

## Summary of Year for Nob Hill Neighborhood Association - 2016 Ron Halbgewachs, President

**Wow! What a Year! A lot of action for the city and especially Nob Hill.**

### October 2015

- Election of New Officers for 2015-2016 Results:
  - President: Ron Halbgewachs
  - Vice President: Shani Madden
  - Treasure: Skye Devore
  - Secretary: Anne Acuff
- Meetings in the community to provide information on the new Comprehensive Plan's vision. This will be replacing the Sector Plans for the city now in force. Neighbors and board members were encouraged to attend to gather information and voice their opinions as individuals. This plan is now known as the ABC->Z Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO).
- Albuquerque Police Appreciation Day event - This is a yearly event taking place this year on 10/30 at the Phil Chacon site. It was moved to provide \$100 this year in cash or gift cards. The board voted unanimously to provide \$100 in cash or gift cards to officers. Final decision was to provide \$50 in cash for food purchase and two \$25 gift cards. Please note this Appreciation Day is again being held this year on **10/30**.
- Unanimous approval: A letter was sent to Mr. Bruce Rizzieri, Director of the CABQ Transit Department and Jeff Pappas of the State Historic Preservation Office outlining our previous and ongoing objections to the current design for the stations in Nob Hill, highlighting the fact that the 3 stations proposed are within feet of structures listed in the National Historic Register.

### November 2015

- Kaktus Brewing Co., 2929 Monte Vista Blvd NE approval
- Ajiaco Columbian Bistro, 3216 Silver SE approval
- Sector Plan/IDO first letter sent to the City: While streamlining zoning for the City is felt to be a good idea, there are concerns about how the new zoning will affect Nob Hill.
- The Mural on Central at the Satellite location has been finished and dedicated. Nob Hill Mainstreet had their banquet and awarded Gary "Volunteer of the Year".

### December 2015

- Wise Pies
- Melinda Rand: The Age Friendly City Initiative for Albuquerque. Melinda had attended a previous board meeting explaining her concept of facilitating conversations about aging and community.
- Representatives from Mainstreet, Rob Munroe, Rufus Cohen and others attended the meeting to discuss Retail in Nob Hill in light of the announcements of stores on Central closing for business. The goal of the discussion was to generate ideas on how to support retail in Nob Hill. Earlier in 2015, a retail consultant was hired, Mr. Robert Gibbs, and his report offered several suggestions on how to improve the area. Detriments mentioned were high speed traffic, ugly landscaping, litter, unsightly building facades. Large stores, considered "anchor stores" are helpful to the area to draw people in for shopping.

We note that Robert Gibbs Consulting has again been hired to come back to Nob Hill for further work and recommendations to move forward.

### **January 2016**

- Discussion about possibility of a Historic Protection Overlay for Nob Hill. Two Additions are currently historical designated, College View and Monte Vista, but the other four additions do not have that designation.
- Outreach meeting with Patrick Davis, City Councilor was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On January 26<sup>th</sup> Bernalillo County Commissioners issued a County Proclamation for February 7<sup>th</sup> to be “Nob Hill Day” and recognized the activities planned for “Nob Hill is 100” at the County Commission meeting.

### **February 2016**

- On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Albuquerque City Council also declared February 7<sup>th</sup> to be “Nob Hill Day”.
- At the County Clerk’s Office, on February 5<sup>th</sup>, there was a re-enactment of the platting by D.K.B. Seller of the first subdivision that would eventually become Nob Hill. There was a reception after the ceremony.
- Presentation for the maintenance of Amherst Green Triangle at Monte Vista and Amherst.
- The median at Wellesly and Campus has had the Art project approved and CABQ has a person appointed to head the selection committee.
- Planning for additional “Nob Hill is 100” events.
- Spring edition of the Nob Hill Newsletter is being designed and developed. Format will be in color, commemorative edition for Nob Hill is 100.
- Discussion regarding the added tent to the roof top of Imbibe on Central; unsightly, possibly unsafe and poorly maintained. Letter was sent to Zoning Complaint Office requesting an inspection and check on License.
- Discussion of the A.R.T. stations to be in Nob Hill. Contacted the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) about the design. They agreed should be made to fit in with historic neighborhoods.

### **March 2016**

- Discussion with City Councilor representative and City Planning representative about amending the current Sector Plan in Nob Hill regarding the sale of hard liquor in proximity to Churches and Schools (300 ft). This would include areas along Central Ave zoned CCR 1,2,3. The Board voted to table the proposed Ordinance Amendment until a written version was provided and could be reviewed. Serving beer and wine only at the restaurant is presently permitted.
- MEDICAL CANNABIS CENTERS IN NH: Presently 3 businesses have gotten their licenses to sell Medical Cannabis in Nob Hill as a permissive use. The business owners were all invited to the board meeting. Two were in attendance. Ultra Health did not attend. William Ford from Medzen Clinic has opened a clinic on Central. He is with Greenleaf and Associates who work with non-profits to manage their services. Rob Munro with Seven Clover also was present. He’s opening a clinic where the old 66 Malt shop was located on Central.
- MORINGSIDE PARK: The park is currently somewhat of a trouble spot with transients and homeless individuals sometimes hanging out and/or sleeping in the park. There is some illegal activity. It was suggested the neighbors around the park organize to help keep the park clean and monitor its use. Two things

have already been done to help prevent crime in the park. Ron has contacted the City about the lights in the park at night as they were out. After checking, he said the lights are on now. Sean has requested the park get more drive- bys from APD checking things at night.

- Spring Newsletter Delivery! Full color commemorative and collector issue for “Nob Hill is 100”. Approximately 3000 newsletters are hand-delivered.
- A letter was written to CABQ Zoning & Building Inspection regarding the Imbibe tent on their building roof. Believed there is not a permit for the tent, originally permitted for a one-time special event, but left standing and used after the event.
- Dish towels with the “NH is 100” design are available for sale. Additional hats were purchased for sale.

#### **April 2016**

- Celebrated Earth Day – Hats, towels, bags were sold; added some new members
- Held the Pet Parade Event - Animal non-profits attending were given approximately \$3500 for their organizations. HB Construction was the primary sponsor for the event.
- Purchased Shopping bags with “Nob Hill is 100” logo
- Discussion regarding the A.R.T. station design in Nob Hill and Board approved sending an email to the City ART Project managers, Pat Davis (Sean Foran), and Barbara Zook with SHPO. We have received no response from previous inquiries. The design which is preferred is a smaller version of the station which may be used in Huning/Highland and Old Town.

#### **May 2016**

- Approved the sale of beer growlers by Kaktus Brewing, 2929 Monte Vista Blvd
- Approved Asian Street Food, 3422 Central Ave SE, Restaurant License for beer & wine
- Approved Matanza Restaurant, 3225 Central Ave NE, Restaurant Full Service Inter-Local Liquor License, contingent upon closing at 11:00 PM and all zoning requirements are met
- Discussion regarding the ABC->Z IDO, Module 2; Board members working to be knowledgeable about the proposed changes
- No response regarding A.R.T. station design.

#### **June 2016**

- Major discussion regarding front yard wall/fence height restriction of 3 feet.
- Neighbor Outreach Event on ABC->Z new zoning plan. Neighbors urged to write to CABQ Planning Department.
- Nob Hill Insider’s Tour had over 200 people involved; \$2800 was given to UNM’s School of Architecture and Planning.

#### **July 2016**

- AAA Magazine had very nice article about Nob Hill
- Gary Eyster & Greg Weirs attended a workshop for neighborhood associations sponsored by the Office of Neighborhood Coordination.
- Presentation, update, & discussion on ABC->Z IDO Module 2.
- Completed Interviews with residents for Oral History of Nob Hill
- Attended meeting with Pat Davis regarding Parking in Nob Hill – Ron Halbgewachs, Shani Madden, & Pat Massey. Some discussion regarding

possible parking structures in Nob Hill. Explored the possibility of bringing consultant Robert Gibbs back to Nob Hill for additional recommendations.

- Summerfest in Nob Hill !

### **August 2016**

- Discussion regarding a full Restaurant Liquor License for the La Provence restaurant location; waiver from distance to a church or school. Discussion tabled waiting for final wording on the Amendment.
- Discussion regarding Monte Vista Elementary School and possible Preservation Committee. Action to prevent the closing of MVES by APS.
- Discussion with Nob Hill Main Street about bringing Robert Gibbs Consulting back to Nob Hill.
- Articles & ads being prepared for the Fall Newsletter. Format will be similar to the Spring Newsletter.
- Annual meeting date set for Thursday, September 2016.
- Discussion regarding Module 3 of the IDO Sector Plan changes.

### **September 2016**

- Continued discussion regarding a full Restaurant Liquor License for the La Provence restaurant location; waiver from distance to a church or school. Received wording for the proposed Amendment. Decided to provide a time for Nob Hill residents to respond to question at Annual Meeting.
- Approval of Consulting contract with Robert Gibbs Consulting
- Discussion of CABQ Arts Board grant for Wellesley Triangle
- Outreach at MVCC 35-cent Chicken Dinner
- Approval received of a Character Preservation Overlay Zone for Nob Hill for the IDO.
- Fall Newsletters all delivered! All 3000! Special thanks for the great team of neighbors that volunteer to deliver all these newsletters!
- Annual Meeting, September 29<sup>th</sup>.