

Dixieland Neighborhood Association (DNA) Meeting on March 15th, 2016

Location: 730 S. Florida ave. 10 Members were present.

Meeting started at 6:30 PM with a report from LPD officer Guptill: Crime is down in the area, and he thanked the neighbors for reporting suspicious activities.

David Whitcomb reported that changes to the code were proposed based on DNA input at the city planning meeting that morning. If approved next month, changes will protect Dixieland from division of lots and from new cottages. He recommended members to attend the next Planning Meeting on April 19th 8:00 AM at city hall.

DNA also voted to send a letter to Batman, developer of Hancock St cottages, to remind him to remove existing driveway and to suggest landscape improvements.

Emily Foster, Historic Preservation Planner, informed that the empty house on the lot owned by Florida Presbyterian (FB) will be facing New York Ave.

She then addressed the proposed boundary change of the Historic District (see attached map). Unitah Ave and the main campus of the FB will be withdrawn from the district. She also reassured the DNA that the vacant block owned by FB will remain part of the district. David introduced two motions which were carried without opposition, to assure members agreed with the proposed new historic boundaries.

Emily revealed the blueprints of a proposed semi-detached house for lot located on 631 W Park Street by Mc Donough Construction. She said attached blueprints were the 5th revision because Dixieland would not welcome the previous designs. She is recommending elevation B, but is confident that the Historic Review Board will not accept the designs as proposed. Members were concerned that the design does not relate to adjacent houses, is too similar to a duplex (not a single family dwelling), and might be rented by absentee landlords. David proposed a motion that the DNA is opposed to this development which was carried unanimously.

Emily recommended residents to attend the Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting on March 24rd 8:00 AM at city hall, so our concerns could be heard along with a letter from DNA expressing our position.

David appointed Roberto Leider to the vacant position of secretary. No members were opposed to the appointment.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.