

**HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

November 1, 2004

First English Lutheran Church, 30th and Whitis

Meeting started about 7:10 pm, led by Mikal Grimes, President

Dues

Treasurer Doris Lowe reported that the association had \$733.88 in its account. She reminded members to check to see that they are up on their dues, which are \$10 per person or \$15 per household. Paid up dues are required to be able to vote in the neighborhood election, which will be held on March 7, 2005. A PDF of who has paid dues is located here: <http://www.main.org/heritage/who.htm>

Meeting Dates

Mikal Grimes rolled out proposed future meeting dates:

January 10, 2005: Steering Committee

March 7, 2005: General Membership

May 2, 2005: Steering Committee

July 11, 2005: General Membership

September 12, 2005: Steering Committee

November 7, 2005: General Membership

Meeting dates are subject to change pending availability of the meeting room at First Lutheran.

Lamy Project

The Lamys own the property that includes Ray's Steakhouse on Guadalupe up to the ballet studio to the south and up to 31st street to the north (including the former Espresso Lube). They would like to create a mixed-use development with retail and restaurants on the ground floor and residential on two upper floors (40 apartments). The development would hug Guadalupe and have a two-level parking garage on the back. The steering committee and nearby neighbors have been working with the Lamys on various concerns with the project. In exchange for being closer to Guadalupe, the Lamys have agreed to changes in the front of the building, landscaping on the west side of the building, higher barriers on the parking levels, light shielding, and to set aside \$30,000 for traffic calming. The association gets to decide what to do with the traffic calming money.

There was considerable discussion on possible traffic calming devices along 31st Street. The traffic subcommittee (Robert Mace, Wade Odell, and Jeff Webster) will meet to make recommendations on the traffic calming.

Pearl Street

A landowner on Pearl Street needs a variance to build a large duplex on his property because his property is not wide enough according to code to do what he wants to do. The steering committee and a concerned landowner had been talking with the landowner about possible changes to the plans. Based on a plat map, steering committee members were led to believe that the variance was needed for only 6 inches, something the city would likely grant. However, a different map at the meeting showed the variance was needed for 5 feet. Ray Strucker, former president and concerned neighbor, volunteered to organize neighbors in the area against the variance request.

Buckingham Square

Buckingham Square is the large apartment complex at West and 32nd Street that dramatically burned several months ago but has sat in disrepair since. Neighbors have been concerned over homeless people that have moved in, teenagers that have used it for parties, and the blue filaments of decaying tarps that have been 'decorating' landscapes downwind of the complex. Steering committee member and nearby neighbor Jeff Webster reported that the complex was under House Code Enforcement Action and would be before the city's Building and Standards on November 10th for consideration.

Neighborhood Plan

Completely finished!!!! Good for preserving neighborhood.

30th Street Construction

The city has our street tore up, but reports it should be finished by February.

Association now registered

The neighborhood association is now registered with the State of Texas as a self-organized group. We now need to look into becoming a legal non-profit entity.

38.5 and Gualalupe

Word on the street is that the new development will include a Starbucks, a Texadelphia, and a cleaners.

Crime

Several neighbors have reported an unwanted guest showing up in their houses. Keep your doors locked and call 311 or 911 if needed.

Meeting adjourned about 9 pm.

As noted by Robert E. Mace, Secretary, 12/01/04

Attendees that signed the sign-in sheet or were noted on the sign-in sheet:

Anne Boyer
Bill Canady
Jerry Canady
Michelle Carlson, steering committee
Lizzie Cain Clark
Rebecca Dreke
Jay Farrell
Al Godfrey, steering committee
Mikal Grimes, president
Barbara Hunt
Frank Hunt
Kevin Hunter
Harvey Jones
Jolene Kiolbassa, steering committee
John Lash
Laurie Limbacher, steering committee
Doris Lowe, treasurer
Robert Mace, secretary
Phyllis Merchant
Ed Morgan
Martha Morgan
Wade Odell, steering committee
Ray Strucker
Tracie Strucker
Susan Van Haitsma
Raye Ward
Jeff Webster, steering committee
Wendy Weiss