

EL MONTEVIDEO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

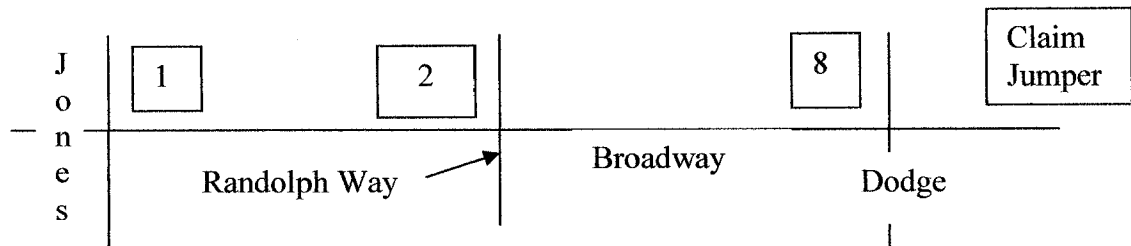
Date/Time: May 9, 2006 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, West Conference Room

Attendance: 11 EMNA members; Laura Burch, liaison from Nina Trasoff's office; Lane Oden, member of tri-partite commission, representing owners of El Con; Steve Pageau, Deputy Director of Transportation, City of Tucson; Ralph Comey, Strittmatter and Comey, Architects.

General Neighborhood Issues and Old Business

- ◆ Update on El Con. Lane Oden reports that uncertainties about the plans of the two major tenants (Penney's and Robinson's-May) are making it difficult for long term planning. Penney's wants to close its store and will likely move to Park Place within three years. The mall owners do not have a replacement tenant for either of these stores. The mall owners would like to have a grocery store but have been unable to find one interested. Ross Department store is going in inside the mall between Radio Shack and the east entrance to Robinsons-May. Plans for pads #1, #2, and #8 were discussed: Office Depot is on track to open on pad #1 in October 2006. Pad #2 is planned for three tenants: Starbucks, possibly a Rubio's Grill, and a third undetermined. In & Out Burgers has signed a lease for pad #8.



Two rezoning issues regarding Starbucks and Claim Jumper were voted on. Claim Jumper has requested extension of trash hour pickups to 7 p.m. from the current 4 p.m. EMNA voted 7 for, 3 opposed and 1 abstention to agree to trash pickup hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. It was understood that these hours would apply to all the pads along Broadway.

Starbucks has requested a variance to allow deliveries between midnight and 7 a.m. once a day by a large truck, and is making this change a condition of their signing a lease. It was recognized that city code Sec. 11-81 prohibits any idling or running generators by delivery trucks between 10:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. but it is up to nearby residents to report the violation while it is occurring. EMNA voted 8 for and 3 opposed to allowing the variance. Uwe Fink will send a letter to Councilwoman Trasoff regarding the vote.

- ◆ Plans for street repair. Steve Pageau attended in response to questions raised at EMNA January meeting regarding plans for street repair. Mayor and Council are adopting a budget this month that includes \$11M for street repair over the next two years. The laser tests that were run on our streets rated them all “poor” or “failing.” They will probably be chip-sealed within the two-year period and then come under a more long-term plan for complete reconstruction. Planning for the reconstruction may involve repair or replacement of old water mains. It is the city’s intent to work with the neighborhoods to establish priorities and include ways to reduce the heat island effect. The city has ceased street sweeping on all “failing” streets.
- ◆ Grant to upgrade landscaping and design on del Norte with help from the Drachman Institute. Dick Lanning asked the status of this grant which was reported on in the 2/05 EMNA minutes. Laura Burge will find out.
- ◆ Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.
- ◆ Treasurer’s report was presented by Mike Amundson. An additional \$5550 has been drawn on the EMNA Historic Update Fund, leaving a balance of \$450. Mike hasn’t received a bill from Sunne’s for the neighborhood party.
- ◆ Neighborhood party. Estimated attendance between 60 and 75. Sunne’s have volunteered to host another one next year. Thank you cards were signed by those at the meeting to be sent to the Sunne’s and to the harpist.
- ◆ Historic Status Update was given by Ralph Comey. Evaluations have been submitted to state historic preservation office, after which they must go to the national office. Ralph doesn’t expect a determination to be made before next winter.
- ◆ Alvernon corridor update: Since the bridge is scheduled to open in October, Dick Lanning requested an update on plans regarding the widening of Alvernon between Speedway and Broadway. Laura Burge will get same from Steve Pageau.
- ◆ 5th/6th Street Livability Study. Dick Lanning also requested status on this as a great deal of work was done by the affected neighborhoods but nothing has been heard of it for several years. Laura Burch will follow up on this as well.

New Business

- ◆ Upcoming events of interest.
 - Mayor & Council public meeting - opportunity to be heard on the two rezoning requests voted on above. Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at or after 5:00 p.m., City Hall, 255 West Alameda. Written comments must be received by 11:00 a.m. same day.

- Final public forum on DM overflights will be May 17, 7:00 p.m. at Santa Rita High School.
 - Earl Cross, new Parks and Rec commissioner for Ward 6, has invited the neighborhood association officers to meet with him on Wednesday, May 24, at 3:30 p.m., at the Randolph Admin office, 900 S. Randolph Way, to discuss how Parks & Rec can better serve the neighborhoods. Contact: 256-0762 or earlcrossjr@yahoo.com.
 - There will be an environmental open house at the Ward 6 office on Thursday, June 27, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Next EMNA meeting will be a Board meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at Dian Beaubien's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Charity Everitt