

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association

May 17, 2011 board meeting

Himmel Library meeting room, 1035 N. Treat Ave., Tucson

Call to order: 7:02 p.m. by President John O'Dowd

Board members present: John O'Dowd, Carolyn Classen, Frank Soltys, Rick Bell, Gail Schuessler, Susan Peters, Kim Crooks, Doug Donahue, Steve Gilsdorf, Sheila Hoban, Christine Curtis, John Wilder

Board members absent: Janett Carbajal

Review of agenda - approved

April 19, 2011 minutes: MSP to approve as circulated via email

Guests: Madelyn Cook, indexer; Penny Simms (former board member)

Call to Audience: Penny spoke about the noise & difficulty of bringing Spring Fling back to the UA Mall. Penny experienced a home break-in by a carnival worker, had knife fight in front of her house near Campbell Ave. vs. need for 100+ student groups to make money. Penny unable to talk with UA students (gone for semester) and Administration - has spoken with other neighbors in the Campbell Ave. area but not a lot of concern expressed. She is looking into alternatives/possible other locations but it seems that the decision has been made to bring it back to campus for 2013(?). Spring Fling will be supposedly cutting back the hours to 10 p.m. every night.

Discussion followed on any mitigation plans: turn music speakers away from neighborhood, cut back hours at night, abide by City of Tucson sound regulations, student teams to clean up trash in neighborhood, posting a bond if any noise violations, signs for parking violators. Suggestion by Kim to form a committee to further discuss this issue. Gail, Kim & Steve volunteered to be on this Spring Fling committee with Penny. President O'Dowd will write letter objecting to Spring Fling to UA President, Board of Regents, ASUA President, copy to Pima Board of Supervisors & County Administrator.

Jonathan Rothschild-- no show at Call to Audience

Review of Budget: CPA Treasurer Steve Gilsdorf handed out 2011 Budget, based on Budget committee meeting on Monday May 16. Steve reported on Water Tower Impound Fund of \$33,841, with board operating funds of \$28,137. Home tour (done every 2 years) may not always be successful, then board may need rainy day funds. Projected expenditures for 2011 is \$10,103, with \$3500 set aside for Neighborhood Capital Improvements.

\$12,000 is raised every two years by home tour committee. Question is now what to do with \$33,841 in Water Tower Impound Fund, as it may not be realistic to rehabilitate the entire water pump tower at the projected cost of \$100,000 (per building consultant John Wesley Miller). Susan asked what is the vision of the neighborhood association and its projects/plans. She volunteered to organize a 4 hour board visioning retreat, & Kim volunteered use of rooms at her office (Tucson Alliance for Autism). Christine suggested setting long term goals and short term goals, tied to budget projections, with the board's mission statement. Carolyn stated that SH Neighborhood board has been in existence since 1970. Motion by Susan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheila, approved to hold retreat sometime this summer. Susan will contact board members with details.

Next board meetings are June 21 and July 19. Reminder: Tuesday August 16 is the annual board-only social meeting (with spouses/partners) at a neighborhood restaurant. (There will be no regular SHNA board meeting in August.)

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historic Preservation: Rick & Sheila are meeting tomorrow to set up plan/budget for Water Pump Tower project. They will consider getting other estimates from building consultants for renovation .

Coalition of Himmel Park Neighborhoods: Frank discussed lack of maintenance of the tennis courts. Tennis pro Casey Pfordt has raised \$25,000 to resurface six courts. SH Neighborhood Assn. may want to contribute \$ to match another donor's \$4,000 gift to fix courts 7 & 8, to coordinate donations with other neighborhoods (i.e. Blenman-Elm, Palo Verde not able to contribute, Frank hasn't talked with Miramonte Neighborhood Assn. as yet). Motion by Frank to allocate \$1500 for tennis courts & to coordinate with neighborhood coalition, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail. Donation would go to Tucson Parks Foundation (501c3 non-profit) entirely for Himmel Park tennis courts. Motion passed unanimously, to do "something concrete."

Discussion on strategy to open swimming pool at Himmel Park for next summer 2012. Could work with neighbor Nicole Koch to find a way to keep pool open maybe only on weekends. Would need to hire certified life guards and pay for liability insurance. Will discuss at during upcoming board retreat.

Newsletter/Membership/Technology: Gail reported that next newsletter deadline is end of August, will check on printing costs. The SH newsletter is the only avenue left to communicate with all the neighbors (2,000 homes) about issues like the widening of Broadway Blvd. , any development of the Christian Science Church property on E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., development of Broadway Village. Frank suggested article to remind neighbors to add their email addresses to SHNA listserv for more timely communications.

Membership: Deals & discounts doing well (see website, [www.samhughes.org](http://www.samhughes.org)) per Rick

Website/technology: John W. mentioned the complaint about people using the listserve for business advertising, asked for online subscribers to please only “discreetly” promote their business.

Security: Neighborhood watch -TPD officer Becky Noel reported at last meeting. Rick Stertz (former Co-chair with wife Debbie Stertz) is now on the AZ Independent Redistricting Commission.

Land Use: Gail reported on house on SW corner of Olsen/Hawthorne is being fixed by new owners. Sheila reported on variance granted for 6 unit Multi-family development at 1<sup>st</sup>/Norris.

Schools: John O. reported on Post Unitary Plan (PUP) appealed by Mexican Americans and Dept. of Justice has joined this appeal, regarding deseg plan for TUSD. Tucson High School Site Council questioned tax credit policy for payment of contributing fees for individual children - Finance Dept. of TUSD is proposing a new schools tax credit policy.

Frank reported on discussion with Sam Hughes Elem. School Principal Janet Jordan about the traffic problem on Norton Street (between E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) during pick up of students. TUSD proposed solution is to provide for angled back - in parking on Norton St., and cutting into the too-small playground yard and removing the few shades trees on the playground. Frank will monitor this traffic problem & proposal. No one on SH board is now sitting on SH Elem. School Site Council.

Traffic: Broadway Corridor widening plans still proceeding by Regional Transportation Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Classen, SHNA Secretary

