

Story Preservation Association

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2013
Kenilworth School

Diego Delgadillo	Bob Croft	Cheryl McGregor	Joe Zbick
Gary Hochstetler	Diane Hochstetler	Steve Methvin	Kim Jennings

Members Absent (**indicated Excused*)

Earlene McDonald

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

- May meeting minutes were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made and seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Treasurers Report

- Report for May was presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote.

Welcome Committee

- 6 new neighbors received packets this past month. Diane needs more no trespassing signs.

Visual Award

- Several homes were suggested and voted on. 1502 W Culver was chosen out of this batch.

Block Watch

- No new business or issues.
- Directory – Diane will get current names for new neighbors to be added to the Directory. Cheryl will write a blurb for the newsletter and have the form sent as well.

General Business

Photo Project

- Cheryl will write an article for the newsletter explaining what we are doing and why.
- Gary has photos from when we received our historic designation. Cheryl will upload them to the Yahoo page and let Pat know so she can add a page to our website for the project.

Hance Dog Park:

- Bob will get with Martin for more info regarding web page urls or Facebook page.

Monuments

- Steven reviewed the history of the entryway monument project starting with the Call for Ideas in the summer of 2011. He noted that the design of the monuments was taken from elements of historic homes and buildings in the area, including the smooth finish and style of the recessed lettering. Steven shared the challenges with the roadway design for the four streets that intersect 7th Avenue. Two streets - Willetta and Portland - have symmetrical layouts and room for the larger monuments on both sides of the street. Lynwood and Culver have only one side of the street that can be used. These streets will receive the single pillar style of monuments. He noted that the project was approved for permits by ADOT and the City of Phoenix, who will cover the monuments under the city's insurance policy. Finally, Steven commented that the process for approving the monuments has been transparent, including the Call for Ideas and updates in the neighborhood newsletter, discussions and votes at the monthly meetings, and monthly updates on the meeting agendas. The Steering Committee voted unanimously to approve the budget for constructing entryway monuments on 7th Avenue at Lynwood, Willetta, Culver and Portland.

Voter Forum

- Bob noted that Story is one of the sponsors of the District 4 Candidate Forum on August 1 at St. Joseph's Hospital. It will be at 6pm in the Goldman Auditorium.

Neighborhood Safety Plan

- It has been noted by neighbors and members of the Steering committee that in light of the various explosions and train derailments, it would be wise for the neighborhood to have copies of the city's emergency plan. It had been mentioned that Phoenix might not have a plan. Steven noted that having worked with Mesa and Glendale that the cities do have extensive plans and perhaps the wrong department was being queried.

Windows

- The topic of windows was discussed. Many neighbors are looking to fix, rehab, or replace windows. This led to the topic of some homes changing out windows for new windows that change the look, feel, value, tax and historic status of the home. Do these homeowners understand the process, the affect and also the meaning of historic when making changes?

Iglesia La Luz del Mundo

- A neighbor attending the meeting brought up a parking issue regarding the church. The question was raised regarding sufficient parking for the church as the parishioners are taking over Latham and Portland on Sundays. Bob noted that according to the original plans, there was to be parking on the Grand Avenue side but perhaps they hadn't gotten that far in the process. Some research will need to be done.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.