

FAN/Forest Hills Meeting

March 4, 2009

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Maria Meneghin.

Attendees

Committee Members: Tracey Elliott, Kathy Burke, Cynthia Blanchard, Anne-Marie Simpson, Diana Smith-Bouwer, Jim Bollane, Dennis O'Neil, David Rudawitz, Sharon Gustafson, Carole Ockert, Maria Meneghin

Other Attendees: Jan Ellington, Karl Ockert

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$104,32
- Upcoming expenses:
 - LONAC fees \$15
 - Taxes for non-profit (minimum): \$50

Annual Meeting

Date: Friday May 1st

Place: Adult Community Center

Time: 6:30pm dessert social, 7:30pm meeting, must be out by 8:45pm

Possible Guests/Topics:

- Chris Garrett, State Representative
- Alex McIntyre about City reorganization
- Street car
- Alley trash/recycling pickup – Jordan from City or someone else?
- Sub-committee reports

Slate of officers:

- Chair: Maria Meneghin
- Vice Chair: Carole Ockert
- Secretary: Tracey Elliott
- Treasurer: Diana Smith-Bouwer
- Other nominations: contact Lisa Shaw

Alley Trash/Recycling Pickup – Diana Smith-Bouwer

- Saturday April 4, 9am to 4pm Allied Waste will provide 2 dumpsters in the neighborhood (one at the ACC) for dumping yard debris cleared from alley.
- Jordan at the City will be sending a letter to all neighbors soon about next steps, including this event.

Schools and Code Changes, Arterial Streets and Build-out – Carole Ockert

RE: Our Lady of the Lake is planning to replace and expand its school at Eighth and A. Current code does not accommodate their proposal; City interested in accommodating them.

City Staff Notes dated 12/18/2008:

OLL has indicated that until the text amendment process is complete (whether or not any text amendments are approved by the Planning Commission and City Council), no further work on the design would be feasible. The City supports them on this point but looks forward to discussing the design of both structures in the future.

City staff notes dated 1/6/2009

The three primary code hurdles for OLL are:

1. *Lot coverage*
2. *Evergreen overlay front setback plane*
3. *R7.5 zone front setback plane (if Evergreen overlay modified)*

City staff is proposing changes to be enacted in a rewriting of the Citywide Code:

LOC 50.08.040 – lot coverage – allow increase from 25% coverage to 35% coverage for K-12 private schools

LOC 50.08.045(1) – front setback plane – eliminate on arterials in low density residential zones for allowed structures under conditional use

Schools in residential neighborhoods are considered “conditional use”. Public schools allowed 35% lot coverage; private schools allowed 25%. Currently LO public schools using only about 10 – 15% lot coverage. Residential homes in R7.5 zone allowed 25% lot coverage.

“Front” is determined by the City – OLL may claim Eighth Street as the “front” for setback purposes. Proposed changes would allow buildings along major arterials to have a façade that extends straight up from the setback to the peak.

Proposed code changes to accommodate OLL would affect entire City:

- Change in lot coverage could apply to charter schools which are becoming more popular; could provide loop-hole allowing development of larger structures in residential neighborhoods.
- A Avenue from Fifth to Tenth could be redeveloped with more imposing façades facing the street.

Issues raised include:

- 10% increase in lot coverage = 40% increase in footprint = volume increase
- Neighborhood lot coverage consistency with surrounding neighborhood
- Future use of super-sized structure inside a neighborhood
- More impermeable surface on lot
- Regulations for public schools vs. regulations for private schools

Committee passed resolution allowing Carole to express our concerns at Planning Commission work session Monday night March 9.

Tree Committee – Sharon Gustafson

4 Heritage Trees have been nominated:

- Deodare Cedar at Fourth and C
- Cherry on Tenth
- Chinese Elm at Sixth and D
- Chestnut on Fifth between D and E, however may not be health enough

New Business

2009 Capital Improvement Plan includes fixing sidewalk on D Avenue between State and First (information from Linda McNulty).

Submitted by Tracey Elliott, Secretary