

WEST UNIVERSITY HISTORIC ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

December 2, 2008

The West University Historic Zone Advisory Board met at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 400 East University Avenue in Room 205 of the Mission Center Tuesday, December 2, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Noah Sensibar, Co-Chair, at 6:05 p.m.

1. **Sign In - Members Present:** Noah Sensibar, Co-Chair; Lori Boston, David Knudson, Barbara Macri, Jim Phillips, and Matt Williams.

Members Absent: Jim Bly and Jim Witmer.

Guests: Rhonda Rowlette, Wanda Larson, and Chris Gans.

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of November 4, 2008 approved as submitted.
3. **620 N. Sixth Avenue – HPZ – 08-43 (Zoning Violation) - James Green (owner represented by Rhonda Rowlette) – Construction of gates and walls around subject property.** Ms. Rowlette introduced herself and stated she represented the owner. She said a complete renovation of the property has taken place and she believes that it is an improvement for the neighborhood. She stated security was an important issue for the property as she is sometimes there alone at night. She explained the new fencing which includes a six-foot stucco wall with wood gates along the front side-yards of the property starting next to the house, the addition of approximately 140 feet of chain-link fencing on the north side of the property, and the addition of a split-face concrete block wall along the rear (east) of the property. The chain-link fencing on the south side of the property is existing.

The Board stated that West University Design Guidelines are supportive of wrought iron and wood picket fences and the Board has also been supportive of stuccoed masonry fences. However, split-face block is not a building material that is suited to the period of the neighborhood and chain-link fencing is rarely approved. The new chain link fencing is easily viewed from the neighboring parking lot and Fourth Street and therefore is not recommended.

Motion: Lori Boston made a motion to recommend approval of the gates and the stucco wall in the front of the property; to recommend denial of the split-face block wall unless it is stuccoed, and to recommend denial of the new chain link fence. In addition, the design of gates for the rear of the property and the replacement of the chain-link fence needs to return to WUHZAB for approval. Motion seconded by Jim Phillips. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Announcements/Discussion

Mr. Sensibar stated that he is still compiling the list of projects not built according to approval.

Board members were reminded that someone needs to volunteer to become Secretary because Barbara Macri is retiring from those duties at the end of 2008.

Dave Knudson reminded the Board that he is moving in May 2009 and his position needs to be replaced.

Chris Gans is still visiting Board meetings to see if he wants to join. Lori noted that Colleen Graham's position was that of a "resident" and so we need to fill her position with a resident.

Barbara Macri noted she is working on the Design Guidelines update and may have something for the subcommittee to review after New Years.

The next regular meeting was set for January 6th and the Board agreed to hold a special meeting on December 9th at 6 p.m. to hear HPZ-08-62 – 820 N. Sixth Avenue since they missed the December 2nd agenda.

5. Call to the Audience. No audience.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 9, 2008 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd. at 6:00 p.m.

6. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Barbara Macri, Secretary.

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