

HPNA January, 01-11-11 Meeting began at 6:30pm at Bode Center.

Evanleen Schmueckle welcomed Ofc. David Nouhan. Ofc. Nouhan reports:

- December Crime Statistics:

- (1) Burglary of a building.
- (1) Aggravated assault.
- (2) Theft of Vehicles.
- (3) Robberies of individual
- (1) Deadly conduct; see below.
- (6) Burglary of vehicles.
- (6) Burglary of habitations.

- One instance of deadly conduct occurred January 4, 2011 at the corner of S. New Braunfels and E. Highland Blvd. Both the victim and suspect were in their early twenties. The suspect was arrested on the same day and it is believed that they knew each other. Ofc. Nouhan stated that he could not give any additional details until due process had been administered.

- Ofc. Nouhan stated that police presence in the neighborhood would be maintained at the same level as December. He also requested that residents of Highland Park continue to provide feedback on neighborhood.

E. Schmueckle welcomed Elizabeth Porterfield from City of San Antonio, Office of Historic Preservation. E. Porterfield gave some background on local Historic Preservation:

- 36 square mile survey: begun in 2002, an effort to perform a comprehensive survey of the area within the original city limits as defined in 1856. This is an ongoing, volunteer project.

- A map of San Antonio delineating historic districts, potential historic districts, neighborhood conservation districts, and areas of completed survey not considered likely for historic eligibility was presented.

- Basic facts include: Historic districts are considered a zoning overlay and do not change the use of a property. They are an extra layer of protection and affect only exterior modifications.

- Advantages include: protection of character, property values, incompatible and/or inappropriate development or design, and hasty demolition. Also potential tax incentives.

- To be eligible for designation as a historic district an area must meet some of the the following national qualifications:

- a) Associated with significant historical events
- b) Associated with significant historical people
- c) Represent a distinct architectural style (most fall in this category)
- d) Yield important information (archeology)

and/or some of the following local qualifications:

- a) Represents a visual, cultural heritage
- b) Identifies with regional Architects or contractors
- c) Architectural styles represent historic periods / types / construction

- To create a historic district the significance of the area must be identified, the boundaries must be established, legal descriptions must be provided, signatures from all owners must be obtained, and the proposal must be approved by three hearings (HDRC, Zoning Commission, City Council). A formal neighborhood meeting is held to begin the process and residents within the boundaries are asked to support or oppose the proposed district. If 51% are opposed, the process halts; if 51% support the proposal the hearings are initiated.

- If you live in a historic district you must submit proposed changes/construction to HDRC prior to obtaining a permit for work. For small projects HDRC will provide Administrative

Certificate of Appropriateness; large projects will go through the public review process and receive a Certificate of Appropriateness.

•For FAQ's go to: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/FAQ.aspx> Additional items to note: some federal, state and local tax incentives are offered for Historic Districts.

•E. Porterfield gave a brief history of the neighborhood. Land was originally owned by Albert Steves Jr. (780 acres). Four (4) investors formed the Highland Park Improvement Company in 1909 and began development of homes in the area. H.P. was the largest suburb of San Antonio thanks to the trolley until 1933. Notable architectural styles in the neighborhood include Craftsman Bungalows, Spanish Revival, Tudor Revival, and later Minimalist Traditional.

Loyd LeBlanc gave the treasury report:

Expenses:	July 22 nd , 2010 Bode Center Summer Camp	\$100.00
	National Night Out	\$190.86
		\$5.40
	Postal Box Rental	\$35.00
Credits:	Dues paid	(\$43.00)
		(\$33.00)
	Reimbursement for N.N.O. From District 3	(\$180.26)
Balance:	Checking	\$250.26
	Savings	\$1,633.36

Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos gave a brief summary of current events:

1. Thursday, 1/13/11 was the first Council Meeting.
2. Zoning case for bar/restaurant: Individual is still applying to TABC for an alcohol license. A notice for the hearing on suitability will be released soon and will be mailed to the HPNA mailbox. Judge Donovan will hear the case; estimated date will be in May.
3. Basketball cover for courts at Bode Center: estimated installation date is June, 2011. Total cost of project is \$189,000.00
4. S. Side Lions park extended trail systems and newest portion of Mission Reach projects are now open.
5. 2012 May Bond Election is coming up. 2011 is the preparation year.
6. New on/off ramps from I90 at Presa will be approved for "Long Term Plan" design in February.
7. Mission Library soft opening April 30th, 2011.

Comments were taken from the membership:

1. There is a desire to hear negative aspects of becoming a Historic District.
2. It was noted that Dignowity Hill formed a mutually beneficial partnership with UTSA School of Architecture to aid historic preservation in their neighborhood.
3. There may still be room on the Bond Oversight committee, call if you desire to be a member.

Meeting concluded 7:29 p.m. Next Meeting: 2/8/2011.

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