HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 14, 2003

Update on Washington Square Project

Ms. Cile Montgomery, part of the family that owns the property, briefly discussed the status of the project. The project is currently on hold pending the result of the next Landmark Commission meeting on July 28th. They are unsure if the cottages will be demolished or removed. The project is now seven apartments. Because it is less expensive to move than demolish, they are offering the cottages and moving service for free. Other than that, Ms. Montgomery would not answer any questions on the project unrelated to the historical issue.

Guadalupe Street Road Work

Work is delayed due to conflicts with utilities. The Guadalupe beautification project is "...permanently on hold..." Paving for Guadalupe next to the nieghborhood will be done on July 19th and, if needed, July 26th.

West 35th Street Projects

Two issues on 35th street have recently been causing neighbors concern. One is the construction of a large duplex at 616 West 35th project. Because the project is apparently consistent with zoning requirements and the owners did not require any variances, the neighborhood can't affect or prevent the project. The other issue is at 619 West 35th Street. A variance has been requested by the owner to allow a second dwelling unit by a previous owner to be occupied. A variance is requested because the lot is not big enough to have allowed a second dwelling unit on the property with current code and because the structure is well within the set back limits required by the city. The steering committee submitted a letter to the city against granting the variance.

Neighborhood Planning Zoning

Mark Walters with the city planning department gave a presentation on the proposed zoning for the neighborhood. The plan will likely go the council in late October and represents the most complicated zoning case for the city in history with more than 4,000 rezonings. Most of the rezoning is to reflect current use of the property. For example, many of the properties in the neighborhood are zoned for multi family, which means that single family homes could be torn down and replaced with apartment buildings. The neighborhood plan will address this issue.

Call for officers and steering committee members

Care for a turn in the exciting world of neighborhood government? Please contact the steering committee if you are interested.

Meeting dates

General membership meetings:

Nov 3, 2003

Mar 1, 2004

July 12, 2004

Nov 1, 2004

Steering committee meetings

Sep 8, 2003

Jan 5, 2004

May 3, 2004

Sep 13, 2004

Jan 10, 2005

Fall potluck

Building on the great success of the last potluck, Lindsay is planning another one for the fall. Stay tuned...

Finances

We have \$537.04 in our account. Pay your dues!

As noted by Robert E. Mace, Secretary, 7/14/03