



The DRAMTREE

The Sunset Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. Newsletter

Sharing the spirit of community since 1912
DATE: June 2004

NOTICE OF MEETING

**A special meeting of the Greater Sunset
Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.
will be held:**

**Thursday, 24 June 2004
From 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.
Sunset Park Baptist Church
231 Central Blvd.**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Jim Flechtner, from the city's Traffic Planning Department has been conducting traffic surveys in the greater Sunset Park area since meeting with us back in January. He and his staff will be presenting the results of their studies, as well as their proposed solutions for addressing both short term and long-term traffic calming actions. Upon our approval, many of the solutions can be put in place immediately. Your attendance at this meeting and your input is very important!

A HISTORIC MILESTONE

Back on 8 Apr. 1993, an organization meeting was held at the Sunset Park Elem. School to discuss forming an association. Arcelia Wicker, City Director of Housing and Neighborhoods, was guest speaker. At that meeting, SPNA was born, with a goal of accomplishing six major objectives. These were: 1) Beautification of Sunset Park; 2) Enforcement of City Ordinance Codes; 3) Expansion of downtown Historical District to include Sunset Park; 4) Decreasing traffic in residential areas;

5) Increase value of properties; and 6) Expand Community Watch. Following this meeting, Mr. Wicker convinced the city manager that it was urgent that city funds be appropriated for Sunset Park or Sunset Park would soon be lost.

In Oct. 1995, the city provided a grant to Ed Turberg to accomplish an architectural survey of Sunset Park. In Sept. 1996, the survey was completed, which laid the foundation for our request for a grant to fund our application for National Historic Register District. From 1996 until 2001, several attempts were made to continue the process, but without success. In 2001, I wrote a grant proposal to the State Historical Dept. for funding of our application. The grant was denied due to lack of funds, but accepted on merit and we were asked to reapply in 2002. Our 2002 effort was successful, resulting in a \$4500 grant from the state and \$1000 from the city, and SPNA provided the remainder of \$1300. Beth Keane was hired to complete the application. On 29 Sept. 2003, the final public hearing was held with city and state historical department staff. The state representative advised that when the application is approved, a Certificate of Recognition would be issued, and should be presented to SPNA by City Council. The Certificate was issued on 10 Dec. 2003, and sent with a cover letter to the Mayor, with copies to Sen. Dole, Sen. Edwards, Rep. McIntyre, County Commissioners and Beth Keane. The cover letter stated: "Your town is most fortunate to preserve an area that justly deserves this honor." We wholeheartedly agree. Page two is a copy of this important certificate.

Our June 24 meeting will be another milestone, as we seriously tackle the traffic issue. We have come a long way, but we still have a long road ahead of us.

**Johnnie N. Henagan, President
President, 762-8596**



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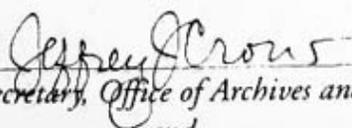
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Deputy Secretary, Office of Archives and History
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State Historic Preservation Officer

December 10, 2003

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