

EWHA Board Meeting
October 24, 2006

Present: Mary Anne Lee, Officer Joe Schutte; Betty Conlon; Missie McPherson; Ed Pfetzing; Doug Davis; Cara Hague; Joe Balbo.

1. September Minutes: approved
1st: Missie McPherson; 2nd Cara Hague; Unanimous affirmative vote.
2. Missy reported that \$560 was left in NSP funding. Missy also reported that NSP funds are on the chopping block with the city budget deficient.
Missy also said that a vote was needed in the Dec meeting, with notice. It was suggested to use the NSP money to send out a postcard announcing the meeting an also announcing that the Communiqué' has gone digital and will be available on the website.
Cara suggested that there should no longer be a lifetime membership since it only generates \$100 then no additional revenue.
It was agreed that everyone needed to collect resident emails and forward to Joe for a master list to be used in the future for communication.
Joe committed to having the new site live by November 30th to be announced at Dec meeting.
3. Betty reported that membership received \$50.
She also wrote a letter to Flying Pig thanking them for \$100 gift.
4. Mary Anne - No police report since no officer present.
5. Officer Joe Schutte reported that he now has a car.
He also reported that US Marshals and other agencies made a major crackdown and arrest on 2316 & 2320 Victory Parkway.
He also reported that a major drug figure had been arrested in Evanston and had slowed the flow of drugs in the area.
6. Mary Anne reported that she had received a call from David Crowley's office regarding the cameras. Joe said he would follow up with them.

Mary Anne made introductions to the Skyline and city people present. Jack Martin (their architect), Mike Misleh (owner), Kam Misleh (owner) were representing Skyline Chili and Katherine Keogh-? was presenting the city. Katherine explained why the zone change was needed for Skyline to expand and develop the corner of Victory Parkway and E McMillan. They looked at the needs and had recommended that the zoning be changed to CCA (Commercial Community Auto oriented)
She also indicated that Skyline had an option on the office building and wanted to change the zoning there as well.

Mike Misleh spoke and said he was committed to the neighborhood, but needed the zone changes to do the development of the new restaurant. He also understood the community's concern with the zone change and was looking for a solution.

Mike Misleh also showed several versions of the proposed development.

Mary Anne asked for a better explanation of the zoning.

Katherine explained that the city does not like to do a zone change that requires a subsequent variance. If the zoning was changed to CCM, which is what the Assembly wanted, Skyline would still need a variance for their dumpster and to have the drive-thru at the front of the building.

Ed Pftzing said that the Assembly would not be able to support the CCA recommendation for several reasons; 1. There are no other CCA designations along Victory Parkway, 2. If we give the zone change to Skyline, others could request the change to the other corners (which we do not want) and 3. It protects the corner from potential future problem businesses should Skyline move at some point.

The board agreed that they would support the zone change to CCM with the variance for the drive-thru and dumpster, contingent on Skyline buying the building.

Katherine was going to the planning commission on Nov 3rd with two potential plans;

Plan A – Set-up with buildings and inspections to start process of a zone change to CCM with variance for drive-thru.

Plan B – If they won't do the CCM with variance, she would propose a CCA zoning with a deed restriction.

Ed made the motion for the assembly to approve the CCM change and also support the variance for the drive-thru and dumpster. Joe B seconded. Passed unanimously. It would need to be voted on at the Assembly meeting.

7. Mary Anne had two letters from Historic Preservation, neither needing an action on the board's part.
8. Ed said he had an underground utilities meeting on Wednesday and would have an update on the progress of the burying of the utilities.
9. Turn clocks back on Sunday
10. Trick or Treat on Tuesday from 6-8
11. Assembly Meeting next Wednesday, 11/1/2006.
12. Adjourn: 1st: Officer Joe Schutte; 2nd: Betty Conlon. Unanimous affirmative vote.