

SWEDE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
October 4, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Carver Library, 6:30 PM

Paula Reckson, President, called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Charles Reckson, Secretary, recorded the minutes. Minutes of the September 6, 2016, meeting were read and approved. The proposed agenda was adopted. Bruce Sheehan, Treasurer, gave an annual report of income, expenses and ending balance as of October 1, 2016. The President gave a short review of the Association's business for the past year.

Old Business:

There is little to report on the 12th Street Tract 3 & 5 developments. Paula Reckson and Tracy Witte met with District 1 City Council member Ora Houston regarding the Urban Renewal Board's assigned oversight of those parcels. The developer responded last week that there are no new updates on their planning.

New Business:

1210 Angelina Street - Owners Bill Goynes and Jennifer Todd distributed packets of information regarding a Board of Adjustment (BOA) application they are submitting for the November meeting of the BOA. Two variances are requested.

First, the lot is a substandard lot size of 1,138sf, which falls below the minimum required 2,500sf under the Small Lot Amnesty ordinance. The BOA granted a previous owner of this lot the same variance, with SHNA support, but the variance expired due to non-use. SHNA qualified its previous approval with a statement that it should not create a precedent for developing small lots by subdividing larger lots into substandard lot sizes. 1210 Angelina is already a legal lot in that it previously contained a home and utility service. Discussion followed about including the same reservation of precedent if approval is made again.

Second, the owners are requesting a reduction of off-street parking spaces from two (required) to one. Two spaces would cover the entire width of the front yard space. Discussion followed about the precedent of reducing parking requirements in Swede Hill and whether for this somewhat unique parcel it might be reasonable or even desirable. Concerns were expressed that it would cause others to ask for the exemption under different circumstances. Some older homes in Swede Hill have no off-street parking.

A digital copy of the information packet and BOA application will be emailed to the membership and a vote will be an action item on the November 3rd SHNA agenda.

Board Election:

Ballots were distributed to current dues members for voting. The slate of nominees was unanimously approved. The new Board members are:

Louisa Brinsmade
Don Ruisinger
Julie Ruisinger
Kirsten Siegfried
Marla Torrado

Officers will be chosen at the first Board Meeting before the November 3rd membership meeting. Dues are payable in October for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.