

Minutes of the NOTICe Board Meeting
October 8, 2017
Portner's Landing Community Room

Present: Agnes Artemel, Matt Henessey, Howard Middleton, Tom Soapes, Clarence Tong, Roger Waud, Anne Christa Watters, White-Olson

Absent: Fran Zorn

Sgt. Casey

There was one murder in the 900 block of N. Henry Street during the last month. There were 6 heroin overdoses, 1 death, not limited to North Old Town, but citywide.

The sidewalk is open at the Holiday Inn.

Parking Enforcement: Taxi cabs are still parking on N. Pitt Street. Sgt. Casey will have his staff mark tires of cabs that are parked in residents' spaces. He asked that residents let the police know if the parking continues. It isn't illegal for the cabs to park there but his people will keep track of it.

Development Updates

Ken Wire and Jerry Liang presented information on the Sunrise project on North Washington Street and discussed plans for the Crowne Plaza site.

The Sunrise team is going to City Council in November with their presentation of renovating the 1950's building and surrounding townhouses.

Sunrise is a company providing quality care for the elderly. The planning and work on the site on N. Washington Street has been in the works for over a year.

This will be an assisted living site, which is more specific than senior living.

This site will be taking care of people who need help, specifically memory care.

The plans include a building with 4 floors on Washington Street, with a courtyard behind it, with 3 floors for the rest of the building.

The main institutional façade will be on Washington. The feel will be reflective of homes in Old Town. There will be 2 parking drop-offs on Washington Street. There will be parking on Princess Street. There will be a drive-in basement where people can be picked up. There will be 91 units. The average age for residency is 85.

Construction will begin towards the end of 2018. It will be completed between 18 months-2 years.

Crowne Plaza

The building is currently 13 stories with a ballroom and is having financial difficulties. The initial plans include taking the skin of the tower off and having it refaced. The tower will be surrounded by townhouses.

The curbs on Fairfax street will be moving out, some will have green strips. There will be an arts center, possibly Metro Stage, which will face Montgomery Park. The arts center will get the space free. Plans are for a shell with stadium seats. However, it could be an art gallery if plans with Metro Stage do not work out. The arts center will be below grade.

There will be more parking than there are residents, which will possibly be used by visitors to the arts center. There will be balconies on every condo. Carr is the developer. The lender is in discussions with Carr.

Still in talks with City. UDAC has to cooperate. Plans are to begin during the last quarter of 2018.

Additionally, there may be plans to re-zone Canal Center and add new retail.

September Minutes Approved

Treasurer/Membership Report

Matt announced that this month, NOTICE finances had 77 household renewals

115 household members renewed

Undeposited checks: \$135.00

\$2,120 in checks,

\$9,324.00 after deposit

Tom announced that the annual audit of the books has to take place soon Howard, Agnes and Anne are on this year's audit committee. Howard is the chair.

The Annual meeting is scheduled for November 16 at the Colony. The capacity for the room is 49 people.

Tom is planning the program focusing on arts issues which was one of the themes of the Small Area Plan (SAP)

Newsletter suggestions:

Possible articles: Election reminder to Get out the vote.

Tom's final article on change.

Article on archeological finds at the Eden site,

Trends in real estate.

The group discussed changes to newsletter delivery, in light of Tom going on vacation and 3 board members stepping down.

Tom reported that the Mayor is interested in increasing tree canopy and is holding a meeting Tuesday, October 17 at City Hall. Anne will attend and report back.

Meeting Adjourned