

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors
Approved Minutes: Regular Meeting 7 pm on 11/20/2012 (Himmel Park Library, PCPL)

Board members present: John O'Dowd (Pres.), Mary Durham-Pflibsen (Broadway CTF), Corey Reidy, John Wilder (Website), Carolyn Classen (Sec.), Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.),

Board members absent: Rick Bell (V.P. & Membership), LuAnn Barr (LUC), Janett Carbajal

Guests and general public: Kyle Snyder (Theta Chi Fraternity), Kim Calle (Sam Hughes Elem. Tax Credit Rep.), Susan Peters (SHNA Home Tour), Richard Alexander, Andie Zelnio, Demion Clinco (Pres of Tucson Historical Preservation Society), Molly Thrasher (Ward VI office), Miriam Weber (Climate Action Festival), Octavio Barcelo (UAPD), Jessica Shunan (Broadway Small Business Owner)

Call to Order: J. O'Dowd called the board meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Minutes of the past meeting: Minutes of the October 16th SHNA Board meeting: John W. moved to accept minutes as presented. Carolyn Classen seconded. The board unanimously approved.

Call to the Audience: (3 minutes each)

Kim Calle who resides at 2012 Hawthorne with 2 girls at Sam Hughes Elem. spoke. She requested support through the tax credit for the school. She indicated that there is an Az State tax credit of \$200 per year for single or \$400 per year for couple filing jointly. She has put it out on the list SHNA listserv. Contributions can be made on-line or can be mailed to Sam Hughes. John O. reminded the attendees that any public schools are eligible for the gifts. Kim is planning to repost on the SHNA listserv.

Kyle Snyder from the Theta Chi Fraternity spoke to the attendees. He thanked the SHNA for their comments. They are responding to the comments about parking on the north of the facility and noise late in the evening disturbing the neighbors.

Richard Alexander addressed the group indicating that the Monastery will be participating in the home tour even though it is just outside of Sam Hughes.

Treasurer Report: Report has been prepared but was not available for distribution. Corey R. moved and Gail S. seconded a motion to table the Treasurer's report until the December 18th meeting.

Board Actions: None.

Presentation: Tucson Preservation Foundation – Demion Clinco (demionc@yahoo.com) is president of Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation. He spoke about the Broadway corridor work and its relation to mid-century historic buildings. 2 weeks ago there was an event which 2500 attended with lectures, home tours, and other activities to raise awareness of the historic value of the Broadway area. The Broadway Corridor is a prime candidate for historic district registration. Andie Zelnio also spoke about all of the buildings on the North side of Broadway that may be destroyed if the original widening proposal is adopted. The original Broadway mid-century development was targeted at smaller store fronts for small businesses and worked effectively until the widening plan quelled such development. The Broadway Corridor buildings come from the post WWII era whereas the SHNA residential area has its roots earlier. The Benedictine Monastery is identified as part of the SH historic district as it was considered part of the same historic area. The Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation is a 501c3 organization.

They are proposing applying for historic designation for the Broadway Corridor. Demion would like to begin preparing an application for the August 2013 timeframe and he is asking neighborhoods to consider funding the \$15,000 cost of the application. Andie indicated that this area had at one time been designated the “Sunshine mile”.

Election of Treasurer: Action was tabled.

STATUS REPORTS / STUDY/ ACTION ITEMS:

Climate Action Festival – Miriam Weber spoke to the attendees concerning the Climate Action Festival using Himmel Park for the event. Miriam is looking for small intimate entertainment groups for the event some of which would need some amplification. Miriam is proposing using amplification with speakers facing Speedway Blvd. Corey pointed out that the usual problem with amplified acts is monitoring and controlling the noise level. Miriam expects they would be done by early evening. The Himmel library has offered their meeting room but some sessions may require more space. April 20th, 2013 is the proposed date with Earth day on April 22nd and Tucson’s Earth day celebration on April 21st at Reid Park. Corey R. moved that SHNA support the event. Mary D. seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion. Miriam is also working on an arts related activity by the Tucson Arts Brigade painting a wall with a mural.

Spring Home Tour – Susan Peters from the home tour told the group that the Benedictine Monastery, the Casitas on Broadway, Theta Chi Fraternity House, plus a group of homes in the neighborhood and a few businesses are planned to be part of the tour. April 7th, 2013 is the tour date. \$20 ticket price is planned. Rick B. has talked about a membership discount for those signing up on the tour. Corey R. moved that SHNA adopt April 7th as the SHNA 2013 home tour. Mary D. seconded, the board unanimously approved the motion.

Broadway Corridor – Mary Durham-Pflibsen pointed out that at the CTF meeting all of the options presented by the Tucson city staff were 100 feet or wider whereas the Drachman Institute has developed options for a number of narrower alternatives. Mary pointed out that there is a lot of tension concerning the corridor design but the task force really doesn’t have enough information yet. The CTF is still in the learning process. Jessica pointed out that it appears that it is practically possible to achieve the transportation needs without such a large impact on the community. Molly T. addressed the board to indicate that Steve K. is trying to have the alternative design drawings presented to the city council. John O. told the group that the city has been purchasing property along this corridor over a long time frame. There is a problem with the city owned vacant buildings degrading. Steve K was able to get a moratorium on further acquisitions until a plan is prepared.

Spring Newsletter – Gail S. indicated that there is funding for a December postcard announcement of the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting – Is planned for Tuesday Jan 15th, 2013 beginning with sign-in at 6:30 PM. John asked if anyone had suggestions for the annual meeting for Tuesday Jan 15th at Sam Hughes School cafeteria. Demion has offered to present at the annual meeting. Carolyn C. will work with Rick B.

Water Tower Restoration – John O. reported that an interested resident Eloise (lives at 3rd and Tucson) visited his presentation during the tour. John now has drawings by Bob Vint that would support the restoration building form. Bob is getting an engineer and talking to Paul Weiner to get an estimate of the construction costs. John has heard that blight funding sources could be used to restore an older building. Demion indicated that money left from another project is being divided for such purposes. The El Con water tower is one of the buildings on the list for stabilization and restoration. The Sam Hughes Water Tower is also on the list.

Land Use – No presentation.

CCRC – John O. reported that John Patterson from WUNA spoke at length against the high-rise construction in West University area. The BioTech park development on South Kino Parkway was discussed at the last meeting. John read a report on the “District” at 5th Ave and 6th St. with its many red tag violations and neighbor complaints. WUNA has requested a meeting with U of A Pres. Hart.

MCRC – John O. presented a letter to 355th fighter wing public affairs office concerning operation “Snow Bird”. John is looking for another office to send the letter to in order to get more visibility.

TENTATIVE DECEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

Treasurers report.

Historic Preservation application for Broadway Corridor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.