

Notes from OHHA Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Present: Bruce Barrett, Amy Burce Valerie Caveglia, Holly Guier, Nancy Harrison, Joy Rowan, Doug Sprague; visitors: Becky and Robert Ridgeway

Absent: No one

Minutes of OHHA Board Meeting of March 13, 2002: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Before the Secretary arrived Valerie reported that the balance in the checking account was at one time \$3166.35, and about \$419 had been spent (\$100 for gift certificate, about \$200 for two newsletters, about \$100 for postage) signature cards and addresses associated with the checking account have been updated. Apparently at least \$308 was deposited since March 13. The \$27.38 in petty cash may yet be located. She requested and received permission to spend some of the petty cash to create some hard copies of the OHHA history. Bruce asked her to put www.oldhighlands.org in a footer.

Presentation: Bijan Mashaw reported that he does not intend to go ahead with his plans for University Village, the 13-unit development he proposed for the corner of Tribune and Hayward Blvd. He requested suggestions from the Board about what kind of development would do good for the community and provide affordable housing. Joy suggested a plan involving an entry from an extended version of Civic Ave, across several lots. It would take a lot of coordination, but would provide access for all the lots concerned without impacting Tribune Ave. Condos, co-housing, grouped units, and a smaller number of traditional single family homes were all discussed, in each case leaving space around the spring and on the steep part of the lot. Density, parking, traffic, and conforming to hillside design and planned development guidelines are major issues. The Board invited Bijan to return with a rough plan for further comment.

Bruce is to send a letter to Eric Pearson, cc'ing Bijan, describing the events of the evening, to wit: This was a brainstorming session. We gave many ideas. No agreements were made. We invited Bijan to return with modified plans.

OLD BUSINESS

[Hayward's General Plan: This item was not on the agenda, nor was it discussed. 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.]

[Maps and One-Way Streets: This item was also not on the agenda, nor discussed. There were some loose ends. Are we done with it?]

[City Directory: Ditto. The last minutes said that Holly would get a new copy. Did she? Did we do anything intelligent with it?]

[Newsletter: It happened. This is worth mentioning. Everyone did what they said they would do.]

CSUH Switching Hotel Project: The university apparently does not intend to pursue this plan, but see New Business.

Calpine: Holly reported that the second draft “Staff Assessment” has still not appeared, but the project is slogging along. She will maintain contact.

2934 Tribune Ave.: Bruce sent a letter to the city with a copy to Steve Montel expressing the Board’s conditional support of the plan.

Letter to Sherman Lewis: Joy prepared the letter ages ago. Now she purchased the certificate. Now what? There was no discussion beyond general happiness that the certificate exists.

City Grant Monies: Tabled again.

Walkabout: This became conjoined with Neighborhood Watch. See New Business.

Neighborhood Clean-Up: This happened, as scheduled, on April 27. Good on everyone (especially Valerie). Amy volunteered to organize neighborhood kids for another pick up at the end of summer.

Tree Ordinance: Joy reported that Hayward now has a new, stricter tree ordinance, but still does not have a tree plan.

NEW BUSINESS

CSUH Student/Faculty Housing: CSUH is planning development which may impact Grandview residents heavily. Meeting on May 21 for residents at the home of George Katsoulis, 27212 Grandview 7:00 – 9:00. Not much is known yet about the university’s plans. The university is hosting an informational meeting on May 28 in UU 311 7:00. The requested as RSVP to Kathy Burd at 885-3803. They asked OHHA for addresses, but OHHA did not provide them since we have promised not to provide addresses to anyone. Bruce agreed to send an e-mail alert to the OHHA e-mail list, and attend the May 21 meeting.

Neighborhood Watch: with a Neighborhood Watch push from Bill Quirk

Future Meetings: The next Board meeting will be on July 10, 2002, at 7:30, at Holly’s home, 26148 Parkside (just past Rianbow Ct.). The meeting after that will be on August 21, 2002, at 7:30, probably at Doug’s home, ???? Parkside.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Harrison, Secretary