

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE
MINUTES 11 FEBRUARY 2009

1. Call to order, introductions. (6:40)

—SC Present: Jeremy Mazur, Girard Kinney, Eve Richter, Rebecca Kahout, Robin Peeples, David Greene, Martin Barrera (7:30)

—Non SC: Chapman Shoop, Don Pettigrew & Kathleen Houlihan [both interested in becoming SC members]

2. Planning for February General Meeting:

—new neighborhood police officer introduced: Officer Torres

—Cap Metro for Metrorail

—allow City Council candidate to speak for no more than 5 minutes

3. Planning and Zoning:

—Tomorrow (Feb 12, 4pm) the City Council is having a public hearing about the Value Sky Park TOD. Anyone interested should attend. This will be the final word on zoning. City Council has already refused to have special case TODs, and instead wrote a new policy including affordable housing requirements and neighborhood support.

—3207 Merrie Lynn duplex in violation of McMansion ordinance. We couldn't act officially on behalf of the neighborhood, but we facilitated the direct neighbors in supporting the City Council's refusal to grant a variance. Instead of modifying their roofline, they're adding a privacy fence, translucent glass, and a retaining wall.

4. Update of cooperative venture with CHULA (meeting announcement):

—Girard has been talking with Priscilla Boston. They will meet this Sunday at the cafe formerly known as Quack's to brainstorm about a mutually beneficial collaboration. Other interested parties are welcome to join.

5. Committee updates:

—Web (Deb Freeman via email): they're busy adding content, launch should be late February. There will be announcements in all Cherrywood media. It will include a "Gordon's List" for recommendations, etc.

—The FLEA is being finalized, but has not yet been printed.

6. Strategic Planning for 2009:

—Re-crafting a vision-statement

—discussion of how to go about getting neighborhood participation and feedback

—More social events.

—Questions to ask: What does community mean to you? What do safe streets mean to you?

—We should develop thesis statements for areas of interest and have neighborhood members respond to them.

7. Other business:

—Safety issue: Mike Sullivan is concerned about tagging on neighborhood watch signs.

- Large tree planting at Patterson Park.
- ATT will install at Cherrywood Green and Patterson Park to compete with Grande.
[brought up by Girard]
- Kids are filling the dog pond at Cherrywood Green with rocks, which is not good.