HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING November 3, 2003

Meeting started about 7:15, led by Mikal Grimes

Report from City of Austin on work on 31st Street

Ms. Paulinda Mackie and Ms. Julie Strong from the City of Austin discussed upcoming work on 31st Street that will stretch from Speedway to Lamar. The work will be to install a new water line (from 6 inches to 8 inches) and to reconstruct the roadway (take it all the way down and rebuild). They will also be adding and repairing sidewalks and making curb cuts for ADA compatibility. Work is projected to start in January and will take 13 months. There will be daily lane closures for the water line and full street closures for the street reconstruction. Al though the project will take 13 months, the part in our neighborhood will probably take 3 to 4 months. Water shutdowns should not be for more that a couple of hours. The new water line will not result in more water pressure in the neighborhood.

Report from APD neighborhood rep

Officer Michael Crumrine from the Austin Police Department introduced himself as the neighborhood rep for our neighborhood. He discussed the homeless issue (said that Toy Joy had complained) and told us how he worked to get the convenience store to voluntarily stop selling single beers (although store is now going to be under new ownership). He said that we should report all crime (dial 911 if in progress, 311 if perps are long gone). Discussed stretching open container law up to 38th Street. Said that city council would have to approve.

Update on Bellmont Cottages

Robert Mace discussed the City Council vote against the neighborhood. Mr. Larry Paul Manley said that they want the development to fit in with the neighborhood and are investigating if a Craftsman style would be better. They are willing to listen to the neighborhood as to what would look better in the neighborhood. Will try to 'articulate' the façade (instead of a flat face, a face that goes in and out). Would consider front porches, but would require going to the board of adjustments (would likely need neighborhood support). Mr. Manley also proposed that they become members of the neighborhood association. Jolene Kiolbassa noted that the issue had brought the neighborhood more together.

Elections

The following people were unanimously elected:

Mikal Grimes – President Robert Mace – Secretary Doris Lowe – Treasurer
Steering committee:
Michelle Carlson
Al Godfrey
Jolene Kiolbassa
Laurie Limbacher
Wade Odell
Jeff Webster
Shellie Shores (but only until after approval of the neighborhood plan)

Lindsey Crowe volunteered to be the Party Commissioner

Neighborhood Planning

Laurie Limbacher gave the neighborhood an update on the neighborhood plan. The plan is currently expected to be completed in early January, go before the Planning Commission in February, and before the City Council in March. Laurie discussed what the plan does and noted that a few landowners do not want their zoning rolled back. The neighborhood will need to participate in a public meeting in support of the plan and participate in a city survey.

Meeting adjourned about 10:30 pm.

As noted by Robert E. Mace, Secretary, 11/03/03