

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors
Minutes: Regular Meeting of 9/20/2011 (Himmel Park Library, PCPL)

Board members present:

John O'Dowd (Pres.), Sheila Hoban (V.P.), Kim Crooks (MCRC Cmte.), Carolyn Classen (Sec.), Steve Gilsdorf (Treas.), Christine Curtis, Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), Rick Bell (Membership), Doug Donahue

Board members absent:

Janett Carbajal, Susan Peters (Home Tour Cmte.), Frank Soltys, John Wilder (Website)

Guests and general public:

Octavio Barceló (UAPD), Hope Cramer (Pima Co., Dist. 5 Office), Erin Frorini, Lucy Hermes

Board Procedures:

Pres. John O'Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

Minutes of past meetings reviewed. No minutes for the special meeting of Aug. 30, 2011 were available for review. Minutes for the last regular meeting of July, 19, 2011 were unanimously approved by the Board. (Motion to approve made by Sheila Hoban; motion seconded by Kim Crooks.)

Officer Updates

With the recent resignation (retirement) of Tucson Office Professionals' Maxine Fifer, the position of the paid "minutes recorder/preparer" was discussed. Sheila Hoban made a motion to hire Madelyn Cook to transcribe, edit, type, and distribute the official Board minutes through December, 2011, at the pay rate of \$60.00 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Gilsdorf. The Board voted in favor of the motion, with one vote opposed (Kim Crooks). Madelyn Cook accepted the offer of the position as described in the motion.

Treasurer Steve Gilsdorf submitted a report (*Budget to Actual – September 20, 2011*) showing an excess of revenue over expenditures to date of \$10,742. The SHNA Vantage West Credit Union and Paypal account has a joint balance of \$26,316, and the SHNA Washington Federal CD (The Water Tower Impound Fund) has a balance of \$33,929.

Secretary Carolyn Classen reported on unsatisfactory care from Next Care Urgent Care, a guest of and presenter to a recent SHNA Board meeting.

Treasurer Steve Gilsdorf reported that he has requesting a variance for his Sam Hughes property on 5th Street.

Agenda Review

"Minutes recorder/preparer" hire was an addition to the agenda.

Water Tower handouts provided by Frank Soltys to be distributed by John O'Dowd to John Miller and Dennis Garrison who are on our committee for the water pump station.

Minidorms update to be presented by John O'Dowd, who this week participated in a City sponsored seminar presented by the Historic Preservation Policy Working Group, which includes Jonathan Mabry from the City.

MCRC update to be presented by Kim Crooks, which includes her written report and handouts.

Potholes and Parkwise update to be presented by Sheila Hoban.

MCRC update:

Doug Donahue pointed out an announcement (in Kim Crooks' handouts) of upcoming (9/27 & 9/28) public meetings regarding the environmental assessment of Davis-Monthan AFB's Operation Snowbird Ramp Management Plan. Kim urged people to attend and oppose all the options that will be presented by the Air Force at these meetings. Instead, a "quality of life" option should be proposed for public consideration. Kim provided information on Tucson Forward (tucsonforward.com) a grassroots organization working on the issue. Kim urged individuals who submit written comments to the Air Force to keep a copy of what they submit, so that input can be tracked. Kim recommended that the Board support a proposal of "no additions" to what the Air Force is currently doing, rather than support the Air Force's "no action" proposal. John O'Dowd asked if anyone had objections to putting this issue on next month's agenda and alerting SH neighbors via the listserv that they will be able to hear a discussion at October's board meeting. A representative from the Air Force will be invited to speak. Other

“Snowbird” training issues were discussed. In conclusion, Doug announced that a public meeting of the MCRC group will be held 9/21 at the Ward VI office.

Call to the Audience:

Hope Cramer from Pima Co. Supervisor, Richard Elias’s Dist. 5 Office was in attendance but had nothing new to report.

Officer Octavio Barceló with the UA Police Dept. was in attendance. He also had nothing to report.

Traffic updates: “Potholes and Parkwise”

Sheila Hoban reported on the SH Neighborhood’s success with the City’s potholes project. SH streets are in 100% failure according to national standards. Ward VI has \$75,000 designated for potholes in Ward VI. SHNA has given Ward VI a list of all potholes and their locations in SH. Most of the potholes on 7th Street have been filled.

The Parkwise program’s recent problems were reviewed and discussed. Sheila detailed Parkwise’s management of the SH parking during UA games, and made suggestions as to how the strain on SH neighbors could be mitigated with the help of Parkwise and UA.

Sheila has done an article for the upcoming newsletter on these reports.

Minidorms updates:

John O’Dowd reported on a meeting he had with Craig Gross, zoning examiner for the City’s Land Use Code (LUC). The Board discussed the project being developed by QuatroVest at Country Club and 4th St. The “R-1” zoning in relation to “minidorm” developments was examined. Board members who have been working on this issue reported on their progress. Sheila Hoban brought “No mini-dorms” yard signs to make available to those who would like to post them.

John O’Dowd commented that this issue is having the effect of putting the Water Tower project on hold.

Hope Cramer (Dist. 5 Office) suggested the possibility of producing public service announcements regarding minidorms.

New/Old Business: Broadway Corridor update

John O’Dowd is planning to meet with Shirley Scott (Ward 4) about the bad idea of proceeding with the Broadway Corridor project. After the Board reviewed the history of the project, John and guest, Hope Cramer (Dist. 5 Office) discussed the financing issues surrounding it. John is concerned about the small businesses that will be impacted.

Gail Schuessler reported that Susan Peters is making progress on the upcoming newsletter, which should be out at the end of this month.

An article about the “minutes recorder/preparer” position vacated by Maxine Fifer was suggested.

Kim Crooks questioned the Board’s payment for landscaping work near Country Club and 1st St.

Membership & Events:

Rick Bell reported briefly that everything was going well.

Building agenda for the next meeting:

UA scoreboard noise suggested by Rick Bell.

John O’Dowd has asked Frank Soltys to talk to Ward VI

MCRC topic and speakers

Landscaping work near Country Club and 1st St.

Close meeting: A motion to made by Doug Donahue and seconded by Sheila Hoban was voted on unanimously in favor of adjournment.

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