

16 July 2008

WEEKLY MEETING OF NWQ STUDY GROUP

Attending from the Study Group: John Gadson, Dwayne Smalley, James Bellew, Al Hefner, Bob Pinkerton, Pete Palmer

Not attending: Henrietta Goode

Attending from the public: Mayor Keyserling, Donna Alley, Evan Thompson, Garrett Budds, Mark Kruger, Jay Weidner, Shannon Honl, Colin Davidson, Dick Morehead

Key Points Were:

- James Bellew now has more than a half dozen owners in the NWQ who have interest in getting loans or grants to improve their properties. He will work each of these and select case studies for presentation to City Council.
- Heir's property and mutual encroachments impact on development as well as demolition. More than occasionally, owners have used 'heirs' complications to dissuade outsiders. Heir's issues can be dealt with through attorneys like Brantley Harvey and others associated with HBF.
- Mark Krueger received guidance on forms, materials, sizes and eventual costs of buildings to pass on to architects potentially interested in volunteering to design homes for the Q – homes that could be 'green' as well as cost around 150 thousand dollars to build.
- Dwayne Smalley will be focusing his interviews on those living in the core four block area (boundied by Greene, Harrington, Duke and Monson Streets). It's not that what will be done in the Q will necessarily start in this area, but its representative of the entire Q.
- We need precise numbers of the vacant lots. We have a list of 46 vacant and abandoned buildings. Vacant lots tell us a lot about potential in-fill.
- The first meeting of what we hope will become the neighborhood association for the NWQ will occur on Monday, 20 July. The Pigeon Point association seems to be more active than the others within the City and they might usefully be contacted to find out why.
- **We need everyone's input into the outline we are using for eventual presentation to City Council.** There is no sacred language in the current draft!