

CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

8 August 2012 -- 8:00pm

Location: Tacqueria Los Altos

1. 8:00pm - Welcome, introductions;
 - sc present: Aaron Choate, Girard Kinney, Jeremy Mazur, Jennifer Potter-Miller, Lia Davis and Mark Schiff
 - non-sc present: Jules Kniolek, James Nolan, Miranda Kinney Daves, Bianca Swinburne, Heather Telo, Stuart Reilly, David Boston
2. 8:10pm - update on letter for 3213 French Place
 - the letter of support was read and passed around for review - it will be delivered to the BOA
3. 8:20pm - **[for action]** Review the variance request at 3305 LaFayette
 - conversation about the options we have and discussion with James Nolan (the home owner's rep) about the options they have pursued. The issues with the project seem to remain and the owner has stated that they are unwilling to redesign the structure to move the garages and vehicle parking to the rear of the property. While they have indicated that they plan to address the issue related to impervious cover, no modified plans were presented that show those changes. While they have stated that they plan to use landscaping to try and help mitigate the impact of the front facing garages, no modified plans were presented that show those changes. While they have stated that they plan to redesign the front facade of the structure (bringing the upstairs forward to abut or overhang the garages) to mitigate the impact of the garages being well over 50% of the width of the front facade, no modified plans were presented that show those changes.
 - motion 1 [Mark Schiff] second [Jennifer Potter-Miller]
CNA opposes this variance request
 - friendly ammendment [Girard Kinney]
CNA requests that city staff be directed to point applicants to the relevant planning areas and ensure that they have been introduced to the ordinances governing their projects to help avoid issues like this in the future
 - vote on motion 1 -- [for] 4 [against] 1 [abstaining] 1 (Aaron Choate)
 - motion 2 [Jeremy Mazur] second [Girard Kinney]
While the applicant has indicated that they do not want an extension of time,

should there be a postponement, we have offered the pro-bono exterior conceptual design services of architectural and design professionals versed in working on projects in our neighborhood to work with the applicant to try to achieve a design that addresses the neighborhood's concerns while mitigating the effects on the project's budget.

- vote on motion 2 -- [for] 4 [against] 1 [abstaining] 1 (Aaron Choate)
- two other issues were pointed out to James Nolan that may be a concern for the property owner:
 - i. upon review of the site cross-section, it appears that the designer of the project made an incorrect assumption related to where the slope of the drive could start, making the planned location difficult to achieve without violating the ordinance which limits the slope of the drive.
 - ii. the BOA notice we have received only lists one of the variance requests that have been discussed with the neighborhood

4. 9:15pm - welcoming committee

- We have had many instances in our recent dealings that show that newcomers to our neighborhood aren't aware of the CNA - we would like to revive the welcoming committee and welcome new home owners who haven't already found us
- we would like to find a way to get the CNA out in front of prospective home/property owners so that they are aware of our neighborhood when they are considering their purchase
- Jennifer Potter-Miller, Aaron Choate, Lia Davis volunteered at the meeting and Rebecca Kohout has expressed interest in the past.
- Aaron will schedule a meeting with the group to discuss further

5. 9:30pm - adjourn