

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors
Approved Minutes: Regular Meeting 7 pm on 10/16/2012 (Himmel Park Library, PCPL)

Board members present: John O’Dowd (Pres.), Rick Bell (V.P. & Membership), Corey Reidy, Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), John Wilder (Website), Mary Durham-Pflibsen (Broadway CTF), Carolyn Classen (Sec.)

Board members absent: LuAnn Barr (LUC), Janett Carbajal

Guests and general public: Kyle Snyder (Theta Chi fraternity), Miriam Weber, Zach Gann, Michael Gordy, Madelyn Cook, Octavio Barcelo (UAPD), M. Theresa Tostes-Rierio McLaughlin

Call to Order: J. O’Dowd called the board meeting to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum of 6 were present with Christine Curtis’ and Doug Donahue’s recognized resignations from the board.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Minutes of the past meeting: Minutes of 9/18/2012 SHNA Board meeting were discussed and amendments made. Rick moved that the minutes be approved with amendments. Carolyn seconded the motion and the board members present approved the minutes unanimously.

Call to the Audience: John O. asked the audience if there were any guests who wished to speak to the board.

Kyle Snyder addressed the board. Kyle is the outreach chairman for Theta Chi fraternity. They held an open house on Sept 22nd and had approximately 20 families attend. Last weekend they had 20 help clean up after the UofA football game. 2 noise complaints were received this past month and they moved the times of their events earlier to avoid future complaints. Carolyn indicated that she had sent an email to them asking if they would consider cleaning and painting the wall at the “pocket” park on Country club, NW corner of E.1st St. (from Denise Blake, neighbor).

Miriam Weber addressed the board and is a member of “350.org”. They are organizing a climate action day for the public. They would like to hold the event on a Saturday in April 2013 in Himmel Park. It would be held during the day and be low key with a minimum of noise. They may arrange for a room in Himmel library for a guest speaker. John O. then reminded the attendees that SHNA really doesn’t approve the use of Himmel Park but can provide their endorsement of activities. SHNA would support this event and welcome participation from members. Miriam will try to get members of the U of A Institute of the Environment to participate and speak. The last “350.org” event was in 2009 and Carolyn told Miriam about the earlier event to try and help her get connected with others who have organized past events. Carolyn suggested that the organizers check on when “Solar Rock” is scheduled for 2013. Michael Gordy addressed the board further about Climate Action day. He will be working with Sam Hughes school and its students in preparation for the Climate Action Day. The goal is to increase young people’s awareness of climate change.

M. Theresa Tostes-Rierio McLaughlin addressed the board next. She is a mother at Sam Hughes Elementary school PTA. She and the principal (Ms. Jordan) wanted to approach the SHNA about participating more in the garden tour event. The PTA is excited with the Garden Tour and the parents and children would like to have their garden(s) included in the tour. They would like to coordinate with the garden tour to provide information about school events during the garden tour registration / ticket sales. They would provide people to show participants around the school gardens. John O. noted that board members and Garden Tour sponsors are invited to his home on Friday before the Garden Tour. John O. noted that SHNA and the PTA (Dana Pitt) were involved in the sound suppression project at Sam Hughes and so the PTA has been working with SHNA recently. There was quite a volunteer effort. J. Norback

from Miles NA became aware of the Sam Hughes sound suppression project and wanted to know how to go about getting it done for Miles.

UAPD officer (Octavio Barcelo) noted that there have been a couple of noise complaints but the fraternity responded quickly to resolve the noise issues.

Budget Report: None

Board Action: John O nominated Mary Durham-Pflibsen as a member of the SHNA board, Rick Bell seconded. She was unanimously approved for membership on the board. Mary is serving on the Broadway Widening Citizens Task Force (CTF) and represents SHNA on the Task Force.

Presentation: Citizens Task Force (CTF) for Broadway Corridor – Mary Durham-Pflibsen began with a brief summary of the CTF activities. She indicated that the Grant Road task force had been required to sign a charter that required their design to comply with the original ballot design. In the case of the Broadway Corridor the CTF members were not required to sign such a charter as a result of public pressure. In the case of the Broadway widening the traffic multiple traffic studies show that travel levels have not increased as dramatically as originally projected. Many on the CTF wish to look more broadly at improving the Broadway corridor. The focus has been on what functionality must be maintained to be compliant with the ballot measure. The question of the day is what is meant by functionality. The current working definition has been that it represents level of service (time to travel through an area of the roadway). There is an alternative vision for functionality which would be targeted at moving people but not necessarily cars or vehicles. The current plan calls for demolishing the first row of the buildings on the North side of Broadway. The CTF is meeting twice a month to get the information needed to begin the design work. A concern is that the available funds may not be sufficient to purchase all of the property required for the original project definition. Carolyn asked what the sense of the CTF members is. Mary indicated that to date only one member appears to be favoring the original ballot plan. A number of other members seem to prefer considering alternatives. John O. indicated that he has suggested that the Broadway Coalition get property valuations for all of the properties on the North side of Broadway. He has found that the businesses pay about \$620,000 / year in property taxes. John O. indicated that in the future he may come back to SHNA with a request for funding for a few specific actions.

Election of Treasurer: Action was tabled.

STATUS REPORTS / STUDY/ ACTION ITEMS:

FALL 2012 GARDEN TOUR

Rick modeled the new SHNA T-shirt. On Friday there will be a party for the board and tour participants at 5:30 at John O's house. Rick is estimating that about 28 people will be coming to the party. Tour participants will have the opportunity to pick up their signs and T-shirts. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:30 on Sunday for a 12:00 start. The Phrenology trail seems to be attracting attention. Brochures and T-shirts are ready. There will be a sign out in front of the school. Carolyn has been working on the publicity for the garden tour. The Star had an article this past Sunday. We are in the Weekly, on the SHNA website, in the SHNA listserv, Ward 6 newsletter, on posters and fliers around the neighborhood, among other sources. Ticket sales will end at 3PM. School will close by 3:15 PM.

TENTATIVE NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

Act on Climate Action Day event in April 2013.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36. Mary moved to adjourn, Rick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.