

Notes from OHHA Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 13, 2002

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

Absent: Amy Burce

Minutes of OHHA Board Meeting of January 9, 2002: Accepted as written. However, there should have been one correction. The item labeled “Development at the north corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd.” should have been labeled “Development on the east side of Tribune at the corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd.”

Treasurer’s Report: Valerie reported that the signature cards and addresses associated with the checking account have been updated. She deposited \$120, which should have brought the balance up to \$2858.35. The \$35 discrepancy from the last report by Mike Frandy will apparently go ever unresolved. The \$27.38 in petty cash may yet be located.

Presentation: Hernando and Joaquin Herrera (owners) and Steve Montel (architect) presented revised plans for a home to be built at 2934 Tribune Ave. The new plans are somewhat more modest than a plan presented last year, and now conform to hillside design guidelines. The Board raised only one concern: minimizing runoff. The Board wants the two tandem parking places to be paved with water-permeable blocks rather than solid concrete, and a responsible plan for water runoff to be developed. M/S/P that Bruce send a letter to the city with a copy to Steve Montel expressing the Board’s conditional support of the plan.

[Secretary’s note: In retrospect, the Board should have asked about the experience of the contractor to be selected and demanded good behavior from construction workers.]

OLD BUSINESS

CSUH Switching Hotel Project: There was no report. Once again, Holly will call Rob Simpson before the next meeting. Bruce will notify Rob and other subcommittee members of future meetings. Bruce will also e-mail Vice President Metz to ask that the Board Members and Rob Simpson be put on the Scoping List for the EIR. We still did not learn whether or not Joy had called the lawyer.

Development on the east side of Tribune at the corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd.: Nancy will draft a letter, to be improved via e-mail, for Bruce to send to Diane Anderly, with copies to Sylvia ?? and Jesus Armas. The gist of the letter is: OHHA is prepared to support development of five appropriately designed single family homes on that property, and is not prepared at this time to support anything beyond that.

[Hayward’s General Plan: This item was not on the agenda. However, at the January 9 meeting, there was general agreement among the Board members present that medium density zoning is too high for properties that access the residential streets within the Old Highlands. Bruce agreed to 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. This still seems like a good idea.]

Calpine: Holly met with Jack Caswell from the California Energy Commission, and obtained a first draft of the “Staff Assessment” of the project. The first opportunity for

public comment on the project has passed. A second draft "Staff Assessment" will appear, perhaps in May, and then another opportunity for public comment. The new version will be very different from the first draft, so there was little reason to review the first draft in detail. The momentum of the project has slowed considerably. Bechtel has pulled out, leaving only Calpine. Holly will maintain contact.

Letter to Sherman Lewis: Joy's letter, approved at the last meeting, has still not been presented. The certificate has still not been purchased. Joy promised to do it soon.

Walkabout: No action. Originally, Joy was to contact Carol Kaufman about organizing a Walkabout to solicit OHHA membership and raise consciousness about issues of concern to OHHA. We want e-mail addresses. Agreed: Put the Walkabout on the May agenda.

Maps and One-Way Streets: Valerie reported contacting the people from whom Yahoo contracts their maps, which may be MapQuest. It is not clear whether her attempts have resulted in any action. Bruce was to contact AAA; Lou Maiwald was to contact DoorToDoor; someone, perhaps Carl Bevans, was to contact MapIt; it was never clear who was to contact Thomas Brothers. At the present time, it is not clear whether or not any of these contacts have been made, or whether they have been successful.

NEW BUSINESS

City Directory: Holly will get a new copy.

Tree Ordinance: Joy announced a hearing on updating Hayward's Tree Ordinance on March 28, 7:30 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall. The proposed changes include fines for infractions. Lorna Carranza is the City's new Landscape Architect.

There was discussion of the desirability of developing a tree plan for the Old Highlands. What are good trees to plant? What is likely to happen over time? What do we want to have happen? Agreed: Continue this discussion at future meetings.

Next Newsletter: The deadline for getting articles to Joy is April 4. Valerie: rules about construction, Open Studio. Holly: Earth Day at Lake Elizabeth. Doug: walking the neighborhood. ???: Neighborhood Clean-Up. Valerie is to buy 300 stamps before April 18. Folding session on Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., at Bruce and Joy's.

Neighborhood Clean-Up: Valerie will call the city to try to arrange for pick up of orange trash bags soon after April 27. If the City agrees, arrangements will magically get made to have people organize the pick-up. If the City does not agree, perhaps the trash will magically disappear, or we'll learn to love it.

Future Meetings: The next Board meeting will be on May 8, 2002, at 7:30, at Valerie's home, 2647 Hillcrest. The meeting after that will be on July 10, 2002, at 7:30, at Holly's home, something-or-another Parkside.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Harrison, Secretary