felt that it would be best to start with city council members before starting with staff. Jolene will help the subcommittee organize meetings. General discussion on supporting candidates to city council for the neighborhood to have more influence with the city. The neighborhood association is not allowed to endorse political candidates, but residents are free to support whomever they choose. Lauri also suggested meeting with Mark Walters, the city representative for our neighborhood plan.

## 5. Buckingham Square

Nope: nothing's been done yet. The apartment burned down on March 31, 2004, so it has almost been a year. The owners need to start work by late May or start facing fines from the city. However, city staff need to be prodded about the property or it will fall through the cracks. There could be stricter fines and forced partial demolition of the southern part of the complex by the city. A developer has talked to a couple steering committee members about building 10 single family homes on the property. However, he would have to convince the current owner to sell, which will probably be a long shot.

May need a resolution from the steering committee in the near future voicing concerns over the lack of progress at the site.

## 6. Neighborhood Plan Issues

Laurie discussed an unresolved neighborhood plan issue that is outside our neighborhood. Our neighborhood plan issue may be resolved.

Meeting adjourned about 9:00 pm.

As noted by Robert E. Mace, Secretary, 03/07/05