

30 July 2008

WEEKLY MEETING OF NWQ STUDY GROUP

Attending from the Study Group: John Gasden, Dwayne Smalley, Al Hefner, Pete Palmer

Not attending: Bob Pinkerton, James Bellew, Henrietta Goode

Attending from the public: Donna Alley, Shannon Honl, Garrett Buds, Inez Neal, Naomi Lewis

Key Points Were:

- Al Hefner gave the group an understanding of the many benefits that accrue from form base codes – the use of which in the NWQ can keep prices down, can keep owners in their own homes, and can give us diversity by perpetuating the size and lovely scale of existing homes.
- The Community date for meeting with the Study Group is 12 August. Their own organizational date is set for 19 August. Our meeting with City Council is 25 August.
- There are members of the Study Group who feel strongly that we have failed the charge given to us by City Council. Others believe that, while we have not accomplished all that we might have hoped, we will be able to give City Council an outline for the future of the NWQ. The keys to this future reside in the willingness of the Community to organize and have a voice AND the degree to which property owners will come forward to seek financial advise and assistance to repair historic homes and build on presently empty lots.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 5:00 at 1211 Boundry Street.