

## HISTORIC SPANISH TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

July 13, 2008

6:00 p.m.

The Lobdell House, 711 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, La.

*Board members present:* Bill Good, Chairman; Shawn O'Brien, Vice Chairman; David Brown, Melissa Eastin, Peggy Good, Holley Vaughn, Shannon Markward, Pat Melancon

*Board members absent:* Gene Ransome

*Also present:* John Sykes, Historic Preservation Commission representative

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the June 8th, 2008 meeting were reviewed and adopted subject to corrections, on a motion made by Shawn and seconded by David.

Minutes of the May meeting are still outstanding at this time.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The board reviewed the financial report as presented by treasurer Peggy Good. She reported a balance of \$17,284 after withdrawals for security patrols in the total amount of \$1,500 and payment for historic markers in the amount of \$1,940. Peggy noted the addition of two new association members.

Holley moved that the report be accepted, Melissa seconded, and the report was accepted by the board.

### **Historic Preservation Commission Report**

John Sykes, the board's appointee to the Historic Preservation Commission following the neighborhood's newly acquired historic district designation, reported on his first meeting of the commission. He explained that he is not yet technically a commission member, pending formal approval of his appointment by the Metrocouncil.

John reported that the commission voted to allow demolition of the xxx building at xxxx as parking for the Commerce Building even though he had been able to demonstrate that the building is older than stated by representative for Mr. Bob Dean, and is additionally an A. Hays Town building. In addition, ample nearby parking already exists.

John asked for board authority to cast his vote in opposition to demolition requests in instances where the board cannot timely discuss such requests before future actions by the commission. The board agreed that John should have such authority to act on its behalf.

### **Chairman's Report**

- a) **Newsletter.** Bill Good submitted a draft of the 2008 HSTCA newsletter and asked members to review it. The board decided to attempt to sell eight quarter-page ads at a cost of \$50 each to offset the \$400 cost of producing the newsletter. Several members offered to solicit ads from specific area businesses. Bundles of newsletters and stamps will be available to members by August 1st to ready the newsletters for mailing.
- b) **September membership meeting.** Logistics of the meeting were sketchy beyond Gene's reporting that Hound Dogs is available between 4:00-6:00 pm for the September 20th annual party. The board discussed an alternate, last-minute offer by Moffet Aycocock for use of her house but decided on the Hound Dogs location. Holley volunteered to provide additional details including use of the bar's kitchen, and Melissa offered to work on music for the party.
- c) **Board nominations for vacant board positions.** Terri McKinney, Kaye French, Jeff Duhe, Debbie Roussel, and Susan Bailey have agreed to stand for election to the board to fill four vacancies for the 2008-2010 term. Of the current members, Bill Good and Shawn O'Brien are term limited, and Shannon Markward and Peggy Good have opted not to run for second terms.
- d) **Historic markers (and other outstanding projects)** Bill will attempt to set up a meeting with Mayor Kip Holden to request action on historic marker installation, designated parking program, and curb cuts near the Catholic Presbyterian Apartments, all of which have been submitted for approval but no response received.
- e) **Tee shirts.** It was decided that selling tee shirts at the Farmer's Market at discounted price is not financially viable and to instead give them away at the membership meeting. Bill noted that Edgar Dayries is working on a tee shirt design that could be an ongoing fundraising project, not necessarily in conjunction with Mardi Gras, and undated.
- f) **Mardi Gras fundraiser.** The board continued discussion of the plan to sell beer on Spanish Town Road on parade day. Shannon suggested that contracting with a major distributor such as Mochler Beverage might avail the board of personnel to sell the beer. She will make inquiries into the details. It is anticipated that Darryl Gissel's corner at 6th St./Spanish Town Road can be used.
- g) **Other pending 2008 priorities.** Work on the "Can Do" email grant was deferred. Shawn will make signs advertising the September membership party and renewal of membership and security dues.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

The next meeting of the board will be on August 10th.