

Pierson Place Historic District

Neighbors Creating A Better Neighborhood

4-25-15

Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2015 6:30 pm
Charley's House
218 W. Lamar Rd.

Board Members:

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Website - Ray Muench
Robert Donat
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* in attendance, meeting started at 6:32 pm

Discussion Topics:

1. Crime update. Burglary at 126 W Elm a week ago, mid-day, back window entry, new owner, reported to police, advised to lock gate and close blinds. More/new vandalism at vacant 302 W Hazelwood, shade sails/poles missing, Pam & Henry reporting to police several times a month, Romy to contact listing agent for details. (What appears to be) a homeless man pushing shopping cart westbound on Coolidge from 7th Ave several days per week, happening for more than a month, terminates at the apartments at nwc of 3rd Ave & Coolidge, Robert has pictures, encouraged to report to police.

2. Treasurer's Report. Starting balance on 2-18-15 - \$2,426.76, + ad revenue 280.00, + street fair revenue 1,048.05, - street fair booth expenses 225.63, - raffle prize paid 500, new balance on 4-7-15 is \$3,029.18.

3. 2014 BW Grant update. All projects, except one newsletter, are done. Will request a reallocation to sweep all remaining balances (about \$50) to our APS alley lighting.

4. 2015 BW Grant. Received formal approval for 10,000, grant starts in July, crime prevention items are door viewers 280, driveway alarms 700, solar lights 1,168, t-shirts 497, alley lighting 2,500, newsletter 4,350, repair message boards 300, laminate newsletters 105, office 100.

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Note: Agenda items may change or not be taken in this order. Comments may be limited due to time constraints, to ensure all viewpoints are heard.

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Discussion Topics: (cont.)

5. Website update. Newsletter advertisers added. Robert presented the specifics of the home page, discussed moving/changing minor things, approved giving free website ads to paid newsletter advertisers, approved giving free ads to local businesses that offer free goods/services, approved adding "sex offenders" in list of city services section with blind link to sex offender site.

6. Canalscape, improvements at 3rd Ave bridge. City is still in contract phase for hiring architect, anticipated they will contact us for input this fall.

7. Central & Highland apartments construction update. Sales office opened up in Hula's center, pre-leasing starting, first occupancy anticipated in September.

8. Proposed apartments at Central & Pierson. Discussed expected traffic issues, strategies for making concerns known, developer notifying all PPHD residents (not just 600' radius), garnering support from the city for our concerns, and getting adequate solutions from the developer early in the entitlement process, Ray to make list of concerns, board members to ask key questions during developer presentation at general meeting.

9. Alley Light Coolidge/Hazelwood. Discussed and determined this burned-out light is likely one of our APS d-t-d program lights, Robert to send pole # to Charley for follow up.

10. New Street Name Signs Discussed, these have been seen in several areas of the city, a few in PPHD have been replaced, they are a new, wider style with bigger font, and the blue Historic District signs are now mounted flag style below the street name signs.

11. Modernization of 3rd Ave, City program Reviewed and discussed the City's "Street & Sidewalk Modernization Program" provided by Robert, discussed adding sidewalks and bike lanes on 3rd Ave, has secondary benefit of narrowing the street - which slows traffic speed, approved pursuing these items.

12. Historic Preservation, application to the Federal Register. Our application was delayed, HP Dept. did not work on us thru last January, revised completion date estimate is July, then it goes to SHPO for 90 days (State level), then Federal HP office for 90-120 more days, final approval expected early next year.

13. General Meeting, April 29th, Joe's Diner, speakers Stanton, Bull, Clark. Lots of speakers, most are short and fast, the new apartment project is the main subject, Medlock, St Francis and Windsor are invited, Mayor expected late.

Additional items discussed:

1. Change advertising rates on newsletter, approved changing the ad rates to:

<u>size</u>	<u>one ad</u>	<u>four ads</u>
business card	50	175
1/4 page	80	280
1/2 page	150	525

2. Draft stationary reviewed, incomplete contact section, tabled to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.