

**EL MONTEVIDEO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

Date/Time: November 5, 2005 3:00 p.m.

Location: Randolph Recreation Center, Meeting Room #4

Attendance: 12

General Neighborhood Issues and Old Business

- ◆ Council member Nina Trasoff brought a map of the city's evaluation of needed street repairs. It appears that our streets will not receive the chip sealing for several years yet. She and Laura Burch answered questions about the progress of El Con. Question was raised as to whether the establishments on the Broadway pads are required to adhere to the general architectural plan of the main mall. Dick Lanning and Laura Burch will follow up on this issue.
- ◆ Copies of EMNA bank statements and minutes from the May 2006 meeting were distributed but not reviewed.
- ◆ There was discussion about what can be done and by whom to create a greater feeling of community in the neighborhood. Why is interest in and attendance at the neighborhood meetings so limited? As explained in recent newsletters the board's focus has necessarily been on external issues affecting the neighborhood. Much of community coherence needs to come from the bottom up rather than down from the board, although the board can provide some structure such as arranging the tree planting project and neighborhood parties.
- ◆ Proposed slate of officers for 2006/2007 was approved by those present:
President: Uwe Fink
Vice President: Dian Beaubien
Treasurer: Mike Amundson
Secretary: Charity Everitt

All officers indicated that they would like to step down after this year.

- ◆ Historic Status Update: The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has completed the first review and asked that all non-contributory homes in the proposed district be inventoried as well. This amounts to an additional six homes; EMNA will compensate Parkhurst and Comey for the additional evaluations.
- ◆ El Con Plans: Steve Komerska attended the recent Tri-Partite meeting. Uwe Fink reported the highlights: (1) there will be a screening wall between Home Depot and the cinema; (2) steps have been taken to mitigate inappropriate parking by large trucks behind Macy's; (3) Ross has signed the lease for space inside the mall; modifications to the space will take about one year; (4) Work has begun on In-N-Out; they will use same air scrubbing system as Claim Jumper; (5) Pad 2: lease

signed with Starbucks; Rubio's and Radio Shack will also occupy this pad; (6) Krispy Kreme franchise filed bankruptcy; another KK franchise is interested in buying the lease.

- ◆ The del Norte beautification project will be the subject of a neighborhood meeting on December 12. Representatives from the Drachman Institute will present their recommendations. Uwe Fink clarified that there are no grant funds involved. It was suggested that we put out flyers to every home to increase interest in this project. Charity Everitt and Dian Beaubien will do the flyers and arrange for distribution.
- ◆ January neighborhood party: Sufficient interest was expressed in another neighborhood party in January that Dian Beaubien will investigate arrangements with Lodge on the Desert.
- ◆ Newsletter: The next newsletter will be in January 2007.
- ◆ EMNA website: EMNA does not currently have a website but Dian Beaubien has reserved a space for one on msn.com; we need someone to design and manage it. If this interests anyone please contact Dian or any one of the board members.

Respectfully submitted

Charity Everitt