

## **Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors**

### **FINAL Minutes: Informational Meeting of 4/17/2012 (Himmel Park Library, PCPL)**

**Board members present:** John O'Dowd (Pres.), LuAnn Barr, Rick Bell (V.P.), Doug Donahue, Frank Soltys

**Board members absent:** Janett Carbajal, Carolyn Classen (Sec.), Christine Curtis, Steve Gilsdorf (Treas.), Sheila Hoban, Corey Reidy, Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), John Wilder (Website)

**Guests and general public:** Paul E. Winger (presenter), Teresa Smith (Ward 6 Council Office), Molly Thrasher Ward 6 Council Office), Octavio Barceló (U.A.P.D.), Susan E. Caldwell, Michael Barr

Since no quorum was in attendance, O'Dowd called an informational meeting to order at 7:07. Invited guest, Paul Winger, was asked to give his presentation on a proposed concert in Himmel Park on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Winger is representing the organization, "End Corporate Rule," which has applied to the City for permission to hold the concert in the park. O'Dowd reminded those present that under the SHNA bylaws, the Board would need to be polled before any decision to support the application could be given.

#### **PRESENTATION : "End Corporate Rule" proposed event, Himmel Park, May 12, 2012 (Paul E. Winger)**

Mr. Winger represents "End Corporate Rule," a coalition of organizations, which include: Move On, Move to Amend, Abolish Corporate Personhood Now, Code Pink, Pink Ladies, Busriders Assoc., Soldiers for Peace Internatl., Occupy, plus several others that were not named. He has applied to the City for a concert venue to bring these organizations and other interested people together. Mr. Winger is coming to the Board about this because he has learned that he needs permission from SHNA to hold an event with amplified music in Himmel Park. He assured the Board that the amplified portion of the program would end before sunset which is around 7:00 PM.

Frank provided info on SHNA's work with the City to protect neighbors from the impact of concerts in the park.

Mr. Winger explained his background and relation to the cause his group is promoting. He also provided two handouts, one about corporate personhood, and the other about the Federal Reserve.

Frank asked for reassurance that the program will end at dark. He expressed concern that one of the named groups, Occupy, has remained in other Tucson city parks. Mr. Winger assured Frank that participants will be asked to pack up at dark, and that no one will be encouraged to stay in Himmel Park.

Rick asked for a list of all of the bands that would be performing. As of yet, Mr. Winger has no bands lined up.

LuAnn volunteered to attend to make sure the program ends on time and in compliance with any agreement.

Frank asked about City requirements for applicants to use the parks. Teresa Smith from the Ward 6 Office clarified that the City has public safety requirements based on the size of the crowd, not on the location. These requirements include security and parking. Mr. Winger said that he had not heard about this from the Parks & Rec person he spoke with initially. Ms. Smith explained that once an applicant reserves a park, they are given a packet which explains all of the requirements. O'Dowd expressed the opinion that the City should give the applicant all of this info prior to paying a fee to make a reservation. He feels that Mr. Winger should have had all of this information before he made this presentation to the Board.

Rick asked about the timing of the event, and about the type of amplified music. He wondered about the possibility of getting samples of the music. O'Dowd does not want to interfere with the groups' free speech by discussing the content of the music. He interjected that SHNA has no jurisdiction over content, but can become involved with anything that might be loud enough to cause a disturbance of the Sam Hughes neighbors.

O'Dowd explained again that because there is no quorum, the Board would need to be polled on this question, and that further discussion would take place once Mr. Winger had left.

The exact time for the proposed May 12<sup>th</sup> event was clarified: 4:00PM until sunset, which would be around 7:15. Meeting guest, Officer Barceló of the UAPD, reminded everyone that May 12<sup>th</sup> is UA Commencement.

Mr. Winger thanked the Board. LuAnn offered to help Mr. Winger with alternate plans should this one not work out. Board members thanked Mr. Winger for his time and presentation.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Deferred. (Steve Gilsdorf)**

Frank reported that Steve feels that no fiscal actions should take place until the Budget Committee meets. O'Dowd wants that committee to meet before the next Board meeting so that action can be taken on the Jefferson Park Foundation donation, which is an unresolved issue from the March 2012 Board meeting.

Frank also report on Steve's medical progress following his surgery.

#### **Discussion of the "End Corporate Rule" proposed event, Himmel Park, May 12, 2012**

Frank expressed shock that the City did not require security or parking plans for events at Himmel Park. O'Dowd was critical of the City's procedure of providing applicants with detailed requirements after they make a reservation. Ms. Smith offered to explain how the City handles these situations.

Applicants wishing to hold large events meet with a designated Parks & Rec person, who goes through a standard list of requirements that does include public safety and transportation. A standard fee sheet with all requirements of all of the parks is provided. In response from a question from Rick, Ms. Smith said that Mr. Winger would have been presented with more options than just Reid and Himmel parks.

Other alternative parks were discussed. Reid Park is more expensive than Himmel, but Himmel has

more restrictions on noise and lighting than does Reid.

Several people commented that it didn't look possible to organize this event by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Frank expressed concern that the concert would lead to an "Occupy Himmel" event. Discussion followed on how to handle civil disobedience.

Ms. Smith asked about lighting. This issue was briefly discussed.

The process of polling the Board on this issue was discussed. It was decided that according to the bylaws, Board members would be polled by telephone. O'Dowd proposed the following statement be submitted to the City should the Board approve: "SHNA has no objection to the proposed concert at Himmel Park on May 12<sup>th</sup> provided the amplified sound ceases at 7:00 PM., and that the people putting on the event comply with all other regulations of the City." Among those in attendance the following are in favor: John, LuAnn, and Doug. Frank is opposed. Rick is undecided.

LuAnn offered to poll the rest of the Board. Since the bylaws specify polling by phone, John said that members will be called. O'Dowd and LuAnn will meet on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> to conduct the polling.

## **WATER PUMP STATION (water tower) / LETTER TO VERIZON (Teresa Smith, Ward 6 Council Office)**

Frank suggested that Teresa Smith from Ward 6 present information on the latest proposed reuse for the "water tower" at Tucson Blvd. and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The cell phone company, Verizon, is interested in using the structure for a cell phone tower. John feels it is imperative that SHNA act quickly on this.

Ms. Smith gave background on Ward 6's involvement, which started when Verizon contacted them about losing its tower location at Speedway and Campbell (Sheraton 4 Points) on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This impending loss is creating an emergency for the City because the tower is necessary for public safety communications.

Ward 6 is very aware of O'Dowd's and SHNA's ongoing efforts to revitalize and reuse the historic water pump station, and would like to see Verizon partner with SHNA on this project. Ms. Smith says that Verizon needs a letter very soon from SHNA saying that they are interested in Verizon looking into the possibility of using the "water tower," both as a temporary site for a "COW" (cell tower on wheels) and for a permanent tower incorporating reuse of the historic structure. Because of land use code restrictions on temporary structures, SHNA would need to act quickly. O'Dowd has prior authority from the Board to proceed on these actions.

Discussion followed about engineering and architectural issues, as well as fees Verizon will pay to the City.

Frank thanked Teresa for all of her work on this. Ms. Smith then introduced new Ward 6 Council Aide, Molly Thrasher. Ms. Thrasher will be focusing her efforts on neighborhoods west of Country

Club Road.

## **BROADWAY CORRIDOR**

O'Dowd expressed gratitude to be working with Ward 6 on the Broadway Corridor issue. O'Dowd has been looking at two new RTA "scoping" documents, which indicates widening to 6 lanes down from 8. There is also a new traffic study effective March 2012. The implications of the wording of the RTA charter were discussed.

Frank took the opportunity to thank O'Dowd for all of the many hours of free legal services he provides to SHNA.

**A SPECIAL MEETING was set for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss the Fall Garden Tour and the Home Tour.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

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