

SHNA Board of Directors Minutes
June 21, 2011 - Himmel Park Library

Present: Rick Bell, Kim Crooks, Doug Donahue, Steve Gilsdorf, Sheila Hoban, John O'Dowd, Susan Peters, Frank Soltys, John Wilder.

Absent: Janett Carbajal, Carolyn Classen, Christine Curtis, Gail Schuessler.

Guests: Larry Roberts, James Egan/Brake Masters, Toby Anne Sydney, Mark Mayer, Madelyn Cook, Ofc. Tim Lopez/UAPD.

Approval of 5/17/11 BOD Minutes: Approved.

Call to Audience:

Mark Mayer spoke about the proposed Sign Code Ordinance: 1) has no list of signs, 2) does not require notice of public hearing so request would go before the Mayor and Council, 3) no notice to adjacent neighbors, 4) has provisions for relocation and sign replication. (Later in the meeting, MSP that O'Dowd would write a letter in support of the restoration and preservation of historic signs but request the proposed ordinance be sent back to committee and revised to increase transparency and include additional restrictions.)

1. Officer Lopez was requested to assist in organizing a meeting with Park Wise, City, UAPD and UofA, and neighborhood representatives concerning the overflow parking problem.
2. Toby Sydney discussed the residual parking problems for the neighbors in the Forgeus/Park area, and suggested a meeting with Park Wise, City Parks Dept. and neighbors to address these issues. Hoban recommended she contact Park Wise officials to arrange such a meeting.

Reports of Officers:

1. President O'Dowd announced there would be a meeting on Wednesday, June 29th, beginning at 6pm at Ward 6, 3202 E. 1st, to discuss funding road repairs in Ward 6. Councilman Steve Kozachik has requested that \$75,000 of his remaining budget be reallocated to the DOT, earmarked for needed road repair.

O'Dowd advised that is in contact with John Wesley Miller who is talking with a structural engineer, about the Pump Station restoration. Issues to be considered before any decision were: 1) necessity of dealing with the City and Tucson Water; 2) getting landmark designation; 3) ability to raise additional funds; 4) that any development be done before the next home tour. It was agreed that a retreat is needed to discuss budget, goals and priorities of SHNA including the mission of the water pump house restoration project. It was also agreed as a board, no commitments will be made for water tower improvements or funding unless full Board is involved in the decision making. Tabled for discussion at the July 19th meeting.

2. Treasurer Gilsdorf circulated report showing \$26,745 in the Vantage West Credit Union and \$33,863 in the Washington Federal CD-Water Tower Impound Fund). A \$1,500 donation had been made to the Himmel Tennis Center for resurfacing.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Newsletter/Membership/Bell: The next issue of the newsletter will include publicity about the \$1,500 donation to the Tennis Center, including a picture of SHNA presenting a ceremonious BIG Check to Casey at the Himmel Park Tennis Center. The newsletter will also include information about other recent donations that were made to three area non-profits. Membership would also like to include an update regarding the 50+ money saving offers available to association members on the deals and discounts program. There are plans for SHNA to host a Mayoral forum at Sam Hughes Elementary on August 7th. It would include a "meet and greet" for association members. Discussion was tabled. Bell advised the recorder after the meeting that if we proceed with the forum the newsletter will need to go out by July 15th.

Land Use/NPZ - Roberts & Egan: Re Brake Masters rezoning proposal: After a public meeting, certain improvements have been made (moved dumpster off sidewalk, operational changes regarding test driving). Brake Masters proposes to supply a buffer for the neighborhood in the future. Schematics were distributed and after further discussion MSP that Roberts work with Brake Masters rep and surrounding neighbors to come up with an agreement that the neighborhood association will approve, if acceptable by the parties.

Military Community Relations/Donahue: The following report was submitted to the recorder after the meeting: "The Environment Analysis (EA) of Operation Snowbird (OSB) is on hold awaiting the go-ahead of higher-ups; US Marine helicopters (5 CH 53's) will be training from 7 July to 25 July (hold your ears)."

Elderly Housing/Roberts: HUD has approved funds for landscaping the median, work to begin soon.

The following committee reports were tabled at 9:00 p.m., when the meeting adjourned: CCRC, Schools, Traffic.

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