

Notes from OHHA Board Meeting, Wed., August 21, 2002

Present: Bruce Barrett, Valerie Caveglia, Nancy Harrison, Joy Rowan, Doug Sprague

Absent: Amy Burce, Holly Guier

Minutes of OHHA Board Meeting of July 10, 2002: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: After the meeting, Valerie reported that the new checking account balance was \$3046.70. The previous report was \$3166.35. \$419.65 was spent by Joy (\$100 for gift certificate, about \$200 for two newsletters, and about \$100 for postage). She was reimbursed on 5/8/02. \$300 in dues was received and deposited. The \$27.38 in petty cash was finally located. \$7.58 was spent on copying OHHA histories; \$1.74 was spent on postage. \$18.06 remains. Everything balances.

Presentation: There was supposed to be a presentation by Randy Bulloch, representing Margaret and Jeremy Rosenberg. However, they did not appear.

OLD BUSINESS

Calpine: Doug reported that the State Energy Commission has approved the plan, which removes the last obstacle from the project. It is still possible that Calpine will back out, however. At the last meeting it was M/S/P unanimously for **Holly** and **Doug** to draft a letter to Calpine saying the OHHA objects to the project because of pollution and visual blight. This has not yet been done. .

Neighborhood Watch: Doug reported that at least 15 people attended the 25 July Neighborhood Watch meeting at Holly's home. Bill Quirk, who has completed training, is to be a block captain. Doug is to be his assistant. Holly hosted a block party which was attended by about 30 people, several of whom agreed to attend Neighborhood Watch training. **Valerie** is to give Doug her format for addresses and other information. **Valerie** is to give Bruce her list of e-mail addresses. It was M/S/P for OHHA to fund the cost of making copies of Neighborhood Watch stuff for distribution.

Corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd: Without permits, Bijan Mashaw had a trench dug at the spring on this property, a load of stone dumped, and the trench refilled, effectively obliterating the spring. The contractor seems to be the same one who did destructive work higher up on Tribune resulting in the deterioration of the street. Joy contacted the city, which responded, but found no one. Later Bruce and Joy confronted Mr. Mashaw, who explained that: (1) Obliterating the spring was a test, conducted in cooperation with Dyana Anderly to see if there really is a viable spring. (2) It was an emergency because the work had to be completed before winter and the contractor had only one free day. Bruce sent photos to the City, who said they would check with the state water board. **Joy** will try to enlist the aid of Jeannette Peck, a city engineer, and will also inform Dyana Anderly of the use of her name, and, if the usage was inappropriate, ask her to send a letter to the owner requesting that he not repeat the error.

CSUH Student/Faculty Housing: No action was taken. The following tasks remain undone: **Doug** is to ask Dick Metz for a printout of the slides from the presentation. **Bruce** is to write a letter asking that OHHA be kept informed of further developments, and requesting a projected timeline for the project. **Joy** is to contact Laura Swan and ask her to stay on top of the project.

City Grant Monies: No action was taken. The following task remains undone: *Doug* will prepare a proposal about Old Highlands signs for the next meeting

Hayward's General Plan: No action. At the last meeting it was agreed that *Bruce* will call the city to learn the status of the General Plan. If it's not too late, he will compose a letter to the City saying that OHHA believes that any development of such properties be consistent with other properties on that street. Zoning of any properties that will access residential streets should reflect that.

City Directory: *Holly* is working on getting a new copy.

Newsletter: Only *Doug* wrote anything. All articles are to be sent to *Joy* in Rich Text Format. *Holly* is to write something about crime. *Valerie* is to write something about Artober. *Nancy* is to write a summary article. *Joy* will mention paid advertising and free advertising of services offered by youths (such as baby- or pet-sitting). *Bruce* was supposed to e-mail about advertisements, but has not yet done so. No deadline was set.

OHHA Board Minutes/Archives: *Valerie* has copies of all the minutes for the years on which she has served on the Board, which is all except for two years. *Bruce* and *Joy* said that they would locate minutes for those years, and give them to *Valerie*. *Nancy* is still willing to organize the archives if they need it.

Signs in the Park: No action. *Joy* has not yet contacted anyone about their shabby state

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Safety: Recently there was an accident/near miss on Parkside. After internet consultation with the Board, *Bruce* wrote two letters. One asked the police department to write letters to OHHA residents asking them to obey the one-way laws. The other asked the city Transportation Development Manager to re-paint the on-street arrows and place some One-Way-Do-Not-Enter signs. *Doug* will call our beat cop and request enforcement at the Parkside/Tribune intersection one morning between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m.

Picnic: The picnic will be on Sunday, September 29. *Doug* is to ask *Dudley* to bring horseshoes. There was talk of croquet.

Future Meetings: The next Board meeting will be on September 4, 2002, at 7:30, at *Bruce* and *Joy*'s home, Hillcrest.

The General Meeting will be on October 23, 2002. *Valerie* is to inquire about using the Campus Ministry Center. *Doug* is to inquire about using *Flavia*'s.

Crime and Unpleasantness: There appears to be a minor crime wave (burglaries, thefts from cars and mailboxes. Also, some residents of the halfway house have been behaving inappropriately (whistling at neighbors, begging, lying down in the street). *Doug* and his neighbor *Dave* will talk to the manager of the facility.

Web Page: There was some discussion about modifying the OHHA web page to create the ability to allow neighborhood input and interaction. Nothing was decided.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Harrison, Secretary