

Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association Board of Directors Meeting

**December 14, 2015
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

The BOD Meeting of the Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association was held on December 14, 2015 at 100 St Paul Street (Susan Sweeney's office) commencing at 5:30 pm. Jay McCormick called the meeting to order.

Directors Present: Larry Cohen, Andrea Dikeou, Larry Donovan, Matt Dupree, Linda Heider, Mike Hughes (by phone), Ken Malo, Jay McCormick, Colleen McKinley, Joanna Moldow, Jeff Poland, Joe Reece, Wende Reoch, Marilyn Shaw, Susan Sweeney

Welcome and call to order: Jay McCormick
Jay thanked Susan Sweeney for the use of the conference room in her office.

Crime

Property crime appears to be increasing in Hilltop and on Nextdoor, an on-line social network for the neighborhood, posts indicate a concern for action on the part of the police and the Association. A group of neighbors have hired a private patrol service. Marilyn Shaw reported that the DPD is aware of the issue and is working to arrest an organized ring of burglars called the African Crew. They are recent immigrants and apparently transport stolen goods overseas to avoid fencing the items. This is one reason they are difficult to catch and prosecute. MS reported DPD has caught a member or two but they bail out and are back on the street. She also reported that data and experience indicates private patrols are not effective. The Assn, unlike an entity like an HOA, cannot assess dues to hire/manage/administer a private agency to patrol the neighborhood. Jeff Poland suggested the Assn post a crime prevention video the new CRO Mike Borquez recommended. WR will post the video and MS's crime prevention update on the Assn website. MS will post her piece on Nextdoor. All agreed the Assn should arrange an informational community meeting to bring the neighbors together with city representatives and DPD. JM to arrange as quickly as possible after the holidays.

Traffic

Jeff Poland shared the phone number of the Neighborhood Enforcement Team - 720-337-1030. Use this to arrange speed trailers for street calming when experiencing excessive speeds.

Zoning Committee: Susan Sweeney

30-50 Colorado Blvd Redevelopment:

Two community/large meetings and several smaller neighbor meetings have been held by the developer. Nearby neighbors seem uniformly unhappy with the proposed development as evidenced by over a 100 letters received by Councilwoman Susman's office, none in support. One property owner elected to sell adjacent property to the developer. In response to input

from these meetings, the developer changed the zoning request to a different classification, GMU3, which will limit the height to three stories. Current plans call for 100-105 units, underground parking and more parking spaces than required by the city, and the developer has agreed to deed restrictions. City Planning Board provided a mediator, Steve Charbonneau, to work with the neighbors and the developer. Consensus of BOD was a lack of specific and technical information about the plan, not yet formally submitted, makes it difficult to respond accurately/thoughtfully. It was agreed there is a concern it sets a precedent for similar development continuing up Colorado Blvd to 1st Avenue.

520 Colorado:

Notice of non-permitted violation resolved positively. Approval by city following letters of support from neighbors and the Assn's OK.

211 South Holly:

The GNA executed with Park Burger restricted the restaurant to serving beer and wine for a two year period which ends shortly. They plan to apply for a Hotel & Restaurant license to allow full service including spirits, have notified nearby neighbors as required and set a community meeting on 12/21 which all agreed was not conducive to a good attendance given the holiday season. AD offered to attend as the BOD representative and will also contact Peter Newlin to suggest a better date. There was a brief discussion of the traffic impacts and a suggestion the Assn explore the idea of Self Activated Crosswalk signal at Holly and Cedar intersection.

9th and Colorado:

AD reported a traffic subcommittee of CBHD had been formed and Hilltop has two representatives on the committee: Rae Reynolds and Wende Reoch. A community meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night and Continuum will provide an update on the redevelopment.

Trader Joe's:

No meeting scheduled yet to address issues noted in previous meeting. Jay and WR to work on arranging a meeting with TJ management to discuss asap/after holidays.

Other Business / Questions:

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.