

**Old Third Ward
Neighborhood Association, Inc.
Board and Steering Committee Meeting
December 20, 1994**

Present: Frank Council, Ann Sager, Chris Sager, Bill Anderson, Sue Martinson, Dan Hulbert, Bruce Ladewig, Linda Muldoon, Jackie Dungar, Sally Johnson, Carol Le Roy, Alderman Mike Whitman. Meg being ill, Sue served as reporter.

1. Minutes of November 15 were approved.
2. Jackie gave the Treasurer's Report: we currently have a balance of \$885.54 in our checking account. Jackie switched our checking account from TCF to Norwest because Norwest doesn't charge for business checking.
3. Government issues: Frank reported on the many meetings he and other neighbors have attended in the past month. While the initial Camiros plan for the city was favorable to our plight, the revised version has not been so sensitive. Linda and Frank met with the Mayor after that, and feel his is receptive and is thinking about ways to deal with the situation. Mr. Uttech, of the City Planning Dept., is not receptive to anything except taking homes; Alderman Whitman suggests we not trust him.

Whitman also cautioned that not only the Prospect Avenue proposal may be defeated, but perhaps the whole Camiros study. Since Camiros will be looking into the neighborhood situation in more depth, we probably don't want the whole study rejected. The City Planning Committee will meet to dissect the plan January 5 at 4 pm.

Frank also attended a County Property Committee meeting, where he made proposals of options on our behalf. Linda said that there has been talk that St. Mary Parish was approached about their feelings about taking down the houses on that block. St. Mary reportedly said they would appreciate the additional parking, as long as the rectory and two other, specific houses were spared. Since we are understandably leery of this supposed conversation between the city/county and St. Mary, Jackie will check into exactly who said what on St. Mary's behalf. It was pointed out that at least some of the homes on that block would be eligible for the national historic register.

The county will be talking to their employees in January. Frank feels we should talk to their union leader prior to that meeting.

Frank and Linda spoke with the Board of Casa Clare regarding their move. Casa Clare says the county approached them about 1 1/2 years ago, whereas, the county says Casa Clare approached them. Casa Clare is unsure if it is moving or not at this point. We have asked them not to sell.

Alderman Whitman asked for our input regarding resolutions he has been working on regarding the parking situation. He would like to introduce one asking the county to swap properties south of Sixth Street for the West Ramp, and possibly incorporating the police station into the county complex in the long-term. Whitman sees that the main objective is preventing "fingers" coming in to splinter the neighborhood further.

Great discussion ensued regarding options for the county and city.

4. Public Campaign: Sue is the distribution point for buttons, signs, bumper stickers, and car window decals. Many were distributed after the meeting. Please see her if you need any of these pieces.

5. Frank announced we have over 80 members now. Yeah!

We did not receive a Block Grant to finance the historic preservation districting idea. We will hope to pay for that with funds generated at our rummage sale and home tour this year.

6. Dan spoke with Jim Wimmer of Housing Partnership, who said the house at 404 W. Fifth would cost more than they'd like to pay.

7. Whitman will get a meeting with Mayor to talk about concerns. He also suggests we prepare a brief summary of this issue for incoming aldermen after the election. He thinks we should look into having a Block Party w/streets blocked off to draw attention to our cause. Alderman Whitman was also receptive to our "Old Third Ward" signage idea.

8. Bruce asked about the feeling of the Chamber of Commerce on this situation; Frank said we have not heard anything from them.

9. Meeting adjourned.