

**Heritage Neighborhood Association**  
5.7.2012 MEETING  
**Official Minutes**

- Meeting called to order 7:15 with Anne Heinen facilitating
- Neighbors introduced themselves

**W 34TH ST. REDEVELOPMENT**

- A presentation was given that included a project overview, a summary of the neighborhood working group's negotiation process, and its communications with property owner REIT Management and Research.

For a copy of the presentation or background on the working group dialogue with REIT, contact group chair, Sharon Power: sharonpower.austin@gmail.com or 512-750-6895.

Nikelle Meade (our attorney for the project) - Advised us to prepare for May 22 Planning Commission meeting and urged the NA to vote for or against supporting the project based on what information we had at present.

Comment- The Steering CommitteeC did not support these requests last May but indicated that we wanted to continue conversation.

Comment- At the Jan 29 meeting, HNA agreed to negotiate with REIT.

Question- Didn't realize a vote was being taken at that Jan. meeting to move fwd forward with negotiations before she left. Later voiced support for the working group.

Question- What was is likelihood of up-zoning being approved regardless of whether we oppose?

Answer- depends on NH vocalness, and council makeup

Comment- valid petition is still our best tool, would trigger mandatory council super-majority

Comment - Neighbors indicated support for nearby services within biking and walking distance.

Comment - Resident gave background on former playground near the current medical development. The park predated the development that was dedicated when the area was all single family homes. Stressed importance of restoring a park there.

VOTING - 34th Working Group Chair Sharon Power reiterated that no agreement has been reached with Reit and therefore made the motion made motion that HNA should:

1. Oppose the applications to upzone from LO to GO;
  2. Oppose the applications to amend the neighborhood plan; and
  3. Authorize the working group to continue working with REIT if REIT opts to return a response to the April 30th working group proposal and desires to keep working toward an agreement.
1. NOT support up-zone requests from LO to GO
  2. NOT to support REIT's N'hood plan amendment application (FLUM change) from SF to office on three tracts south of 34th in rear of project between West and Grandview
  3. Authorize working group to continue negotiations with REIT and if possible bring a better deal back to N hood for a vote.

HNA voted unanimously in favor of motions

Sharon - Questions regarding the working group process should be directed to Sharon Power at: [sharonpower.austin@gmail.com](mailto:sharonpower.austin@gmail.com) or 512-750-6895.

Working group members reiterated that the meetings are open to all NA members.

The group intends to produce talking points for neighbors to send to Council and Planning Commission

Issue should go before city council June 14 if current schedule remains

## **STEALTH DORMS**

Update - if a neighbor suspects a property may become a stealth dorm, that resident must request party of interest status on behalf of HNA (w/in 5 day window) to contest a demolition/building permit. 20 days are given to appeal. Ultimately, we must be vigilant on permits.

Comment - We should support resident only parking to mitigate overflow, explained that it worked successfully in Rosedale when she lived there.

Comment - could go for local historic preservation district

HNA is taking volunteers for stealth dorm committee, permit searchers, etc. Contact Jolene at [j\\_kiolbassa@yahoo.com](mailto:j_kiolbassa@yahoo.com).

## **Parking Benefit Districts**

Concern is that metered parking in the streets near campus will push more street parking into the neighborhood. At this time, we only have preliminary information on location of metered parking. Anne said the neighborhood will keep an eye on this and will provide when it becomes available.

## **Housekeeping**

Next meeting - July 2, 7 p.m. @ Tom's Tabooley

Meetings are regularly scheduled on the 1st monday of the month every other month

Meeting Adjourned 8:39.